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In a significant ruling that could redefine the boundaries between romance, cohabitation, and criminal law, the Supreme Court of India has drawn a clear line: a long-term live-in relationship cannot be recast as rape merely on the claim of a broken promise to marry. Delivering its verdict in a case involving Ravish Singh Rana and a woman with whom he shared years of cohabitation, the Court dismissed the woman's accusation...

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