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### **National and International News**

#### 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.



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Centre's	<b>Directives</b>	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.



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#### 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:**

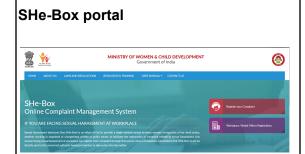
- The Navratna status is awarded to select Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) demonstrating exceptional financial performance and managerial efficiency.
- This status provides SJVN with increased financial and operational freedom, enabling the company to:
  - Undertake larger projects and form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



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#### 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 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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