

# Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah Dispute: Allahabad HC Upholds Suits

Allahabad High Court upheld the maintainability of suits in the Mathura temple-Idegah dispute, citing a 1920 government notification.

The dispute concerns the ownership and worship rights over land claimed by both the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple and the Shahi Eidgah Mosque in Mathura.

## KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Allahabad High Court** upheld the maintainability of suits in the **Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah dispute**.
- The court relied on a **1920 government notification** indicating the existence of a **pre-Aurangzeb temple**.
- The ruling involves **worship rights** and the potential demolition of the **mosque structure**.
- The **High Court** dismissed the mosque's challenge that the suits are barred by the **Places of Worship Act**.
- The court stated that the **Places of Worship Act** does not define '**religious character**'.
- To attract the **Act's provisions**, the **religious character** of a place of worship must be determined.

## STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act** was enacted in **1991**.

This Act aims to maintain the **religious character** of places of worship as it existed on **August 15, 1947**.

The Act bars the **conversion** of any place of worship and prohibits filing of **suits** to change its character.

The **Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute** was explicitly exempted from the provisions of the **1991 Act**.

**Article 25** of the Indian Constitution guarantees **freedom of conscience** and the right to freely profess, practice, and **propagate religion**.

**Article 26** ensures the freedom to manage **religious affairs** for every religious denomination.

**Aurangzeb**, the **sixth Mughal emperor**, ruled from **1658** to **1707**.

**Mathura**, located in **Uttar Pradesh**, is traditionally considered the birthplace of **Lord Krishna**.

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