



# Pakistani Hindus in Rajasthan Facing Uncertain Future

## Why in News?

According to the sources, **Pakistani Hindus in Rajasthan** are facing an **uncertain future** amidst the [Citizenship \(Amendment\) Act \(CAA\)2019](#).

## Key Points

- During the current general elections, amidst the widespread enthusiasm surrounding the **Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019** which has provided relief for some, individuals **who arrived in India after December 31, 2014**, are facing numerous uncertainties.
- These individuals are now required to seek citizenship under the **primary Citizenship Act of 1955**, a process that historically has resulted in prolonged waiting periods for applicants.
- **Pakistani Hindu families** who **migrated to Barmer**, a region bordering Pakistan, years ago, express the sentiment that the **CAA or citizenship legislation holds limited value** until their living conditions are improved.
- Despite acquiring [Indian citizenship](#), many of **these families continue to reside in impoverished conditions** and face **social stigmatization**.

## Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019

- The **Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019** seeks to **amend the Citizenship Act, 1955**.
- The CAA provides citizenship on the basis of religion to six undocumented non-Muslim communities (**Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians**) from **Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh** who entered India **on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014**.
- It exempts the members of the **six communities** from any **criminal case** under the [Foreigners Act, 1946](#) and the [Passport Act, 1920](#).
- The two Acts specify punishment for **entering the country illegally** and staying here on **expired visas and permits**.

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