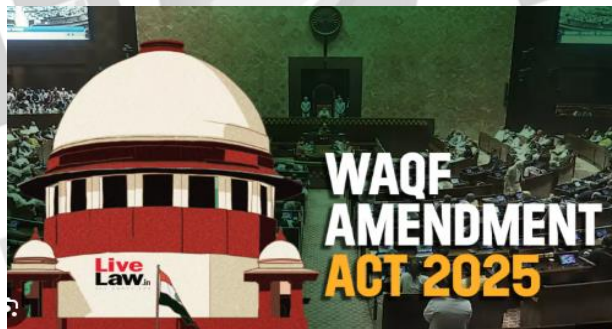


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COURT VERDICT

- **SC Ruling on Waqf Amendment Act 2025**
- ✓ The Waqf (Amendment) Act of 2025 has sparked legal and social debate in India.

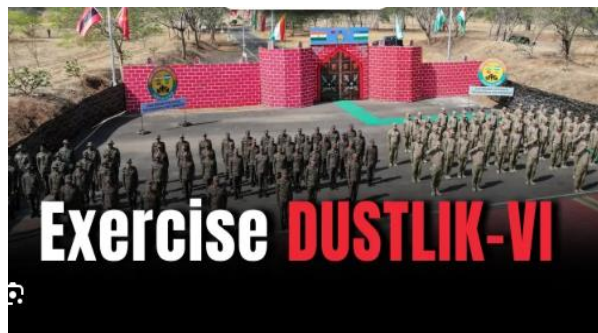


- ✓ This legislation aims to reform the management of waqf properties, which are properties dedicated for Islamic religious and charitable purposes.
- ✓ Petitioners argue that the Act **violates Articles 25 & 26** of the Constitution (religious freedom).
- ✓ The Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 amends the Waqf Act of 1995.
- ✓ It seeks to enhance the Centre's regulatory authority over waqf properties. Notably, the Act proposes the removal of the concept of "waqf by user."
- ✓ This term refers to properties used for charitable purposes over a long period, even if not formally registered as waqf.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise DUSTLIK-VI**

- ✓ The 6th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK (DUSTLIK-VI) between India and Uzbekistan commenced on April 16, 2025, at the Foreign Training Node, Aundh, Pune, and will run until April 28, 2025.



- ✓ The exercise focuses on enhancing bilateral military cooperation, tactical interoperability, and coordination between the armed forces of both nations.
- ✓ With 60 Indian personnel (mainly from the JAT Regiment and Indian Air Force) and Uzbekistan Army troops participating in the exercise.
- ✓ It alternates annually between India and Uzbekistan.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **IISR Surya**
- ✓ Recently, the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) introduced a new turmeric variety named IISR Surya.



- ✓ This variety is designed specifically for the masala and powdering industry.
- ✓ It addresses the growing demand for light-coloured turmeric, which has been challenging for farmers to produce.
- ✓ IISR Surya promises to enhance the quality and availability of turmeric for both domestic and international markets.
- ✓ IISR Surya is expected to benefit farmers.
- ✓ It provides an opportunity for higher yields and better profitability.

