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Sikkim High Court Shields Fair Crime Reporting

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The Sikkim High Court has drawn a clear line between responsible journalism and so-called “media trials,” holding that reporting the contents of a First Information Report does not, by itself, cross into prejudicial territory. The Court underscored that crime reporting forms part of the media’s public duty, and there is no legal bar preventing disclosure of an accused person’s name—so long as the reporting remains fair and accurate. ??

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