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Court Clears Man for Simply 'Liking' a Post

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In a ruling that may bring some clarity—and relief—to social media users across India, the Allahabad High Court has declared that merely liking a post online does not amount to “publishing” or “transmitting” it under Indian law. And no, it won’t land you in jail under Section 67 of the IT Act. The case? A man named Imran Khan, accused of digitally fueling an unlawful assembly by liking a protest-related...

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