

Muslim parties in SC: Is Ram Janmasthan God incarnate?

Question Its Juristic Person Status

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LEGAL FIGHT OVER FAITH

New Delhi: In a strategic move to dilute the joint suit filed by deity Ram Lalla and 'Ram Janmasthan' claiming ownership over the disputed 2.77 acre Ayodhya land, Muslim parties on Friday raised doubts over the legitimacy of 'Ram Janmasthan' as a juristic person by asking whether Hindus believed it to be an incarnation of God.

The suit filed by 'next friend' Devki Nandan Agrawal in 1989 seeking ownership over the disputed land was the only one held to be maintainable by the Allahabad high court, which had on September 30, 2010, dismissed the other two suits filed by Nirmohi Akhara in 1959 and Sunni Waqf Board in 1961.

Questioning 'Ram Janmasthan' flouting as plaintiff number 2 in the 1989 suit before a bench of CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan said, "When did Ram Janmasthan assume juristic status to file a suit? Prior to 1989, there was not even a whisper about its sacral status, or it being worshipped by Hindus. The idol is separate. What evidence have the Hindu parties furnished to prove that Ram Janmasthan is 'swayambhoo' (self-existing)? Except

UP extends tenure of judge in Babri case

The UP government on Friday told the Supreme Court that it has complied with its direction and extended the tenure of a special judge who is conducting trial in the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case involving BJP veterans L K Advani, M M Joshi and Uma Bharti. Special judge Surendra Kumar Yadav, who is conducting the trial in Lucknow, was set to retire on September 30. The apex court on July 19 ordered extension of his tenure till delivery of verdict in the case. At the outset, the bench said it has gone through the affidavit filed by the chief secretary of UP as well as the September 5 office memo. "We take the affidavit and office memo on record. According to the office memo, the compliance of our order is complete," the bench said while disposing of the matter. **PH**

belief there is no evidence.

"If the Supreme Court decides its juristic persona on the basis of belief, then I can file case after case for many other deities seeking a declaration of their juristic status."

The bench asked whether Kaaba, the most important religious place for Muslims, would be considered a concept of 'swayambhoo' and hence a juristic person? Dhavan said: "...Kaaba is not 'swayambhoo'. It is believed to be the metaphoric house of God.

He said holy places did not need worshippers to maintain their sacral character.

ter: "If tomorrow the Chinese government bars pilgrimage of Hindus to Kailash Mansarovar, it will not diminish its holy character. Likewise, Kaaba is not holy because pilgrims go there. It got its place in Islam because it is intrinsically divine," he added.

When the bench asked, "Did any occasion arise before 1989 for the plaintiffs to assert its juridical stature?" Dhavan said suits were filed in 1885 and 1941 by Hindu parties but there was never a whisper about juristic persona of Ram Janmasthan.

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UP bypoll to see 4-cornered contest after SP-BSP split

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Hamirpur: For the first time in at least five years, bypoll in UP's Hamirpur constituency will witness a four-cornered fight. The election — the first since the BSP-SP alliance snapped in May — was necessitated after sitting MLA Ashok Kumar Chandel was disqualified following his conviction in a 22-year-old murder case.

The first of 13 byelections scheduled in UP this year, Hamirpur will witness a clash between a Thakur fielded by BJP, a Muslim candidate from BSP and two OBCs — a Prajapati from SP and a Nishad from Congress. The polling will be held on September 23 and counting is on September 27.

The 2014 general election was the last time when four major parties contested independently. The result of the first bypoll will give a headstart to the party that wins for the 12 other byelections due later this year.

BJP candidate Yuvraj Singh comes from an old political family and this is his first election after he joined the saffron party from SP in 2015. The election, he says, will be fought on BJP's development plank and PM Narendra Modi's virtual presence will play a key role in BJP's campaign.

BJP is downplaying BJP MLA Ashok Chandel's conviction, saying the party is bigger than an individual. BJP's media in-charge in Hamirpur, Ram Dutt Pandey said had Chandel continued his sway over Hamirpur, his son would have been declared candidate. "It's the party that people vote for, not the person," he said.

SP's candidate Manoj Prajapati contested 2017 election, but came second despite a SP-Congress alliance. This time, he's confident.

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Yogi hands out land pattas in Sonbhadra, slams Cong

Binay Singh | TNN

a veiled attack on Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi. Earlier, Yogi had visited Ubha on July 20.

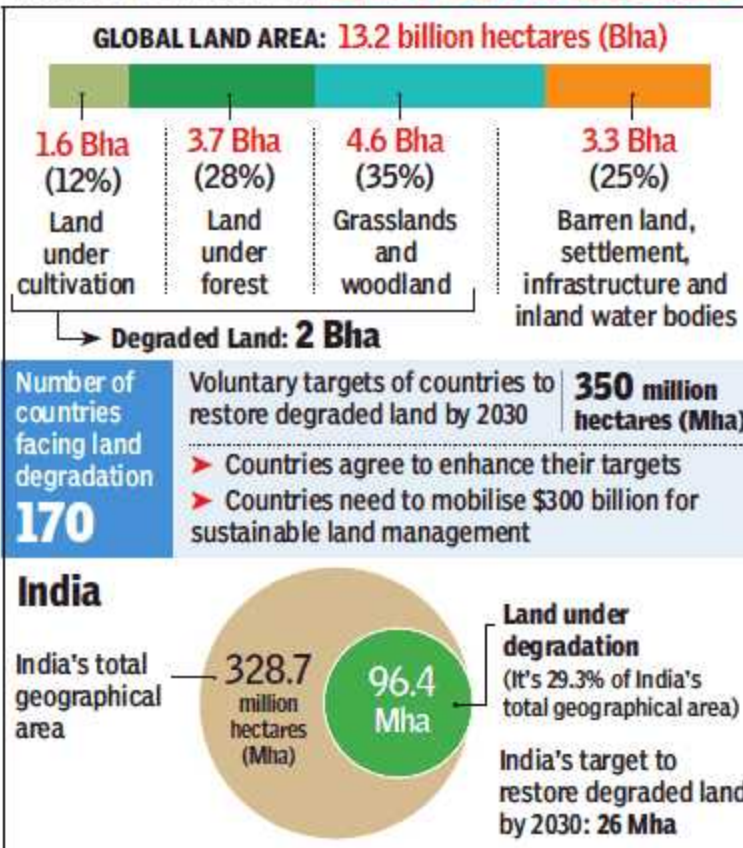


Ubha village, which witnessed the massacre on July 17, saw a windfall of projects worth Rs 339.80 crore and distribution of 852 bighas among beneficiaries by Yogi,

who charged Congress leaders with land grabbing under the garb of a fake society.

The CM said large swathes of land were grabbed in 1952-55 by a Congress leader, who later became a Rajya Sabha member, to form a fake society. "When the probe began, we found that one lakh bigha of land was grabbed in Sonbhadra alone."

FIGHT AGAINST LAND DEGRADATION



190 nations to restore degraded land by '30

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New Delhi: Identifying land degradation as a serious global threat, over 190 countries on Friday agreed to achieve 'land degradation neutrality' by 2030 through a "national target for action" and vowed to ensure that the efforts in this direction do not affect land tenure rights of local population, including forest dwellers and women, anywhere in the world.

The countries also adopted a 'New Delhi Declaration', identifying multiple mea-

sures to restore degraded land globally, on the concluding day of the UN conference (COP14) on combating desertification in Greater Noida.

The countries will, however, have to mobilise a sum of \$300 billion to step up the restoration exercise — a task which may not be possible without involving small and medium private enterprises for commercially viable sustainable land management.

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NCP's Satara MP set to join BJP

Mumbai: In a fresh jolt to NCP, Satara MP Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale is all set to join BJP on Saturday. He is one of the only four MPs from Sharad Pawar's party.

On Friday, former NCP state president Bhaskar Jadhav, along with former encounter specialist Pradeep Sharma, were welcomed to Shiv Sena by Uddhav Thackeray.

Bhosale, a descendant of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, on Friday, tweeted he will join BJP in New Delhi in the presence of PM Modi, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari and CM Devendra Fadnis. **TNN**

Youth kills 8-year-old boy for smashing his phone: A 19-year-old youth strangled an eight-year-old boy after the minor allegedly smashed his phone on the wall while playing. The local police exhumed the child's body 12 days later, after his parents sought SSP intervention to find him. The incident took place in Rajpura village in Agra. **TNN**

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NORTH
Man beaten to death on suspicion of being child-lifter

Banda (UP): A 70-year-old man was beaten to death by a group of people on the suspicion that he was a child lifter at Pinhai Railway Station in Chitrakoot district, the police said on Friday. The deceased, who was wearing saffron robes, was mistaken for a child lifter on Wednesday and severely

beaten up, SHO, Manikpur, K K Misra said. The police rushed to the spot after being informed by the station master, Misra said. In his statement before succumbing to injuries, the deceased identified himself as Ram Bharose of Shahjahanpur district and said some passengers assaulted him, Misra said. **PTI**



Police use water cannons on protesters during a rally of the Left Front to the state secretariat demanding jobs, in Howrah on Friday. Partha Paul

EAST
BJP leader who was a former Maoist killed

Patna: A BJP leader was found murdered in the Ladaitand jungles on Friday, police said. The deceased, Dinesh Koda, was the party's Scheduled Caste Morcha district president. He was a Maoist who had come into the mainstream and joined the BJP about three years ago. A pamphlet was found near his

body claiming he was a "police informer", which, the district police denied promptly. Munger DIG, Manu Maharaj, said, "He was not working for any police organisation, nor was he an informer as is being claimed in the pamphlet. We are looking into various angles, including land disputes." **ENS**

WEST
HC dismisses Navlakha's petition for quashing FIR

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by activist Gautam Navlakha, seeking quashing of the FIR lodged against him by the Pune Police, in connection with the Elgaar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon violence. The court, while dismissing the petition, said that it was satisfied that the investigating agency

has material to connect the petitioner in the crime. It, however, granted protection from arrest to Navlakha for three weeks. The court also noted that the investigating agency needed to be given time to unearth evidence against the petitioner. On the request Navlakha's advocate, the bench stayed the order for three weeks. **ENS**

SOUTH
Tipplers guzzle liquor worth Rs 487 crore during Onam

Thiruvananthapuram: Tipplers in Kerala guzzled liquor worth a record Rs 487 crore sold through state-run outlets during the just concluded week-long "Onam" festivities. As per the figures of the Kerala State Beverages Corporation (KSBC), which retails Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), sale of liquor through its outlets net-

ted Rs 487 crore from September 3-10, an increase of Rs 30 crore compared to the previous year. On September 10, a day ahead of the harvest festival Onam when the outlets are shut, liquor worth Rs 90.32 crore was sold. An outlet in Thrissur district recorded the highest single day sale of Rs 1.04 crore. **PTI**

'Babri Masjid used for prayers by Muslims even after 1934 riots'

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13



THE SUNNI Central Waqf Board on Friday cited documents to contend that the Babri Masjid existed and was used for prayers by Muslims even after the 1934 communal riots, which damaged a part of it.

Interestingly, the Board, which has questioned the rationale of the belief in the disputed site in Ayodhya as being the birthplace of Ram, stated that the Kaaba in Saudi Arabia's Mecca was a place of "intrinsic divinity".

Senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani told a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi that the site plan filed by the Nirmohi Akhara in a case in 1942 was proof that the mosque existed. "This is important to establish that in 1942, they admitted existence of mosque," he told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, which is hearing appeals against the September 20, 2010, verdict of the Allahabad High Court.

He drew the court's attention to records of the Public Works Department about inspection of works at the "Babri Mosque" following the 1934 clashes. Jilani also said the mosque had an Imam who led prayers and a Muezzin who recited Azaan. "From 1934 to 1949, Muslims used the place as a mosque. Otherwise there was no need for

Imam," he said, adding "no document has come on record showing that it was used as a temple during this period".

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, also appearing for the Board and one of the appellants M Siddiq, opposed Ram's birthplace "Asthan Sri Rama Janma Bhumii" being a plaintiff in a 1989 suit in the case, saying it could not be considered a juristic person. He said that every sacril area cannot acquire the character of a juristic person, and the concept of a birthplace being treated as a juristic person was "invented in 1989" for the purpose of the suit.

Pointing out that texts like Skanda Purana were being relied on to prove the existence of 'janmasthan', he sought to know "what evidentiary value can be given to the proof of belief of Hindus that 'janmasthan' existed from time immemorial" for the purpose of treating it as a juristic person.

Intervening, Justice Chandrachud said "the sanctity of the belief has to be from the perspective of that religion" and that "unless its wholly extraneous... when a belief is held, it has to be accepted".

UP extends tenure of CBI judge

New Delhi: The UP government informed the Supreme Court that it had extended the tenure of CBI judge S K Yadav, who is hearing the Babri Masjid demolition case.

On July 19, a two-judge bench of Justices R F Nariman and Surya Kant while fixing a nine-month deadline for completion of trial and pronouncement of judgment in the case, in which prominent BJP lead-

ers L K Advani and M M Joshi are among the accused, had asked the state government to extend the tenure of the judge who was due for retirement this month. The court ordered that his tenure be extended till the judgment is delivered.

The direction came after the judge wrote to the court saying that he would need six more months to conclude the matter. **ENS**

Justice Bobde asked if there was any occasion before 1989 for anyone to assert that janmasthan was a juristic person.

"You are asking me to respond to an impossibility... If they did not assert from time immemorial to 1989, can they do it in 1989?" Dhavan replied.

"This is an evolving law," said Justice Bhushan.

Dhavan countered saying: "Everything you worship and say is deserving worship does not have a juristic personality."

Justice Bobde told him that according to an article he had given to the bench, "an object can be juristic person if it has certain rights or suffers certain liabilities".

"So the only thing we need to see is can the piece of land have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities", the judge added.

Dhavan said "that's not the test. If you have juristic personality, you have these rights and duties" and not vice versa.



PRESIDENT IN SWITZERLAND

President Ram Nath Kovind with Swiss Federal President Ueli Maurer in Bern, Switzerland on Friday. Kovind is on a three-nation tour of Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia. He led delegation-level talks in Switzerland where the two sides discussed bilateral issues. They also signed and exchanged several agreements. The Swiss side also extended its support to strengthen the fight against terror in all its manifestations. Reuters

MHA-CBI BRIBE CASE

Middleman was held for bribery in 2013

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE MIDDLEMAN involved in the attempt by a Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) official to bribe a CBI officer has turned out to be an old hand at influencing cases at the Central agency.

Dinesh Chand Gupta, who was arrested by CBI on Thursday along with MHA section officer Dheeraj Kumar Singh while attempting to bribe to a CBI officer

to influence an investigation, had been arrested in 2013 for allegedly brokering a deal between a private company and a CBI officer.

The officer in that case, Vivek Dutt, was investigating the Coal Blocks Allocation cases. Both Gupta and Dutt had been arrested by the agency while with Rs 7 lakh. On Thursday, Singh, a section officer with the Police 1 division of the MHA, was arrested for allegedly trying to bribe a CBI DIG. The division

looks after matters related to empanelment of IPS officers. Singh and Gupta were arrested while delivering a bribe of Rs 16 lakh.

According to sources, Singh was trying to influence the outcome of a preliminary inquiry in a case related to alleged irregularities in a project related to the National Highway Authority of India. "The probe is open and will also look at if anyone superior to Singh in the police 1 division was also involved," a CBI official said.

COP14

Declaration calls for land-based solutions for climate action

New Delhi: The world needs to consider land-based solutions for climate action and biodiversity to attain long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, the New Delhi Declaration of the COP 14, adopted by over 190 countries, said at the conclusion of the two-week conference on Friday.

The two-page declaration was released by participant countries at the 14th Conference of Parties (COP 14) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

The two-week conference, in which India took over the presidency from China, saw Prime Minister Narendra Modi making a pitch for a world free of single-use plastic, and also enhanced India's voluntary commitment to save more land mass from degradation. In addition to the 190 participating members, more than 8,000 representatives, delegates, NGOs and others participated. **ENS**

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THE UNION Information and Broadcasting Ministry has sent a show cause notice to Viacom18, stating that a serial aired on Colors TV is "spreading distorted religious information".

The notice also said that the serial, *Ram Siya ke Luv Kush*, was "harming the image of Maharshi Valmiki" and "causing hurt" to religious sentiments of a community.

In its notice dated September 11, the ministry mentioned that "the community has also warned that if the telecast of the said serial showing distorted history, deliberately insulting Maharishi Valmiki is not stopped, then they will hold a series of countrywide intense demonstrations".

The notice also stated that "it has been further observed that in this serial Lord Ram has been shown to have visited Maharishi Valmiki Ashram and met Luv



The notice was issued on September 11.

and Kush which is not true". The notice added that Lord Ram "met Luv and Kush at the time of Ashwamedh Yagna when they captured their horse and had a war with Ayodhya".

The notice also stated that "these fictions hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindus and our children question as to whether what they read is correct or what they are watching now is correct".

The notice further said that

Delhi court rejects Chidambaram's plea to surrender

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

A DELHI court has dismissed the surrender application of former Union minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram in the INX Media case.

The court maintained that if the investigating officer was not willing to arrest the applicant at this stage, his application to surrender cannot be entertained.

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar sent Chidambaram to 14 days' judicial custody in the INX Media case after it observed that "allegations against the accused were found serious" and the "CBI has apprehension that because of his status and position, the investigation may be hampered by the accused".

Chidambaram's counsel, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, moved an application, offering to surrender before the court in the ED case.

Dismissing the application, Special Judge Kuhar said, "However, in the present case, the applicant has not been arrested nor this court has taken cognizance of any offence or any complaint or chargesheet. Therefore, the applicant cannot be remanded to custody under section 167 Cr PC or under section 309 (2) Cr PC. Further, the appli-



P Chidambaram

cant had only moved an application to surrender, he was not taken into custody in this case. There is not even a notional surrender because the court has not taken applicant into custody in this case though he happens to be in custody in other case."

The ED had on Thursday told the court that the arrest of Chidambaram in the INX Media case was necessary and it will do so at the appropriate time.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the ED, opposed Chidambaram's application for surrender. The ED had told the court that Chidambaram was not in a position to tamper with evidence or influence witnesses as he was in judicial custody.

Sibal had submitted that Chidambaram had the right to surrender and claimed that the ED wanted to extend Chidambaram's custody to make him suffer.

Shivakumar's ED custody extended

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13

A DELHI court on Friday extended Congress leader DK Shivakumar's Enforcement Directorate custody till September 17.

The ED had arrested Shivakumar on September 3 in connection with a money laundering case registered by the agency last year following an investigation carried out by the Income Tax Department against him in 2017.

On Friday, the ED submitted before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar that Shivakumar, in criminal conspiracy with his associates, devised a well-planned scheme to divert tainted money through more than 317 bank accounts, which landed in either his or his family members' bank accounts, and the investments made by him were to the tune of Rs 800 crore.

The judge, in his order, wrote that even though police custody cannot be claimed and granted mechanically, it is also true that the investigating agency has to be given a chance for a free, fair and full investigation. "The pace of in-



Shivakumar was first taken into custody on September 3

vestigation cannot be truncated when some material document and record remains to be put to the accused. Therefore, the remand of accused to ED custody is extended till 17.9.2019," the judge wrote.

Earlier, Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, representing the ED, asked for five-day custody and submitted that Shivakumar was misusing his position as MLA, and that the fact was "corroborated with deposits of more than Rs 200 crore in three bank accounts, statements of which were received during interrogation".

The agency claimed that Shivakumar hasn't been able to explain the source of these deposits. The ED also submitted that Shivakumar's daughter Aishwarya was summoned and that a transaction of Rs 108 crore was made in her name.

UNNAO RAPE CASE

Recording of victim testimony ends

New Delhi: The process to record the Unnao rape victim's testimony at AIIMS trauma center concluded on Friday.

The victim was brought on a wheelchair, accompanied by her nursing attendant, and she finished her testimony by lunch. She was cross-examined by co-accused Shashi Singh's lawyer

and the cross-examination was later concluded by MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar's counsel. A lawyer privy to the proceedings said "the victim was in a lot of pain during the proceedings but she managed to complete her testimony". On Monday, the proceedings in the murder and Arms Act case will commence. **ENS**

2 UP cops booked after video of assault on youth goes viral

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A POLICE outpost in-charge and a head constable of Siddharthnagar district were booked on Friday, a day after a video showing them assaulting a youth in front of his 5-year-old niece was widely circulated.

The youth, Priyanshu Pandey, said that his niece is traumatised and has been on medication since she witnessed the assault.

"My niece is not going to school and is traumatised. We had to take her to a doctor, and she has had fever and headaches since Tuesday, when the incident occurred. She is taking medicines," said Pandey (19) alias Rinku, who runs a mobile phone shop in Sakarpur area of Siddharthnagar district.

The incident took place under Khesraha police station limits on Tuesday. In the two-minute video, S-I Virendra Mishra is seen locking Pandey's

neck with his legs while Head Constable Mahendra Parasad keeps kicking him in the back. Pandey's niece is seen mumbly while he tells her to sit on the motorcycle and he will leave with her. To this, one of the policemen says, "How will you go?"

On Friday, Mishra and Parasad were booked under IPC Sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 166 (public servant disobeying law, with intent to cause injury to any person).

Siddharthnagar SP Dharam Veer Singh said a case was lodged against the two policemen after they were suspended on Thursday.

"We lodged the FIR on a complaint submitted by Priyanshu Pandey. A departmental inquiry is being conducted by Additional SP Maya Ram Verma," said Singh.

Contacted by *The Indian Express*, Verma said the video clearly shows that the two policemen behaved in an "unac-

ceptable manner".

"Further inquiry is ongoing," said Verma.

Speaking about the incident, Pandey said some people were abusing him on Tuesday.

"One of them called the police and complained about me. Then the police came and assaulted me brutally," he said.

SP Singh said the police got a call from one Riazuddin about a row between Pandey and one Akhtar.

"Because it was Moharram, the two officers rushed to the spot. Locals told us Pandey was drunk. What the officers did was absolutely wrong, hence action has been taken against them," said the SP.

"We had first sent the two accused policemen to the police lines. After an inquiry, we had suspended them for their unacceptable behaviour," the SP added.

A medical examination of Pandey was conducted on Friday and it was found that he suffered no serious injuries. **ENS**