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Supreme Court Draws Line on Parallel Arbitration, Revives Gwalior Property Suit

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A civil lawsuit cannot be sidelined by an arbitration award obtained behind the court's back while the litigation is still underway. In a significant ruling interpreting the Arbitration Act, 1940, the Supreme Court has held that an arbitral award secured during the pendency of a civil suit, without obtaining the court's permission, cannot be used to extinguish or defeat the suit.

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