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Culture of Court Adjournments

Context:

- President Droupadi Murmu highlighted the need to eliminate the **"culture of adjournments" in courts.**

Key points:

"Black Coat Syndrome"

- President Murmu introduced the term **"black coat syndrome"** to describe the high stress experienced by **ordinary citizens in courtrooms**, likening it to the **"white coat syndrome"** observed in medical settings.
- She expressed concern that the **lengthy duration of cases, which can span from 10 to 32 years**, erodes public trust in the judiciary.
- This persistent delay contributes to the overall problem of case pendency.

Chief Justice of India's Remarks

Addressing Complacency:

- Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud stated that **complacency is unacceptable in the judiciary.**
- Justice delivery is crucial, particularly for **vulnerable groups.**
- National average disposal rate of cases is **95%**, but tackling case backlogs remains challenging.
- Urged for an increase in **disposal rates beyond 71% to achieve a 100% disposal rate.**

**Centre's Directives for LGBTQIA+ Rights****Context:**

- The Union Government has mandated certain provisions for **LGBTQIA+ couples**.
- All **States and Union Territories (UTs)** are directed to ensure that no discrimination occurs in this process.

Key provisions:

- **Ration Cards:** LGBTQIA+ couples must be recognized as members of the same household.
- **Body Claiming:** Partners can claim each other's bodies when next of kin is unavailable.
- **Medical Interventions:** Guidelines for intersex children and sexual differentiation disorders.
- **Mental Health:** Developing guidelines for the mental well-being of LGBTQIA+ individuals.
- **Banking Rights:** LGBTQIA+ couples can open joint bank accounts and name each other as beneficiaries.
- **Prison Rights:** Advisories issued to protect LGBTQIA+ individuals from violence and harassment during prison visits.

LGBTQIA+ :

- LGBTQIA+ is an acronym that represents lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual.

Status of LGBTQIA+ Rights and Recognition in India:

- In **2014**, the Supreme Court recognized transgender individuals as a **third gender**, granting them the right to identify as such in official documents.
- In **2018**, the Supreme Court of India struck down **Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code**, which criminalized consensual homosexual acts.
- The **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act was enacted in 2019**, aimed at safeguarding the rights of transgender individuals. This law allows transgender people to self-identify their gender and prohibits discrimination in employment, education, and healthcare.



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- As of now, **same-sex marriages are not legally recognized in India**. The Supreme Court recently declined to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriages, leaving it to the legislature to enact any such laws.
- As of **2024**, marriage between same-sex couples is legally performed and recognized in **36 countries**.

Do you know?

- **Netherlands (2001)**: First country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage.

75 Years of Supreme Court



Context:

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp **marking 75 years of the Supreme Court of India on August 31, 2024**, at the District Judges Conference in **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.

Key points:

- Established on **January 28, 1950**, the Supreme Court has been crucial in upholding the rule of law, protecting citizens' rights, and ensuring justice across India.
- The stamp celebrates the **Supreme Court's significant role in India's judicial system** and its impact on shaping the nation's legal framework.

**Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam(SJVN)****Context:**

- **SJVN** has been awarded the esteemed **Navratna status** by the Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India.
- This recognition marks a significant milestone in **SJVN's 36-year history, making it the 25th Navratna company in India.**

About:

- Founded in **1988** as a joint venture between the **Government of India and the Government of Himachal Pradesh**, SJVN has evolved into a prominent power entity with operations in **India and Nepal.**
- SJVN, granted **Miniratna status in 2008**, has a diverse project portfolio of 56,802.4 MW.
- It currently operates thirteen projects with a total installed capacity of 2,466.5 MW and has 75 projects at various stages of implementation across hydro, solar, wind, thermal, and transmission sectors.

Significance of Navratna Status:

- The Navratna status is awarded to **select Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)** demonstrating exceptional financial performance and managerial efficiency.
- This status provides SJVN with increased financial and operational freedom, enabling the company to:
 - Undertake larger projects and form strategic partnerships.
 - Contribute significantly to the **government's goal of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.**



SHe-Box portal



Context:

- On August 29, 2024, Union Minister of Women and Child Development, **Smt. Annpurna Devi**, launched the new **SHe-Box portal in New Delhi**.
- **Aim:** This initiative aims to **create a safer work environment for women** by providing a **centralized platform for registering and monitoring complaints of sexual harassment**.

Features of the She-Box Portal:

- The She-Box portal acts as a **comprehensive repository** for information regarding Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs) across both **government and private sectors**.
- It provides a unified platform for filing complaints, tracking their progress, and ensuring timely processing by ICs.
- A designated **nodal officer** will oversee real-time monitoring of complaints through the portal.

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