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Supreme Court Draws the Line

Protected Monuments Stay With ASI, Not Waqf Boards

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India's most iconic monuments will not slip into the hands of religious trusts, at least not under the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025. The Supreme Court, stepping into the clash of heritage and faith, refused to halt Section 3D of the new law—a provision that makes it crystal clear: if a site is protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), it cannot be declared a waqf.

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