8 Cases When Judiciary Rejected Pleas Over Hurting Hindu Sentiments, Advising Hindus Not To Be "So Sensitive" (2014 to 2025)

This report compiles **08 court rulings from 2014 to 2025** where pleas over hurt to Hindu sentiments were dismissed, with the judiciary advising petitioners **not to be overly sensitive.**

On **September 12**, **2025**, the Punjab and Haryana High Court rejected Meghna Khullar's plea to remove the Shivling from Baidyanath Ayurveda's logo, stating that the petitioner was being excessively sensitive and that legal remedies were already available.

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1.	Punjab & Haryana HC Dismisses 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
2.	Bombay High Court Rebukes Plea Against Holi Remark, Says "Don't Be So Sensitive" Date: July 15, 2025 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.	Indiatoday

3.

Allahabad High Court Dismisses 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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4.

"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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5.

Supreme Court Rejects 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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6.

Madras High Court Rules: Tolerance Is a Basic Tenet of Every Hindu

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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7.

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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8.

Supreme Court Dismisses 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 it." The Court upheld freedom of expression in cinema and allowed the film's release without restrictions.



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