



# MP High Court Give NOC to Slaughterhouse in Mandsaur

## Why in News?

Recently, the **Madhya Pradesh High Court** has ordered a civic official in Mandsaur to grant a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** for a buffalo **slaughterhouse**, calling the denial of permission "unacceptable."

## Key Points

- **Argument by Local Body:**
  - The local body **denied the NOC application**, citing that **Mandsaur is a religious city**, making it inappropriate to permit a slaughterhouse.
  - The court termed this reasoning as **"wholly unacceptable"** during the hearing.
- **Sacred Area:**
  - The State government, in a **notification dated 9th December 2011**, declared a **100-metre radius around Lord Shiva's Pashupatinath temple in Mandsaur** as a "sacred area."
- **Court's Observation:**
  - The Court clarified that the **entire city cannot be categorized as a sacred area** based on the notification.

## Pashupatinath Temple

- It is also known as the **Mandsaur Shiva temple**.
- It is located on the **Shivna River** and is known for its **eight-faced Shiva Linga**. The temple's sculptures are dated to the **5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> century**.
- It is **made of a smooth, dark coppery rock block**.
  - The temple also has a 100 kg gold-plated pitcher.

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