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RESOLUTION

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) unanimously expresses its profound shock, outrage, and unequivocal condemnation of the reprehensible act committed by an advocate in the courtroom of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai, on 6th October, 2025. Such intemperate behaviour is utterly unbecoming of an officer of the Court and strikes at the very foundation of mutual respect that underpins the relationship between the Bench and the Bar.

This incident, reportedly stemming from a misguided backlash against the Hon'ble Chief Justice's judicious observations in the *Khajuraho Vishnu Idol Restoration* matter, where His Lordship emphasized respect for all religions and clarified his remarks amid social media distortions, cannot be tolerated. It constitutes a direct assault on judicial independence, violates constitutional values of decorum and discipline, and gravely undermines public confidence in the justice delivery system.

The SCBA commends the calm composure and exemplary restraint demonstrated by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, who, in the face of this grave provocation, continued to discharge his judicial duties with dignity and poise, upholding the highest traditions of the judiciary. The Association reaffirms its complete solidarity with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the companion Judges of the Supreme Court.

The SCBA reiterates that the Bar and the Bench are two indispensable pillars of the justice delivery system, bound together by mutual respect and a shared constitutional responsibility. Any act that seeks to weaken this sacred bond inflicts damage not only upon the institution but upon the very fabric of justice in our nation. The SCBA further notes that the Advocate involved in this incident is a temporary member of the Association. The SCBA is contemplating appropriate disciplinary action against the said member.



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The SCBA further reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles of secularism, fraternity, and the rule of law, and calls upon the legal fraternity to remain vigilant against all attempts to politicize or scandalize the judiciary. Such conduct is a disgrace to the noble legal profession and amounts to a direct assault on the dignity, independence, and sanctity of the Supreme Court of India. Any attempt to intimidate or insult a sitting Judge is not only criminal in nature but also a betrayal of the solemn oath every advocate takes to uphold the majesty of law and the decorum of the Court.

Furthermore, the SCBA strongly condemns the role of certain sections of the media in exacerbating this incident through irresponsible, sensationalized reporting and deliberate distortion of judicial remarks. By amplifying misrepresented narratives on social media, such as portraying the Hon'ble Chief Justice's balanced observations in the *Khajuraho* case as being disrespectful to religious sentiments, the media has recklessly fueled public outrage, incited vigilante reactions, and undermined the judiciary's authority for the sake of visibility and sensationalism.

Such predatory journalism, devoid of ethical restraint, betrays the principles of fair reporting and endangers the rule of law by turning courtrooms into arenas for mob-driven spectacle. The SCBA asserts that freedom of speech and expression cannot serve as a licence to malign constitutional institutions or erode the public's faith in the justice system.


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