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SUPREME COURT

Santosh Gurung V. State of Sikkim

Hania Zahoor • October 1, 2026

PUBLISHED REPORT

Supreme Court—Criminal Appeal—conviction under Sections 376(2)(i), 302, 201 IPC and Sections 4, 6 POCSO Act—circumstantial evidence—last-seen circumstance doubtful; recoveries, DNA/FSL reports and shawl inconclusive; Section 313 CrPC statement could not fill evidentiary gaps—chain incomplete—benefit of doubt—conviction set aside and appellant acquitted. Date of Judgement: 01.10.2026.

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