RIGHT TO PRIVACY

WHY IN NEWS?

Recent judgement overrules by the Supreme Court (SC) of India, the right to privacy is an intrinsic fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

BACKGROUND

1. The judgement clarifies that privacy is a part of personal liberty and dignity.
2. The judgement overturns the 2013 two-judge bench that held right to privacy is not an absolute right.
3. The judgement states that any invasion of the right to privacy is a breach of fundamental rights.

KEY FEATURES OF JUDGEMENT

1. Privacy is a right to be left alone.
2. It protects personal liberty and dignity.
3. It includes the preservation of personal intimacies.
4. It also protects against the disclosure of sexual orientation.

CONCERNS ARISING FROM JUDGEMENT

1. The judgement reinforces the need for a legal framework to protect personal data.
2. It highlights the need for a new law to protect privacy.
3. It also points out the need for a constitutional amendment.

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4. It also points out the need for a new law to protect privacy.

WAY FORWARD

1. A Committee was set up under Justice A P Shah to study the proposed draft Bill on data protection.
2. A new law would be introduced in the Lok Sabha.
3. Citizens can now directly approach SC or HC under Article 32 and 226.

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