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Press Release

Welcome Ayodhya Verdict by Supreme Court of India

The Hindu Council of Australia wholeheartedly welcomes the historic verdict given by the unanimous bench of five Justices of the Supreme Court of India on Ram Janmabhumi- Babri Masjid dispute at Ayodhya town in India.

The Hindu Council pays tributes to all those who have sacrificed their lives during centuries old struggle for the establishment of Ram-Janmbhumi temple at the scared site and requests the management of the new temple trust to recognise the sacrifices of all while building the grand temple.

The solidity of the judgement establishes the confidence to the citizens of India in the legal processes. The Honourable Supreme Courts has based its decision on many facts and one of the main is stated on page 524 of the 1045 judgement.

“Now, viewing in totality and taking into account the archaeological evidence of a massive structure just below the disputed structure and evidence of continuity in structural phases from the tenth century onwards up to the construction of the disputed structure along with the yield of stone and decorated bricks as well as mutilated sculpture of divine couple and carved architectural members including foliage patters, *amalaka*, *kapotapali* doorjamb with semi-circular pilaster, broken octagonal shaft of black schist pillar, lotus motif, circular shrine having *pranala* (waterchute) in the north, fifty pillar bases in association of the huge structure, are indicative of remains which are distinctive features found associated with the temples of north India.”

It not only ends four centuries old dispute, but also establishes the goodwill among various faiths of India, which is evident by welcoming and celebrating this judgement by all the sections of the society.

Permission to rebuild a Hindu Temple at the birthplace of Lord Rama and land offered to Muslim for new Mosque, delivers both justice and closure of a deep and historic wound. Similar such sacred sites that exist for Hindus, as well as for followers of other Indic religions, the historical destruction of their sacred sites and places of worship must be acknowledged and addressed constructively to promote positive interreligious relations going forward. The legal process, archaeological findings and constructive dialogue combined will help in resolving past wrong deeds.

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