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Q19

Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India. (250 words).

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Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism and secularism.

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Articles 25-28

Constitutional protection of religious freedom, which covers religiosity, not communal violence.

Rath yatra, 1990

Political-religious procession that scaled Ayodhya devotion into a national communal campaign.

Babri Masjid demolition, 6 December 1992

Destruction of the mosque at Ayodhya that marked the transformation into open communal rupture.

Kar seva

Volunteer sacred labour frame used to mobilise cadres at the disputed site as if politics were pilgrimage.

Shah Bano, 1985

Maintenance case after which personal-law religiosity was pulled into communal and vote-bank contest; a supporting, not the main, example.

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