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Analyse the various rationale and concerns of live streaming of Supreme Court proceedings in India.

Supreme court members agreed to live stream the constitutional bench proceedings. This has been done for four long years.

Live proceedings The Supreme court in the Suvarnil Thapathy case said that live telecast of court proceedings is the right to access to justice under Article 21.

The legislature has embraced transparency by Lokpal and Lokayukta, executive through audits now the judiciary through live proceedings.

### Benefits of the move

① Transparency will increase and public scrutiny will be high. The public can come to know how the judiciary functions. It can promote the legal research ecosystem in the country.

② Fill Judicial gaps - more than 30000 cases

are pending across all courts. The live proceedings can act as fillip to dispose the pending cases

③ Improve infrastructure currently high courts of Gujarat, Odisha, Karnataka, Patna, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh practise live proceedings, once it becomes mandatory, the courts infrastructure would increase

Concerns ① High data security and privacy

is required to protect victim and witness identity.

② Demonstration of judges can happen if their dissenting judgements are unacceptable to a few

③ media could sensationalise and misinterpret the judgement scene eroding the trust in Judiciary.

The live court proceeding decision is seen as a first step in the process of imparting transparency in Judiciary and will stride towards sound legal health of the nation