

LSP has welcomed the Bombay high court's decision to ban dahi handi celebrations over 20 feet in height

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The Loksatta Party has welcomed the Bombay high court's decision to ban dahi handi celebrations over 20 feet in height as a small but important first step in reclaiming Hindu culture from the grip of assorted politicians, thugs, and thugs masquerading as politicians.

LSP Maharashtra unit president Dr Kedar Diwan called upon Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan to drop the state government's ill-conceived and politically motivated move to file a review petition and to instead perform his duty and uphold the rule of law.

Dr Diwan said that what was once a joyous community celebration of Krishna's childhood has over the years been turned into a grotesque display of competitive commercialism and political clout.

The only appeal, if any, he said, should be on the court order preventing anyone under 18 from participating in the festivity. A better option, he suggested, would be to keep the festival open only for those between the ages of 10 and 18, as it traditionally was. After all, Gokulashtami celebrates the frolic of Balgopal, not the adult Krishna. Besides, keeping adults out of it would ensure that both money and political power are cut out for good and the festival can return to the good old days of a real community celebration.