12 Judicial Orders and Remarks That Hurt Hindu Sentiments and Dismissed Petitions (2014-2025)

This report has compiled 12 Judicial Statements and Orders (2014-2025) where Hindu sentiments were hurt and related petitions were dismissed.

On **September 16**, **2025**, a Supreme Court bench of CJI BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih refused a plea to restore a beheaded 7-foot Lord Vishnu idol at Khajuraho's Javari temple. **CJI Gavai remarked**, **"Go and ask the deity itself to do something now," citing ASI jurisdiction**.

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1.	Supreme Court Remarks on Lord Vishnu Idol Restoration Sparks Hindu Sentiment Concerns Date: September 16, 2025 Division Bench: Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih The Supreme Court refused to entertain a petition seeking restoration of a 7-foot beheaded Lord Vishnu idol at Khajuraho's Javari temple in Madhya Pradesh. A bench of CJI BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih noted the matter falls under the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) jurisdiction, not the Court. CJI Gavai remarked, "Go and ask the deity itself to do something now. You say you are a staunch devotee of Lord Vishnu. So go and pray now. It's an archaeological site and ASI needs to give permission etc. Sorry." This statement has been criticized for hurting Hindu sentiments.	Publicity Interest Litigation': Supreme Court Dismisses Plea Seeking Repair Of Dilapidated Lord Vishnu Idol At Khajuraho Temple **Live Law** NDTV
2.	Punjab & Haryana HC Dismissed Plea to Remove Shivling from Baidyanath Logo Date: September 12, 2025 Division Bench: Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sanjiv Berry The Punjab and Haryana High Court dismissed a plea by Meghna Khullar seeking removal of the Shivling image from Baidyanath Ayurveda's logo, citing risk of disrespect to sacred symbols. The Court remarked, "Why are you being so sensitive about these things?", noted that legal remedies already exist and refused to intervene.	Livelaw

Rajasthan High Court Dismissed Plea on Ram Janmabhoomi Exam Ouestion

Date: July 10, 2025

Division bench: The bench of Justice Anoop Kumar Dhand

3. The Rajasthan High Court dismissed a law student's plea against a university exam question on the Ram Janmabhoomi verdict. Justice Anoop Kumar Dhand observed that law must be governed by reasons, not sentiments, "fair criticism of a verdict is permissible" and critical analysis of judgments is vital for legal education. Such critique, under Article 19(1)(a), is not an IPC Section 295A offence without malicious intent.



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Bombay High Court Rebuked Plea Against Holi Remark, Says "Don't Be So Sensitive"

Date: July 15, 2025

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Division bench: Justices Ravindra Ghuge and Gautam Ankhad

The Bombay High Court dismissed a plea by YouTuber Vikas Pathak, known as Hindustani Bhau, against filmmaker Farah Khan over her remark calling Holi a "festival of chhapris" on a reality show. Bombay high court rebuked Pathak, asking why he was "so sensitive" and stressing that the court should not be burdened with such petitions.





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Varanasi Court Dismissed Plea on Rahul Gandhi's Lord Ram 'Mythological Figure' Remark

Date: May 27, 2025

Division bench: Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Neeraj

Kumar Tripathi.

An MP-MLA court in Varanasi dismissed a petition against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on Lord Ram as a "mythological figure" during a speech at a U.S. university in May 2025. Additional CJM Neeraj Kumar Tripathi termed the plea non maintainable under BNSS, 2023, citing the need for prior sanction. The complainant said he would seek permission and refile the case.



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Allahabad High Court Dismissed PIL Seeking Ban on Book Claiming Goddess Gayatri Is Fictitious

Date: March 12, 2025

Division Bench: Chief Justice Arun Bhansali and Justice Kshitij

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The Allahabad High Court dismissed a PIL filed by Satya Sanatan Dharm Dharmatma Kalyan Samiti seeking a ban on the book "Tathakathit Gayatri Devi Mantra Ki Vastavikta", which allegedly claimed Goddess Gayatri is fictitious. The court noted that a similar petition had already been dismissed in 2016 and ruled that re-filing the same claim could not be entertained. The High Court refused to ban the book, reinforcing the precedent that repeated petitions on identical issues are inadmissible.



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6.

"Every Action Disliked by a Class Not Outrage of Religious Sentiments": Bombay High Court stated in Kailash Kher Case

Date: March 12, 2025

Division Bench: Justice Bharati Dangre and Shyam C. Chandak

The Bombay High Court quashed a criminal case against singer Kailash Kher, filed over his song Babam Bam. A complainant had alleged that the music video, featuring scantily clad dancers and kissing scenes, hurt his religious sentiments as a devotee of Lord Shiva. The court stated "Every action disliked by a class not outrage of religious sentiments"



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7.

Supreme Court Rejected PIL Against Udhayanidhi Stalin Over 'Sanatana Dharma' Remarks

Date: January 27, 2025

Division Bench: Justices Bela M Trivedi and Prasanna B Varale

The Supreme Court dismissed a plea seeking FIRs against Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin's son Udhayanidhi and former Union Minister A. Raja for their September 2023 remarks calling for the "eradication of Sanatana Dharma." A bench of Justices Bela M. Trivedi and Prasanna B. Varale noted that the plea was effectively converting the Court into a police station. Petitioners were allowed to withdraw with liberty to pursue other legal remedies. Earlier, similar pleas had been dismissed as publicity litigation.



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8.

Supreme Court Rejected Plea Against Adipurush, Warns "Everyone Is Touchy, Tolerance for Movies and Books Going Down"

Date: July 21, 2023

Division Bench: Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia

The Supreme Court rejected pleas to revoke the CBFC certificate of Adipurush and stayed Allahabad High Court proceedings against its makers, noting that certification cannot be withdrawn lightly. The bench observed that "everyone is touchy about everything now" and warned that tolerance for movies and books is steadily going down.



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9. Madras High Court Ruled: Tolerance Is a Basic Tenet of Every

Date: February 3, 2022

Division Bench: Justice C.V. Karthikeyan

The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court dismissed a petition challenging the conversion of a residential house into a church in Kanyakumari. The petitioner had raised concerns about nuisance from loudspeakers. The court emphasized that tolerance is a core tenet of Hinduism and upheld the constitutional right to practice religion, highlighting that objections based on religious intolerance are unacceptable in a secular nation.



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10.

Bombay HC on Case Over Hurt to Hindu Sentiments: "Get a Sense of Humour"

Date: September 17, 2018

Division Bench: Justices TV Nalawade and Vibha Kankanwadi

The Bombay High Court quashed an FIR filed by petitioners alleging that a social media post hurt Hindu sentiments. The court emphasized the need for humor and tolerance, ruled the content did not violate Section 295A and upheld free speech while cautioning against misuse of such cases.



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11.

Supreme Court Dismissed PIL Against PK Movie, Advises "Don't Watch If You Dislike It"

Date: August 14, 2014

Division Bench: Chief Justice R.M. Lodha

The Supreme Court of India dismissed a PIL seeking to ban PK Movie, which alleged that certain scenes and the poster hurt religious sentiments. Chief Justice stated that such matters fall under artistic expression and emphasized, "If you don't like it, don't watch the film. Don't bring religious facets here," The Court upheld freedom of expression in cinema and allowed the film's release without restrictions.



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