

19th August, 2021

Collegium recommends 8 High Court judges, advocate, to Supreme Court; 3 are in line for CJI

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana officially notified its recommendation of nine names for appointment as judges to the top court.

If the recommendations are accepted, three more judges could be added to the line of succession for the CJI's post — till mid-2028 — including what could be the first woman CJI.

The Collegium has recommended, Justice B V Nagarathna (Karnataka High Court), A S Oka Chief Justice (Karnataka High Court), Hima Kohli Chief Justice (Telangana High Court), J K Maheshwari Chief Justice (Sikkim High Court), and Justice M M Sundresh (Madras High Court), C T Ravikumar (Kerala High Court) and Bela M Trivedi (Gujarat High Court), Justice Vikram Nath Chief Justice (Gujarat High Court); and Senior Advocate P S Narasimha for appointment as judges to the apex court.

This also ends the 22-month-long deadlock, days after Justice Rohinton Nariman retired.

SC passes interim order allowing women to sit for NDA examination

The Supreme Court today passed an interim order to allow women to take the admission exam to National Defence Academy (NDA).

A division bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Hrishikesh Roy passed the interim order in a writ petition seeking permission for women candidates to appear for the NDA exam. While issuing the order, the court said women should be permitted take part in the NDA exam.

With replicas of 17 monuments, Bharat Darshan Park to be inaugurated in Delhi next month

The Bharat Darshan Park — a mega-city park that has replicas of 17 monuments built from scrap — is likely to be inaugurated next month as the South MCD has almost completed the construction.

The park in Punjabi Bagh, spread over 8.5 acres and built at a cost of Rs 14 crore, has replicas of monuments from across the country, including Mysore Palace, Charminar and Khajuraho Temple, Gateway of India, Konark Temple, Nalanda ruins, Meenakshi Temple, Hawa Mahal, Hampi ruins, Victoria Memorial, Sanchi Stupa, Gol Gumbaz, Ajanta and Ellora Caves and Junagarh Fort.

Separate Civil Services Exam Centre for Ladakh

Minister for Personnel Dr Jitendra Singh informed about the setting up of a separate Civil Services Exam Centre for Ladakh to be located at Leh. The announcement came after Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh R K Mathur called on the Union Minister in New Delhi to discuss the placement of IAS officers and other service related matters in the context of Ladakh. As per an official handout issued after the meeting, the Union Public Service Commission UPSC will from this year have an Examination Centre at Leh which will operate for the first time for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2021, scheduled to be held on 10th of October this year. This will address a long pending demand of the youth from the Ladakh region whose grievance was that they found it difficult to reach Examination Centres in other parts of the country because of the constraints of affordability of air fare and uncertain weather conditions.

India, Australia sign document to boost naval ties

Chiefs of the Indian and Australian navies signed a guidance document to streamline interaction between the two forces at various levels.

The Navy said in a statement that the signing ceremony for the 'Joint Guidance for the Australia-India Navy to Navy Relationship' document was held via videoconference between Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh, and Admiral Michael J Noonan, Chief of Navy, Australian Navy.

The document is aligned to the '2020 Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' agreed to by prime ministers of the two nations, and aims to ensure a shared approach to regional and global security challenges, the Navy said.

India, Vietnam undertake bilateral maritime exercise in South China Sea

In continuation with ongoing deployment of Indian Navy ships in the South China Sea, INS Ranvijay and INS Kora today undertook bilateral maritime exercise with Vietnam People's Navy frigate VPNS Ly Thai To (HQ-012). The bilateral interaction aims to consolidate the strong bond shared by the two navies and would be another step towards strengthening India-Vietnam defence relations.

India decides to ratify Kigali Amendment to Montreal Protocol

Following similar decisions by the United States and China in the past few months, India decided to ratify a key amendment to the 1989 ozone-saving Montreal Protocol negotiated five years ago. The Kigali Amendment, named after the Rwandan capital where it was negotiated, enables the phase-out of hydrofluorocarbons, a set of chemicals notorious for their capacity to warm the planet.

The decision to ratify the amendment was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet on Wednesday. It comes close on the heels of similar decisions by the United States and China, the world's largest producers and consumers of HFCs. According to a recent factsheet issued by Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a US-based environmental organisation, and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), 122 countries had ratified the Kigali Amendment by the end of July.

Cabinet approves national mission to step up domestic production of edible oils

The Union Cabinet took several steps to boost the production of edible oils and reduce the dependence on import. It has given its approval to launch a new Mission on Oil palm to be known as the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP). It will be a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a special focus on the North east region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Speaking to reporters on the Cabinet decisions in New Delhi yesterday, Information and Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur said, due to the heavy dependence on imports for edible oils, it is important to make efforts for increasing the domestic production of edible oils.

Cabinet approves Disaster Management MoU between India and Bangladesh

The Union Cabinet Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the MoU on cooperation in the field of Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation signed between India and Bangladesh in March this year during the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Bangladesh. The MoU seeks to put in place a system so that both the countries benefit from the Disaster Management mechanisms of each other. It will also help in strengthening the areas of preparedness, response and capacity building in the field of Disaster Management.

YOURLORDSHIPS