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An American citizen who embraced Hinduism cannot be denied the rights of a Hindu devotee merely because of her foreign nationality or Christian birth name, the Madras High Court has ruled, reaffirming that faith is determined by belief and practice rather than identity markers such as citizenship or name.



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