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### Viewing Child Exploitation Material Fuels Abuse, Dehumanizes Victims

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In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court emphasized that the act of viewing or storing child sexual exploitation material (CSEAM) inherently carries the same malevolent intent as child sexual abuse itself. While the acts may differ, the motivation behind them—exploiting and degrading children for sexual gratification—remains identical, stated the bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala. The ruling clarified that even though consuming such material...

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