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Legal Current Affairs Weekly Round-up for CLAT 2023: Nov 8-Nov 14

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Here’s a round-up of legal current affairs from Nov 8 – Nov 14 to help you prepare better for CLAT 2023.

- Religious Conversions through force is a serious issue: Supreme Court

BJP spokesperson Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay had filed a plea seeking stringent steps by the Union and State Governments to control religious conversion happening in the country. He also sought directions to the Law Commission of India to prepare a Bill to control such ‘deceitful religious conversion’

Passing an order, a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and M R Shah said that religious conversion cannot be done through force. They opined that such conversion affects the security of the citizens and the country. They stated that the issue is serious and may affect the freedom of conscience of citizens as well. The Supreme Court bench issued a notice to the Union Government seeking their response in the matter.

- Supreme Court rejects PIL to remove Nitish Kumar as Bihar PM

Defection is looked upon as betrayal of people’s mandate. A PIL was filed seeking the ousting of Nitish Kumar as Bihar CM as he joined hands with the RJD post polls. The PIL alleged that his appointment as the CM would violate several provisions of the Constitution in general and anti-defection law in particular.

A bench led by Justice MR Shah held that anti-defection law allows post poll alliance subject to certain conditions. The bench subsequently dismissed the writ that called Nitish Kumar’s post-poll alliance a ‘fraud on the electorate’.

You can read more about Anti-defection Law here.

- Supreme Court condemned Centre’s silence on judicial postings

The Supreme Court condemned Centre's silence on the names suggested by the Collegium for judicial appointments. This comes at a time when the Law Minister Kiren Rijiju suggested that there is a need to rethink the collegium system so as to bring about expediency in judicial appointments. A notice was issued to the Union Law Secretary calling into question the Central government's delay in processing names recommended by the Collegium for appointment as judges.

[Did you know that the Supreme Court itself has 7 vacancies out of a sanctioned strength of 34 judges?]

You can read more about it here.

- Supreme Court to roll out the online RTI portal soon

CJI DY Chandrachud recently announced that the Supreme Court is expected to unveil an online Right to Information portal soon. **Supreme Court is a public authority** under the RTI Act and this move is an attempt to make it more convenient for people to access information about the Court.

E-committee works towards adoption of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) by the judicial system in India in order to automate processes and improve access for stakeholders. CJI Chandrachud is the chairperson of e-committee.

[Do you think the Supreme Court of India which is a public authority under the RTI Act also includes the office of the CJI?]

- IRDAI makes it mandatory for insurance companies to cover mental illnesses

Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 states that every insurer is obligated to provide insurance for the treatment of mental illnesses. Despite MHC Act, 2017 being enacted almost 5 years back, many insurance providers had not implemented it. The importance of the Act can be gauged from the fact that per WHO India has one of the largest populations of people with mental illnesses.

IRDAI has now made it mandatory for all insurance providers to provide coverage for treatment of mental illnesses as well and comply with all the provisions of the MHC Act without any deviation.

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