

# Ayodhya verdict : Temple at disputed site, alternative land for mosque, rules Supreme Court

**New Delhi:** A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Saturday permitted the construction of a temple at the site where the Babri Masjid once stood, and asked the government to allot a "prominent and suitable" five-acre plot for Muslims to construct a mosque in Ayodhya.

In a unanimous judgment, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked the Centre, which had acquired the entire 67.73 acres of land including the 2.77 acre of the disputed Ramjanmabumi-Babri Masjid premises in 1993, to formulate a scheme within three months and set up a trust to manage the property and construct a temple.

For the time being, the possession of the disputed property would continue to vest with the Centre until a notification is issued by it investing the property in the trust.

The Bench also directed that the Sunni Central Waqf Board should be given a five-acre plot, either by the Centre from within its acquired area, or by the Uttar Pradesh government "at a suitable, prominent place in Ayodhya". The Board would be at liberty to construct a mosque there. This should be done simultaneously with the transfer of the property to the proposed trust.

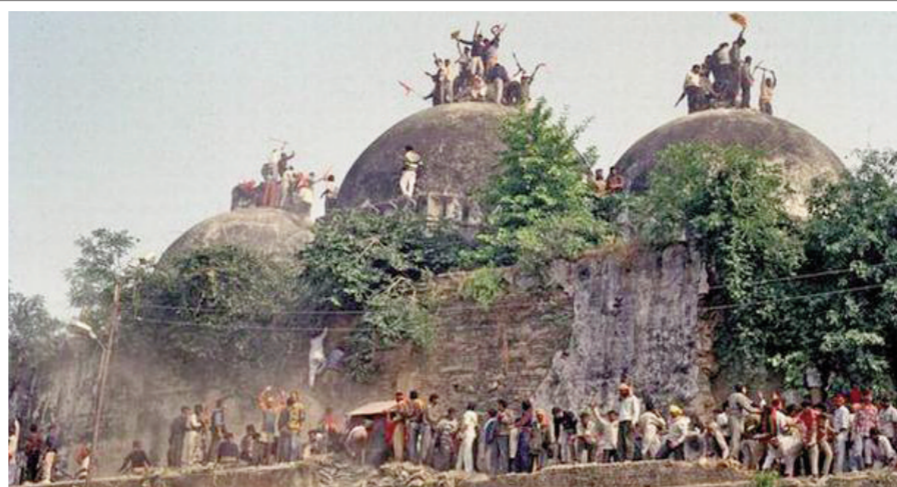
The judges declared that the demolition of the 16th century Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, was "an egregious violation of the rule of law" and "a calculated act of destroying a place of public worship". The Muslims have been wrongly deprived of a mosque which had been constructed well over 450 years ago, the Bench said.

The Court referred to the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991, which prohibits the conversion of the

status any place of worship, to say that all religions are equal. "The Constitution does not make a distinction between the faith and belief of one religion and another. All forms of belief, worship and prayer are equal," Chief Justice Gogoi said, reading excerpts from the judgment for the Bench, also comprising Justices S.A. Bobde, D.Y. Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S. Abdul Nazeer.

The court concluded that the Muslims were ousted from the 1500 square yards of the mosque through acts of damage during communal riots in 1934, desecration in the intervening night of December 22-23 of 1949 when idols were placed inside the mosque, and finally, the demolition of the mosque in 1992.

"This court in the exercise of its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution must ensure that a wrong committed must



be remedied. Justice would not prevail if the Court were to overlook the entitlement of the Muslims who have been deprived of the structure of the mosque through means which should not have been employed in a secular nation committed to the rule of law," Chief Justice Gogoi read out from the judgment.

The Supreme Court said the Allahabad High Court's remedy of a three-way bifurcation of the disputed premises among the Ayodhya deity, Sri Bhagwan Ram Virajman, Nirmohi Akhara and the Sunni Central Waqf Board "defied logic". It did not "secure a lasting sense of peace and tranquillity".

The judgment nevertheless concluded that the Sunni Central Waqf Board was unable to prove its claim of exclusive title and continuous possession of the disputed site.

"The Muslims have offered no evidence to indicate that they were in exclusive possession of the inner structure

prior to 1857 since the date of the construction in the sixteenth century," the court observed.

On the other hand, the court held there was both oral and documentary evidence to support the Hindus' faith that the Janma Asthan was located where the Babri Masjid was constructed.

It was beyond the ken of the court to probe whether this belief was justified. Judges cannot indulge in theology, but restrict themselves to evidence and balance of probabilities.

The court said there was proof of extensive worship offered by the Hindus, especially in the outer courtyard where the Ram Chabutra and Sita Rasoi are located, even before the annexation of the Oudh by the British in 1857. The Hindus' possession of the outer courtyard has been established.

Besides, the Supreme

Court accepted the version of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) that the mosque was not constructed on a vacant land. The ASI had suggested the remains of a large pre-existing structure underneath the Babri mosque which was "non-Islamic" in nature. The ASI had said the artefacts collected from the dig and the pillars of the mosque were of a non-Islamic origin.

The court dismissed the Akhara's petition as time-barred.

and rejected its suit claiming shebaiti (managerial rights) over the property. However, the court invoked its extraordinary powers to ask the government to give Nirmohi Akhara, considering the sect's historical presence at the disputed site, to provide it with an "appropriate role in the management" of the property.

## Rajasthan Corporate Social Responsibility Authority Constituted for Effective Implementation of CSR Activities

**Jaipur:** The State Government has constituted Rajasthan Corporate Social Responsibility Authority under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary for effective implementation of the CSR activities and proper monitoring of the utilization of CSR fund. The Authority will have 18 members and will coordinate with various industrial groups and will provide guidance regarding provisions and activities of CSR.

A 19 member High Level Advisory Board has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister to provide guidance to CSR Authority. Minister for Industries will be the Deputy Chairperson of this Advisory Board. Minister of Medical & Health, Minister of Forest and Environment, Education

Minister, Minister for Higher Education, Minister for Technical Education, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of departments i.e. Finance, Industries, TAD, Women & Child Development, Social Justice & Empowerment, PHED and Rural Development, Commissioner BIP, Commissioner Rajasthan Foundation and four representatives from Industry sector will be the members of this High Level Advisory Board. Commissioner, Industries and Special Secretary, CSR will be the member secretary of this Advisory Board.

A CSR fund will be set up at the Authority level and works will be taken up for creation and promotion of basic infrastructure according to the priorities

of the state. CSR Authority will mark the tasks and will prepare a plan for the implementations of the tasks after assessment of needs. It will coordinate with collector and various departments to mark the various tasks. The authority will also prepare a database of the eligible companies for CSR and update about it on CSR portal. The members of Rajasthan Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Authority constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary will comprise Additional Chief Secretary, Industries as Deputy Chairperson, Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of the Department of Finance, Forest & Environment, TAD, Education, Higher & Technical Education, MSME, Women & Child Development, Social

Justice & Empowerment, Medical, Health & Family Welfare, PHED, Rural Development, Commissioner of Commercial Taxation (GST), Commissioner BIP, Commissioner Rajasthan Foundation as members of the Authority. Commissioner, Industries and Special Secretary, CSR will be member secretary and CEO. Representatives from the Industry sector will also be nominated in the Authority. The term for the nominated members of High Level Advisory Board and CSR Authority will be three years. An Executive Committee of CSR Authority has also been constituted comprising 6 members. Commissioner Industries and Special Secretary CSR will be CEO & Chairman of this Executive Committee.



### Women entrepreneurs more successful in business: Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan

**Udaipur:** "Women entrepreneurs in the country are proving to be more successful than men. The main reason for this is that our traditional thinking towards women has changed and today women have opportunities for education and progress like men."

The above idea, Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan expressed this during the workshop organized in the Pyrotech Tempsons Auditorium of Udaipur Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

While welcoming, Vasanthi Srinivasan and about 30 women entrepreneurs, businessmen, and professionals participating in the workshop, Chairman Mr. Ramesh Singhvi expressed the view that the increasing participation of women entrepreneurs in the business sector reflects the positive changes in society.

Chairperson of the UCCI Excellence Award Sub Committee, Mrs. Nandita Singhal gave an outline of the "Emerging Leaders Program".

In "Emerging Leaders Program", Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan taught women entrepreneurs, the important tricks to participate successfully in the family business, she called upon to be conscious of whether the time given by her in the family business or his own business is getting the expected results.

Pro. Vasanthi Srinivasan gave the training to enhance the decision-making ability of women entrepreneurs & told women entrepreneurs that they should create a synergy between family and business in such a way that the management of both is possible.

### Chittorgarh Collector declared Dry Day from November 14 to 16

**Chittorgarh,** District Magistrate and District Collector Chetan Deora issued an order in pursuance of Joint Government Secretary, Excise Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur. He has declared 'Dry Day' in Chittorgarh Municipal Council area and Nimbahera and Rawatbhata municipal areas and in 5 km radius areas near these areas from 14 November 5:00 pm to 16 November 5:30 pm and on counting day November 19 till counting ends.

The concerned Subdivision Magistrate Excise Department, Police Department and other competent officers will ensure compliance of the declared dry day order in the area.

### 'Matdan Ki bat Divyangjan ke Sath' and Rally held in Chittorgarh

**Chittorgarh,** District, under the Sweep and Sugam program, the Chief Executive Officer and Officer-in-Charge, Officer Sweep, Namrata Vrishni organized 'Matdan Ki Bat Divyangjan Ke Sath' and rally which was held under Cuts Human Development Institute Sethi, Mewar, Disabled Services Institute and the joint aegis of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

In the said program, Chief Executive Officer, Namrata Vrishni said that it has been directed to provide wheel chair at the polling booths where there are 10 or more disabled people.

She informed about the importance of Divyangjan voting and the facilities available to them for easy vot-

ing.

In the program, Chief Executive Officer Namrata Vrishni, Assistant Director Ashwini Kumar Sharma and other concerned Officers flagged off the rally of disabled people. The 'Divyangjan Rally' reached Gora Badal Stadium, which took off from the main roads of the city and where Divyangjan took the oath to vote as much as possible.

### Seshan no more

Two former IAS officers — both legends in their own right — passed away on Sunday. TN Seshan was the 'tough as nails' Chief Election Commissioner who cleaned the Augean stables of India's electoral arena in the 1990s, while former Union Secretary PS Krishnan championed the cause of the have-nots and worked for the removal of caste-based inequalities. They set high standards of public service with their proactive, people-centric approach.

Seshan never flinched from confronting powerful politicians or even the Supreme Court. Before his arrival on the scene, the country's elections were a free-for-all in which money and muscle power ruled the roost. He brought about sweeping reforms, such as enforcing the model code of conduct in letter and spirit and introducing voter ID cards. In 1994, he censured Congress ministers Sitaram Kesri and Kalpnath Rai for their alleged attempts to influence voters and asked then PM Narasimha Rao to sack them. Rao didn't do the needful, but Seshan made it clear that he would not spare anybody for electoral malpractices. It's highly unlikely that the nation's top political leaders would have got a series of clean chits for alleged violations of the model code had he been at the helm of affairs in more recent times.

Even as Seshan went all out to empower voters and disempower unscrupulous politicians, Krishnan fought for providing social justice to the oppressed. He was the Secretary in the Ministry of Welfare when the VP Singh government implemented the Mandal Commission report that sought to provide 27 per cent reservation to socially and educationally backward classes. All his life, this staunch supporter of BR Ambedkar swore by the constitutional tenet of equality among citizens and emphasised the role of reservation in correcting the imbalance perpetuated by the caste system. Born in an upper-caste Hindu family, Krishnan's crusade for the rights of the downtrodden made his peers wonder whether he was a Dalit — and he was one at heart. In their own ways, Krishnan and Seshan abandoned their ivory tower to bridge the yawning chasm between the government and the public. And yes, they don't make them like that anymore.

## JIFF is going to start from 17th to 21st January 2020

**Jaipur:** Approaching month of January is going to be filled with the world of FILMS!! Jaipur International Film Festival Trust and Aryan Roj Foundation are going to organize Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) on 17th to 21st January.

This is continuously going 12th edition of JIFF. In the category of Fiction Films, Jaipur International Film Festival has made its place as the BIGGEST FILM FESTIVAL of the world.

JIFF Founder Hanu Roj informed that this year the films would be screened in INOX cinema hall [Gaurav Tower]. On the other hand, vivid talks and dialogues concerning cinema will take place in Hotel Clarks Amer.

JIFF, the much awaited film festival among the cine lovers of entire world, the list of the films to screen released on Tuesday. List is divided in two parts - Competitive Films and Desktop Films. The films in category of Competitive Films will showcase on big screens (in theatres) and Desktop Films would be available for the viewers on desktop screens. The duration of Competitive Films is 9245 minutes, while selected films of Desktop category are 5792 minutes long. Top 11 films in selected films for Desktop screening would be awarded.

In last year, 217 films were selected while 219 films are already selected in the first list only till now. Second list of nominated films would be released on upcoming 5th December.

JIFF Spokesman Rajendra Boda stated that in the selected films (in competition) - 45 feature fiction | 26 documentary feature films | 85 short fiction films | 19 short documentary films | 10 short animation films | 1 animation feature film | 4 mobile films | 6 web series | 4 songs | 16 Students films are included. In Jaipur international film festival - films from various countries like America, France, Germany, Austria, Bangladesh, Iran, Cuba, Mexico, China,



Belgium, Finland, Taiwan, Turkey, Switzerland, Canada, Brazil, Afghanistan, New Zealand, Nepal, Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Pakistan, Japan, Poland, Greece, Argentina, Kuwait, Denmark, Venezuela, Georgia and Philippines are included.

This year JIFF has got a huge number of films from China to be submitted and nominated. Credit goes to the programs organised by JIFF in China.

Rajasthan film Chidi Balla would be screened Chidi Balla [Smash] the film directed by Radheshyam Pipalwa is about a schoolboy Bhagat who has to save his school. Bhagat who plays Chidi Balla, has a challenge now to win in state level badminton tournament. This 51 minutes long Rajasthan film is a tribute to art, sports and culture of the state of Rajasthan.

American Mirror: Intimations of Immortality is a documentary and experimental film directed by Arthur Balder. This 1 hour long film showcases how we are displaying our false lives on social media like Facebook and Instagram which is far from the truth. The film stars Susan Sarandon, who has won 1 Oscar award and has been nominated for 4 Oscar

Awards till now. No Man's Truth is an Indian film directed by Marina Libik. It's a feature film, which is 2 hours 7 minutes long. No Man's Truth is about brutal truths of digital word, which starts from the mysterious suicide of a girl Suhana. Mosaic Portrait is a Chinese film directed by Zhai Yixiang. It's a 48 minutes long, this feature film is about migrant worker Xu, who is disturbed after his after the sudden pregnancy of his 14 year old daughter.

Sun Shine Moon is a film revolving around the facts and fantasies; It is a film from Germany, 1 hour and 35 minutes long, directed by Carlo Avventi. Film has two characters Chinese Sun and Korean Moon, who go through many interesting events. Bombay Rose is an animation film directed by Gitanjali Rao. 1 hour and 23 minutes long, this film is about a club dancer, who escaped from child marriage and is in quest of her lover. Anand Mahindra is one of the producers of the film. Alex Strip is a film made in America, directed by Irene Zoe Alameda. Screenplay of the film has been discussed in JIFF Co - Production Meet in 2016. Now the film has been made and returned for screening in JIFF.

## Various competitions organized on Children's Day on 14th

**Chittorgarh,** On Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birth date, November 14, Children's Day will be organized at the district level in Chittorgarh. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Chittorgarh, Namrata Vrishni said that on this day various competitions will be organized at Nehru Bal Udyan Chittorgarh and the time of competition will be from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. The Chief Block Education Officer will be in charge of organizing the Chittorgarh rally. Along with this, speech competition on costumes, painting, poetry, singing, essay, slogan / poster, chair race, lemon spoon race competition will also be held. All these competitions will be for junior class 6 to 8 and senior class from class 9 to 12. Separately 2 students will participate in Junior and Senior category from each school.