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In a judgment that cut through the fog of bureaucratic hand-wringing, the Supreme Court cleared the path for construction at the Punjab and Haryana High Court—verandah and green paver blocks included—dismissing concerns that such steps would threaten the site’s UNESCO World Heritage status. The Chandigarh Administration had thrown every wrench it could find into the works, arguing that a new verandah outside Courtroom No. 1 could endanger the global...

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