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How ISKCON won it's case against Christian Bigots in Poland

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There was a case of nuns in a court in Warsaw, Poland against ISKCON.

Noting that the ISKCON is spreading it's activities and gaining followers in Poland, a nun filed a case before a Judicial Magistrate praying that ISKCON should be banned, because it's followers are glorifying a Character called Krishna 'Who was loose in morals, having married 16,000 Gopikas'.

When the case came up for hearing the ISKCON defendant requested the Judge to ask the nun to repeat the oath she has taken when she has ordained as a nun.

The Judge asked the Nun to recite the Oath loudly. She would not.

ISKCON man asked the Judge whether he could read it out for the nun.

The Judge said go ahead.

The pledge was in effect that 'she (nun) is married to Jesus Christ'.

ISKCON man said "Your Lordship! Lord Krishna is alleged to have 'married' 16,000 women. There are more than a million nuns who assert that they are married to Jesus Christ. Between the two, Krishna and the nun, who are of loose characters".

The Judge dismissed the case and allowed ISKCON to go its way.

More Hindu Temples as Possible UNESCO World Heritage Sites

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INDIA, December 18, 2010: Six Hindu temples in Indonesia, Thailand and Nepal have been

nominated to be certified as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Sukuh Hindu Temple and Penataran Hindu Temple Complex in Indonesia, Temples of Phanomroong and Muangtam in Thailand, Rishikesh's Ruru Kshetra and Ram Janaki Temple in Nepal are currently on the "Tentative List" of UNESCO World Heritage Convention nominated by their respective countries waiting to be inscribed on World Heritage List.

Currently, the World Heritage List is made up of 911 properties "having outstanding universal value", but is surprisingly includes only three Hindu temples: Hampi and Pattadakal temples in Karnataka (India) and Prambanan Temple in Indonesia.

World Heritage Centre is headquartered in Paris (France) with Francesco Bandarin as Director and Kishore Rao as Deputy Director. (ANI)

The 21 States Parties of the current Committee are: Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates.

Magh Mela Security: Cops Brace for Tough Task Ahead

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/

ALLAHABAD, INDIA, December 15, 2010,: The local district police face the challenging task of providing foolproof security during the Magh Mela which begins from January 19. Apart from making elaborate security arrangement, the police have also sought the cooperation of locals in managing the massive event. About 22 close circuit television cameras and 12 watch towers

would be fixed at all strategic points to keep a strict vigil on those moving in the mela area.

The Magh Mela is held any year when there are no Kumbha or Ardh-Kumbha Melas. This annual religious event or the great bathing festival is a smaller version of the gigantic Kumbha Mela that is held after every 12 years. Sangam, the confluence of the rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the Saraswati, hosts the festival. It falls in the month of Magh (January-February).

Scientists Find Ashwagandha Prevents Cancer

http://www.healthcarendiet.com/2010/12/06/scientists-find-ashwagandha-as-anti-cancerious/

JAPAN, December 6, 2010: Recent research has found Ashwagandha, a traditional Indian herb as having anti-cancerous properties. Long-term use of the herb not only saves from the dreaded disease but is known for slowing down the aging process, thus restoring memory loss and cell destruction. It also fights fatigue, dehydration, bone weakness and dehydration. Now, the scientists working in the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Ibaraki, Japan have found Ashwagandha as anti-cancer.

The research team under the leadership of renowned scientist of Indian origin Renu Wadhwa has completed the clinical trials on animals that shows excellent results. The lab trials have found that Ashwagandha has anticancerous compound which is toxic in nature and kills cancer cells in the body but protects normal cells.

Aswagandha (bot.Withania Somnifera) is mentioned in Charak and Sushruta Samhitas as a rejuvenating herb and has been used by Ayurveda practitioners from time immemorial. It is also called Indian ginseng for its aphrodisiac, sedative, rejuvenating and life prolonging properties.

Dr. Karan Singh Receives Dayawati Modi Award 2010 For Art, Culture And Education

http://www.newstrackindia.com/

NEW DELHI, INDIA, November 24, 2010: Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari presented the 'Dayawati Modi Award 2010 for Art, Culture and Education' to MP Dr. Karan Singh at a function here on Wednesday. Expressing his delight after presenting the award, Vice President Ansari said: "I am particularly happy that this year's award has been presented to Dr. Karan Singh. He is one of the few men in public life who is at ease in the world of philosophy, culture and education."

"He entered political life six decades ago and continues with his mission - of intellectual and philosophical pursuit, of public service, of furthering the cause of inter-faith understanding and harmony, of promoting the essence of our cultural heritage, and advocating environmental sustainability," he added.

The Vice President further said Dr. Karan Singh's activities in public life seem to be guided by his faith in India's special role in leading humanity towards a new and better world. "I wish Dr. Karan Singh many more years in the service of the nation and the people and thank the Dayawati Modi Foundation for inviting me to present this award," he concluded.

Kallazhagar Temple Wall Collapses

http://www.thehindu.com/

MADURAI, INDIA, December 1, 2010: A portion of the wall at the Kallazhagar Temple at Alagarkoil, which is said to be over 1,100 years old, collapsed on Tuesday night following heavy rains. A stretch of 60 feet of the wall came down on the pathway near the temple tank. The work of clearing debris began immediately and the pathway was re-opened within two hours. The historic 40-feet high wall finds mention in 1,100 years old-scriptures