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GAURAV JALAN VS. VAIBHAV JALAN

16.01.2026

Present: Mr. Nitesh Jain and Mr. Nishant Bhargava, Ld. Counsels for plaintiff through V.C.
Mr. Siddharth Singh, Ld. Counsel for defendant no.1 through V.C.
Ms. Vani Kaushik, Ld. Counsel for defendant no.5 (google).

1. Pleadings in this matter are complete. On the basis of the perusal of pleadings and documents on record, following issues are framed :-

Issue no.1: Whether plaintiffs are entitled to damages of Rs. 50 Lakhs, as prayed for ? OPP

Issue no.2: Whether defendant no.1 to 4 are liable to be restrained from publishing defamatory statement against the plaintiffs, as prayed for ? OPP

Issue no.3: Whether defendant no.1 to 4 are liable for tendering an unconditional apology to the plaintiff, as prayed for ? OPP

Issue no.4: Whether defendant no.1 to 4 are entitled to any defence to the alleged defamation ? OPD1 to 4

Issue no.5: Relief, if any ?

2. No other issue is arising or has been pressed on behalf of either of the parties.

3. Both parties are directed to file the list of witnesses within 15 days in compliance of Order 16 Rule 1(1) CPC and plaintiff is further directed to file affidavit-in-evidence of plaintiff's witness within 4 weeks with copy to defendant.

4. Defendant no.5, Google LLC is an intermediary as the

impugned defamatory material was published on the YouTube platform owned and operated by it. Today, Ld. Counsel for the said defendant submits that the plaintiffs pursuant to Order dated 06.11.2025 passed by this Court have not approached it for taking down/removing/deleting the impugned videos/URLs. She submits that the defendant no.5 may, therefore, be deleted. Plaintiffs' Counsel is not opposing the said submission. Therefore, defendant no.5 is ordered to be deleted from the present suit.

5. List on **01.04.2026** for plaintiff's evidence.

(Sachin Mittal)
DJ-03/South-East District
Saket Courts, New Delhi/16.01.2026