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Ganga Jamna School's Hijab Rule Meets High Court Restrictions

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Of the 15 girls seen on poster wearing hijab, four belong to the Hindu and Jain communities.

CASE SUMMARY

Poster that drew scrutiny	A school poster showing Hindu and Jain girls in hijab circulated widely on social media.
Child rights notice on 31 May	The national child rights commission chair sought an explanation from Damoh's District Magistrate.
State commission findings	The commission reported compulsory Islamic prayers and a ban on tilak and kalawa for Hindu and Jain students.
Bail conditions on 23 August	The court barred the accused from exposing non-Muslim pupils to Islamic scriptures, requiring Hindu and Jain girls to wear hijab, or preventing non-Muslim pupils from wearing tilak or kalawa.
School registration	The state education department suspended the school's registration.

THE TAKEAWAY

While granting bail, the High Court imposed conditions on religious instruction and dress, and the state education department suspended the school's registration.

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