

SC raps trial court for citing AI-generated orders in deciding case

‘Such conduct strikes at the heart of judicial integrity’

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The Supreme Court has taken a stern view of a trial court order that relied on judgments later found to be fictitious and possibly generated through artificial intelligence (AI) tools, observing that such conduct strikes at the heart of judicial integrity and cannot be treated as a mere error of reasoning. A Bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhe was hearing a special leave petition (SLP) arising from a civil revision decided by the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

“We take cognizance of the trial court deploying AI-generated non-existing, fake or synthetic alleged judgments, and seek to examine its consequences and accountability as it has a direct bearing on the integrity of the adjudicatory process,” the Bench said.

The apex court further underscored that reliance on fabricated cases goes beyond an inadvertent mistake.

“At the outset, we must declare that a decision based on such non-existent and fake alleged judgments is not an error in the decision-making. It would be misconduct, and legal consequences shall follow,” the Bench remarked.

The dispute arises from a suit for injunction filed by the respondents. During the pendency of the suit, the trial court appointed an advocate commissioner to record the physical features of the property in question. The defendants objected to the commissioner’s report. However, by an order dated August 19, 2025, the trial court rejected their objections.

While dismissing the challenge, the trial court relied on



Legal lapse

- Supreme Court calls issue a serious institutional concern
 - Court says fake citations undermine credibility of adjudicatory process
 - High court cautioned against unverified use of AI material
- Defendants challenged trial court order before the court
 - Advocate commissioner appointed to record property’s physical features
 - Court to examine accountability for AI-based judicial lapses

four purported Supreme Court decisions, including Subramani vs M Natarajan (2013) 14 SCC 95; Chidambaram Pillai vs SAL Ramasamy (1971) 2 SCC 68; Lakshmi Devi vs K Prabha (2006) 5 SCC 551, and Gajanan vs Ramdas (2015) 6 SCC 223.

The defendants contended before the High Court that these cited cases were “non-existent and fake orders”. The High Court examined the contention and found that the judgments referred to in the trial court’s order were not traceable and appeared to be AI-generated. While placing on record a word of caution about the unverified use of AI-generated material in judicial orders, the High Court nonetheless proceeded to decide the civil revision on merits and affirmed the trial court’s ruling. Challenging this, the defendants approached the top court.

The Bench observed that

the matter raised “considerable institutional concern”, clarifying that the anxiety of the court was not about the substantive correctness of the outcome but about “the process of adjudication and determination”. The apex court indicated that it would undertake a detailed examination of the consequences and accountability arising from a judicial order founded on fabricated precedents. In view of the broader ramifications, the Bench issued notice to the Attorney General for India, the Solicitor General of India, and the Bar Council of India. Senior advocate Shyam Divan has been appointed as amicus curiae to assist the court, with liberty to nominate an advocate-on-record for further assistance. Recently, the Supreme Court had expressed concerns over lawyers citing AI-generated fake cases in pleadings.

Holi adds splash of colour to qcom carts and campaigns

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New Delhi, 2 March

Quick-commerce (qcom) companies are betting big on festival-led demand, with major players rolling out Holi-specific categories featuring *kurtas*, colours, snacks, and personal care products. The push combines curated assortments with promotional discounts to drive order volumes.

Blinkit and Swiggy Instamart, for instance, have launched dedicated Holi sections on their home pages to tap festival demand.

Under its Festive Finds category, Blinkit is featuring products such as T-shirts, mobile pouches, *gujiya* moulds, and colour sprays. Swiggy Instamart, alongside similar assortments, is offering discounts of up to 70 per cent on select Holi essentials.

In addition to curating a Holi section, Zepto is allowing users to send festival greetings to one another directly through its mobile app. In a social media post, Chandan Mendiratta, the company’s chief brand officer, said: “You can send Holi wishes directly to someone’s Zepto homepage—



actual Holi greetings, with colours, paint, and balloons delivered straight to the Zepto homepage. Whatever you need to make your festivities more festive, we are just minutes away.”

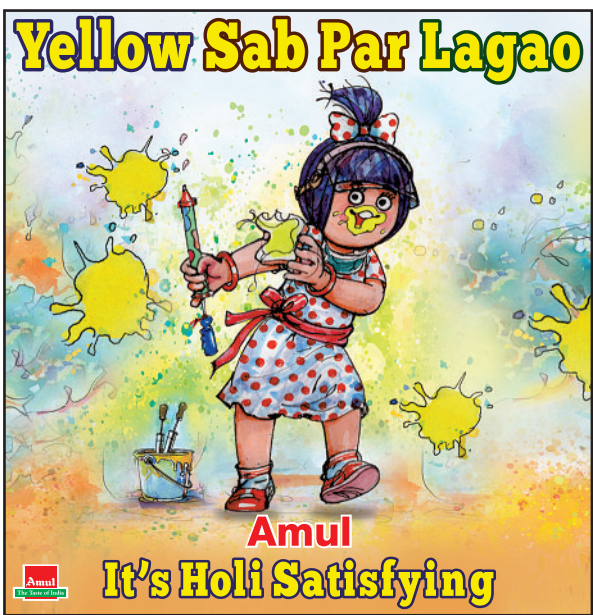
BigBasket, too, is offering discounts of up to 75 per cent on colours and gulal, up to 67 per cent off on water guns and magic splash water balloons, ₹200 instant-off coupons on Holi offers, along with 10 per cent bank discounts through HDFC, ICICI, and Federal Bank, the company said.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Flipkart Minutes said women’s ethnic dresses and casual wear are seeing strong traction in the run-up to the festival. “Holi is one of India’s

most energetic and widely celebrated festivals, and early trends on Flipkart Minutes show strong festive momentum building across categories. We are seeing rising demand for festival essentials such as Holi combo packs, colours, party accessories, balloon decorations, sweets, and assorted dry fruit, reflecting the scale of community-led celebrations this year,” the spokesperson added.

Not just qcom firms, e-commerce platforms are also retooling their homepages. Amazon has launched a dedicated Holi Store featuring festival essentials across fashion, beauty, toys, and home décor. The platform is also offering cashbacks on Amazon Pay UPI (Unified Payments Interface) transactions from March 1 to 5, along with travel savings on bus, flight, and hotel bookings.

In 2025, Flipkart Minutes witnessed an 80 per cent surge in demand for Holi essentials, with colour purchases spiking 25 times on the day of the festival. Similarly, Zepto experienced a rise in sales, recording a 4.4-fold year-on-year increase in Gujiya sales, a six-fold rise in water balloon sales, and an 8.4-fold growth in Thandai sales.



IndiGo to operate 10 relief flights from Jeddah today

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New Delhi, 2 March

IndiGo has planned to operate 10 special relief flights from Jeddah to India on Tuesday to facilitate the return of passengers stranded there due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said on Monday.

“IndiGo is coordinating with the Consulate General of India at Jeddah for passenger facilitation,” the ministry added.

About 357 flights were cancelled on Monday, though operations began gradually resuming by evening with stranded Indian aircraft returning home.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) said on X on Monday night that foreign carriers operating between India and the Gulf region have now started operating limited flights, subject to operational and airspace considerations.

“Due to the ongoing situation, 357 flights planned for operation today were cancelled,” the ministry said.

The disruption followed strikes carried out by the US and Israel on Iran last Saturday, triggering a fresh conflict in the region and leading multiple carriers to suspend and reroute flights as a precaution.

The ministry said that it was closely tracking passenger grievances through the Passenger Assistance Control Room (PACR) and ensuring prompt redressal on priority. A total of 559 grievances were addressed during this period through AirSewa, social media platforms and dedicated helpline calls, in coordination with airlines and other stakeholders, it noted. Industry executives said several Indian aircraft that had been stranded at airports across the Gulf over the past two days were now returning to India.

10th IIMCAA awards: Soumya Pillai bags Journalist of the Year award

The Indian Institute of Mass Communication Alumni Association (IIMCAA) announced the winners of the 10th IIMCAA Awards on Monday, with Soumya Pillai selected as the ‘Journalist of the Year’.

The announcement came at the Association’s 14th annual Connections Meet in Delhi, with the awards honouring achievements across journalism, advertising, public relations and public service.

Among the prominent

winners was Laxmi Devi Aere, a PTI senior correspondent, winning the ‘Agriculture Reporter of the Year’ title, while Medha Yadav received the ‘Reporter of the Year (Broadcasting)’ award.

Other jury awardees included Safeena Wani (reporter of the year - publishing), Mohammad Asad (producer of the year - broadcasting), Saurav Kumar Borah, Alpesh Arvind Karkare, Tanzil Asif, Hasleen Kaur and Panchanan Mishra, with

special mentions for Gargy Satapathy, Nantha Kishore G K and Garima Singh.

Awardees received cash prizes ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹1.5 lakh along with trophies and certificates. Actor Chandan Roy and journalist Abhinav Pandey were named Alumni of the Year, while five media veterans — Milan Vohra, Lipika Sud, Pradeep Kumar Mallik, Sangita Thakur, Mitali Mohanty Ghosh — received Lifetime Achievement honours.

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The key dates of the RFP are as follows:

- Publication of RFP – 06.03.2026
- Site Visit Dates – 06.03.2026 to 20.04.2026
- Pre-Bid Meeting – 23.03.2026
- Last Date for Submission of Queries – 24.03.2026
- Bid Due Date and Time – 12:00 Noon of 21.04.2026

The RFP and the License Deed can be downloaded from:
<https://dda.gov.in/tenders>

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Ground Coverage
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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Symbolic Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 07.04.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table.
Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagars	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
Mr. Manoj Sharma S/o Mr. Jagdish Sharma & Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma W/o Mr. Jagdish Sharma All R/o House No-2494, Sector-38 C, Near Market, Badheri, Chandigarh160036.Mob.9779168244 & Mr. Manoj Sharma S/o Mr. Jagdish Sharma C/o Sudarshan Facilities Pvt Ltd PGIMER (PGI) Market, Sector-12, Chandigarh 160011.& Flat No-60,3rd Floor, Paradise Apartments, Shivalik City Sector-127, VIII- chajui Majra,Teh -Kharar, Distt - SAS Nagar Mohali. & M/S Sharma General Store Through Its Proprietor Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma Shop No-112, Sector-38 C, Chandigarh-160036.	Demand Notice Date: 13.08.2025 Rs. 20, 76, 192/- (Twenty Lakhs Seventy Six thousands one hundred Ninety Two Only) as on dated. 08-08-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHMLU0000689, along with further interest as mentioned hitherto and incidental expenses, costs etc.	Rs. 23,40,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Forty Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.2,34,000/- (Two Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 06th April, 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	07- APR- 2026 Auction Time: 11.00 A.m. to 12.00 p.m.	Bhupinder Kumar 9803044032 Property Inspection date-06.04.2026

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Date : 03-03-2026

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