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Supreme Court Criticizes Growing Trend of Criminalizing Civil Disputes, Points to Uttar Pradesh

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The Supreme Court has raised alarm over a troubling practice gaining traction in India—civil disputes being reframed as criminal cases, with Uttar Pradesh drawing particular attention. While addressing a plea to quash criminal proceedings, the bench, led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar, voiced strong disapproval. “This is another instance where a civil matter has been unnecessarily criminalized. This is rampant in many states...

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