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Prambanan Temple and the Legal Recognition of Hinduism in Indonesia

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited the historic **Prambanan Temple** near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**, along with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**. The visit brought attention to how Hinduism in Indonesia adapted itself to the country's legal requirement of monotheism by presenting the **Trimurti** tradition as the manifestation of one supreme divine principle.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Prambanan Temple** is located near **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**.
- It is a **9th-century Hindu temple complex**.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- It is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
- The temple complex is associated with the **Trimurti**: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.
- PM **Narendra Modi** visited Prambanan Temple with Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**.
- Indonesia's state philosophy is **Pancasila**.
- The first principle of Pancasila is belief in **one supreme God**.
- Hinduism received official recognition in Indonesia in **1962**.
- Six recognised religions were formalised as **agama** in **1965**.
- Indonesia recognises **Islam, Protestantism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism**.
- **Parisada Hindu Dharma Indonesia (PHDI)** was founded in **Bali in 1959**.
- **Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa** is the supreme divine concept in Indonesian Hinduism.
- In Indonesia, religious identity is linked to civil documents and public life, including national identity cards, marriage registration, birth certificates and school religious education.

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Centre's Proposed NFSA Revision Triggers Food Security Debate

NEWS ITEM

A report analysed the Centre's proposed amendment to the **National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013**, which seeks to change **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** foodgrain entitlement from a household-based system to a per-person system. Under the proposal, each AAY beneficiary would get **7 kg of foodgrains per month**, subject to a maximum cap of **35 kg per household per month**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The Centre has proposed an amendment to the **National Food Security Act, 2013**.
- The amendment relates to **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** foodgrain entitlements.
- Current AAY entitlement: **35 kg per household per month**.
- Proposed AAY entitlement: **7 kg per person per month**, capped at **35 kg per household per month**.
- **Priority Households** under NFSA receive **5 kg per person per month**.
- The draft amendment was published by the **Union Food and Public Distribution Ministry**.
- Public comments were invited till **July 11**.
- **Tamil Nadu** and **Kerala** have opposed the proposed amendment.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** opposed the proposal on **June 2, 2026**.
- Kerala Food Minister **G.R. Anil** also expressed reservations.
- The South's AAY household ceiling was shown at **52.51 lakh**, with actual AAY coverage around **49.36 lakh households**.
- All-India AAY household ceiling was shown at **250 lakh**, with actual coverage around **217.01 lakh households**.
- Puducherry follows a **Direct Benefit Transfer** model and therefore had no foodgrain allocation in the table.

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IT Department Opposes Tax Exemption Plea by Same-Sex Couple

NEWS ITEM

The **Income Tax Department** has filed an affidavit before the **Bombay High Court** opposing a plea by a same-sex couple challenging **Section 56(2)(x) of the Income Tax Act**. The couple sought extension of tax exemption on gifts between spouses to their relationship, but the department argued that same-sex relationships are not recognised as marriage or spousal relationships under Indian marriage laws.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The case is before the **Bombay High Court**.
- The petition challenges **Section 56(2)(x) of the Income Tax Act**.
- The issue concerns tax exemption on gifts between spouses.
- The petitioners sought extension of this benefit to a same-sex relationship.
- The Income Tax Department argued that same-sex couples are not recognised as spouses under Indian marriage laws.
- The department said the Income Tax Act cannot define "spouse" contrary to marriage laws.
- The affidavit was filed by **Sandeep Dahiya**, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax (Judicial).
- The court is yet to pronounce its order.

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Centre Tightens Rules for High Alcohol-Containing Drug Formulations

NEWS ITEM

The Central Government has amended the **Drugs Rules, 1945** to strengthen regulation of **high alcohol-containing drug formulations**. The Health Ministry removed the earlier **Schedule K exemption** from licensing requirements for formulations containing ethyl alcohol above specified limits.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The Centre amended the **Drugs Rules, 1945**.
- The amendment regulates **high alcohol-containing drug formulations**.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare removed the **Schedule K exemption** from licensing requirements.
- Formulations containing more than **12% v/v ethyl alcohol** and quantities exceeding **30 ml** will no longer get the exemption.
- Such products must obtain licenses under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**.
- Earlier, some tinctures and aromatic preparations such as cardamom and ginger tinctures were exempted.
- Some exempted formulations could contain ethyl alcohol concentration up to **80-90% v/v**.
- The amendment aims to prevent diversion and misuse for intoxication.
- It will ensure supply through a regulated pharmaceutical supply chain while allowing legitimate therapeutic use.

Hummus Trail and Legal Scrutiny Over Foreign Soldiers in India

NEWS ITEM

An explainer discussed the “**Hummus Trail**”, a popular travel circuit in India frequented by young Israeli tourists and military veterans, after the **Hind Rajab Foundation (HRF)** filed a complaint seeking action against an Israeli soldier vacationing in Himachal Pradesh. The issue raised a legal question: can India act against foreign nationals accused of **grave breaches under the Geneva Conventions**?

PRELIMS FACTS

- The issue arose after the **Hind Rajab Foundation**, a Brussels-based Palestinian rights organisation, filed a complaint in India.
- The complaint sought action against an Israeli soldier vacationing in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- The HRF alleged involvement in war crimes in Gaza in **2024**.
- India is a signatory to the **Geneva Conventions**.
- India enacted the **Geneva Conventions Act, 1960**.
- The Act criminalises **grave breaches** of the Geneva Conventions.
- The **Hummus Trail** includes Israeli-frequented places such as **Kasol, Old Manali, Dharamkot, Goa, Gokarna, Rishikesh, Varanasi, Pushkar, Almora, Kodaikanal and Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- The report mentions that around **80,000 Israelis** visit India every year.
- Long post-military trips by Israeli youth are known as **Tiyul Gadol**.
- In February 2026, the Israeli government reportedly allocated **four million NIS** to boost tourism collaboration with India.
- The report noted that HRF has initiated similar legal actions in countries such as **Brazil, Romania, Peru, Belgium, Canada and Chile**.