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Naseeruddin Shah's Love Jihad Remarks Ignore Victims and Police Procedure

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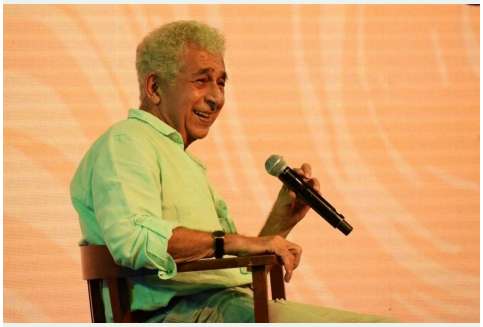
The author argues that Naseeruddin Shah's criticism of Uttar Pradesh's forced-conversion law overlooks women's allegations and treats a police delay as evidence against the law itself. The article cites Indian Express reporting that seven of nine women who gave statements before a magistrate supported the FIR allegations and points to the release of a man in Moradabad after the woman said she had married him willingly.



Actor Naseeruddin Shah.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- An Indian Express review found that seven of nine women whose magistrate statements were recorded supported the FIR charges during the law's first month.
- In Moradabad, Rashid was released after the woman told a magistrate that she had eloped and married him willingly.
- Sharma identifies delayed recording of the woman's statement as the police failure that prolonged confinement, rather than evidence against the law itself.
- The argument expressly rejects treating all Indian Muslims as participants in a demographic conspiracy while insisting that individual complaints must receive attention.

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