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Supreme Court Rules Long-Term Live-In Relationships Imply Consent, Dismissing Rape Allegation

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In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has emphasized that long-term cohabitation between adults suggests mutual consent to maintain a live-in relationship without marriage, making any claims of rape based on a false promise of marriage untenable. The case stemmed from a couple's two-year live-in relationship, with a settlement deed signed in November 2023, affirming their love and commitment to eventually marry. Despite this, the woman lodged an FIR...

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