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Supreme Court Clears Ashram School Officials in Fatal Pillar Collapse Case, Says Negligence Alone Cannot Establish Criminal Liability

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The Supreme Court has quashed criminal proceedings against the president and hostel superintendent of an Ashram School in Maharashtra over the death of a 12-year-old student, holding that a breach of the duty of care, by itself, does not establish the criminal offence of culpable homicide. A bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manmohan set aside the Bombay High Court's refusal to terminate the proceedings, observing that the material...

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