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The Madras High Court has delivered a striking rebuke to outdated bureaucratic attitudes, ruling that a married woman doesn't need her husband's permission—or his signature—to apply for a passport. In a case brought by J Revathy, whose application was stalled by the Regional Passport Office in Chennai for lack of her estranged husband's signature, the Court didn't mince words. Justice N Anand Venkatesh made it clear: marriage doesn't dissolve a...

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