## AFIC Expresses Grave Concerns Over Construction and Inauguration of "Ram Temple" at Babri Mosque Site



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Dr Rateb Jneid, President of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) has expressed profound concern and deep distress over the recent construction and inauguration of the "Ram Temple" at the site of the previously demolished Babri Mosque in the historic city of Ayodhya, India.

AFIC vehemently denounces these actions that are perceived as an attempt to obliterate the rich historical and cultural significance of the Babri Mosque, which had stood as an Islamic landmark for five centuries in the exact location.

AFIC recognises the importance of respecting religious diversity and upholding the sanctity of historical sites that hold significance for various communities. The Babri Mosque, a symbol of Islamic heritage, has been a part of Ayodhya's cultural landscape for centuries, embodying the coexistence of different faiths in the region.

AFIC calls upon all parties involved to uphold the principles of religious tolerance, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence. The President of AFIC urges the relevant authorities to address this matter with sensitivity and to engage in dialogue that fosters understanding among different religious communities.

AFIC reaffirms its commitment to promoting dialogue and understanding among nations and communities and encourages peaceful resolutions to disputes that respect the cultural and religious heritage of all concerned parties.

Established in 1964, the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) serves as the Peak Muslim Organization in Australia. With State Councils in every state and over 150 members, AFIC has a rich history of pioneering numerous community services and remains an active peak organization advocating for the rights and representation of the Muslim community.

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