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No More Excuses, Pay Up for Every Death in the Sewers

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In a sweeping rebuke to four of India's biggest cities, the Supreme Court has demanded answers, action—and compensation. With a blunt warning that the era of legal tap-dancing is over, the Court on Thursday ordered civic authorities in Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kolkata to cough up INR30 lakh each within four weeks for every life lost to manual sewer cleaning in the past three months. The bench, comprising Justices Sudhanshu...

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