

7 Strong judicial system - cornerstone of developed India.

Explain significance of independent judiciary & elaborate constitutional safeguards to ensure independence of it.

The honourable Supreme Court of India celebrated its diamond jubilee on January 28, 2024 gearing up for the Amrit Kaal. The Supreme Court, being one of the bedrock of democracy is the soul of the nation.

cornerstone of development

For India to attain developed status a strong judiciary is inevitable.

Issues such as pendency of cases must be dealt away with.

Court	Pending Cases
District	4.3 Crores
High court	60 lakhs
Supreme court	70,000

Vacancies
High Court : 347
District : 5300
court

} As per State of Judiciary report by Supreme Court.

Decreasing pendency can increase the cost of doing business and improves the professionalism among the judiciary.

② Wider representation - There are only three women in supreme court and 103 in high courts as judges.

Gender inclusive recruitment can be a moral booster for the half of population.

③ Adjustment culture and long vacations hamper the delivery of justice that should be overcome.

Significance of independent judiciary

① Judicial review - the constitutional supremacy is protected through the veins of Judicial review

② Settle disputes between states and centre which can ensure there is no policy paralysis

Independent judiciary can be a answer to above mentioned issues.

Constitutional safeguards

- ① Appointment - judges are appointed by the President with the approval of the Council of Ministers represented by judiciary itself.
- ② Security of tenure - the judges are not under the pleasure of the President though appointed by them.
- ③ Expenses are charged on the consolidated fund of India beyond the vote of parliament.
- ④ Contempt - Under Article 129 and 132 supreme courts and high courts have power to contempt.
- ⑤ Jurisdiction cannot be curtailed by the parliament, though can extend

The independence of judiciary was recognised as Basic structure in the Kumar Prasad case. Judicial innovations and original separation of powers are need to achieve dreams of Amrit Kaul.