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Supreme Court Restores Tirupati Mutt Chief, Says State Cannot Strip Mahant of Administrative Powers Indefinitely

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The Supreme Court has ruled that a Mathadhipati cannot be reduced to a purely spiritual figure while the administration and secular affairs of a Mutt remain permanently under the control of a government-appointed official. Such a separation, the Court said, strikes at the very foundation of Mahantship and violates the constitutional protections granted to religious denominations under Article 26. In a significant judgment concerning the historic Sri Swamy Hathiramji Mutt...

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