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When a Suicide Pact Leaves One Alive, Law Steps In

Supreme Court Upholds Abetment Conviction

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In a ruling that cuts through the grey zones of shared despair, the Supreme Court of India has declared that a person who survives a mutual suicide pact cannot wash their hands of criminal liability. Survival, the Court said, does not dissolve responsibility. Instead, it may seal it.



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