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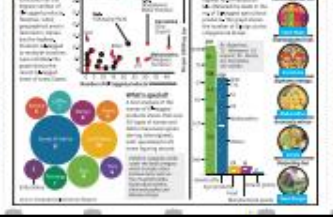
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Verdict (noun)	= A decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (निर्णय)
Unanimously (adv)	= Without opposition; with the agreement of all people involved (सर्वसम्मति से)
Convention (noun)	= A way in which something is usually done, agreement, accord (सम्मेलन)
Unimpeded (adj)	= Not obstructed or hindered, unrestricted (बेरोक)
Espionage (noun)	= The practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information (जासूसी)
Purported (adj)	= Appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; alleged (कथित)

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Coercion (noun)	= The action or practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats
Rhetoric (noun)	= The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the exploitation of figures of speech and other compositional techniques
Munition (noun)	= Military weapons, ammunition, equipment, and stores (युद्ध-सामग्री)
Infiltration (noun)	= The action of entering or gaining access to an organization or place surreptitiously (घुसपैठ)
Interpreter (noun)	= Translator, decipherer (व्याख्याकार)
Perennial (adj)	= Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time

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Paucity (noun)	= The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts (कमी)
Impinge (verb)	= Have an effect, especially a negative one (टकराना)
Litigant (noun)	= A person involved in a lawsuit, complainant, petitioner (विवादी)
Ostensibly (adv)	= Apparently, seemingly, superficially (जाहिरा तौर पर)
Burgeon (verb)	= Begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish
Docket (noun)	= A document, certificate
Detract (verb)	= Diminish the worth or value of (a quality or achievement) (कम करना)
Appellate (adj)	= (especially of a court) concerned with or dealing with applications for decisions to be reversed (अपीलीय)

Title: Freeing Kulbushan

(Pakistan's delay in giving full consular access reveals a non-serious attitude to ICJ order)

Context:

Two weeks after the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled in favour of India in the case of Kulbushan Jadhav, Pakistan has yet to take the first step towards implementing the order: providing him "consular access".

- In its verdict on July 17, the ICJ had decided near-unanimously that by not informing India immediately of Mr. Jadhav's arrest in 2017, by not informing him of his rights, and not allowing the Indian High Commission to meet with him and arrange for his legal representation, Pakistan was in violation of the Vienna convention on consular relations.
- Although Pakistan's Foreign Ministry had offered a meeting between Mr. Jadhav and the Indian High Commission in Islamabad on Friday afternoon, the offer came with conditions, including CCTV cameras on proceedings, and a Pakistani official being in the room during the meeting.
- This was a violation of the unimpeded consular access that the ICJ had ordered, and India decided to reject the offer until Pakistan reconsiders its conditions.

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- Islamabad must stop dragging its feet and creating unnecessary hurdles in providing what is a basic human right for Mr. Jadhav, and New Delhi needs to keep its rhetoric low, while pressing its case for access to the former naval officer, consistently and firmly.
- The government's ham-handed reaction to the threats, of cancelling the Amarnath Yatra, pulling out tourists and pilgrims and raising security levels in the valley further, have only added to the narrative.

Final Words

- It would indeed be a tragedy if the situation overshadows the fate of Mr. Jadhav, just when hopes had been raised by the international court verdict to help secure his freedom.

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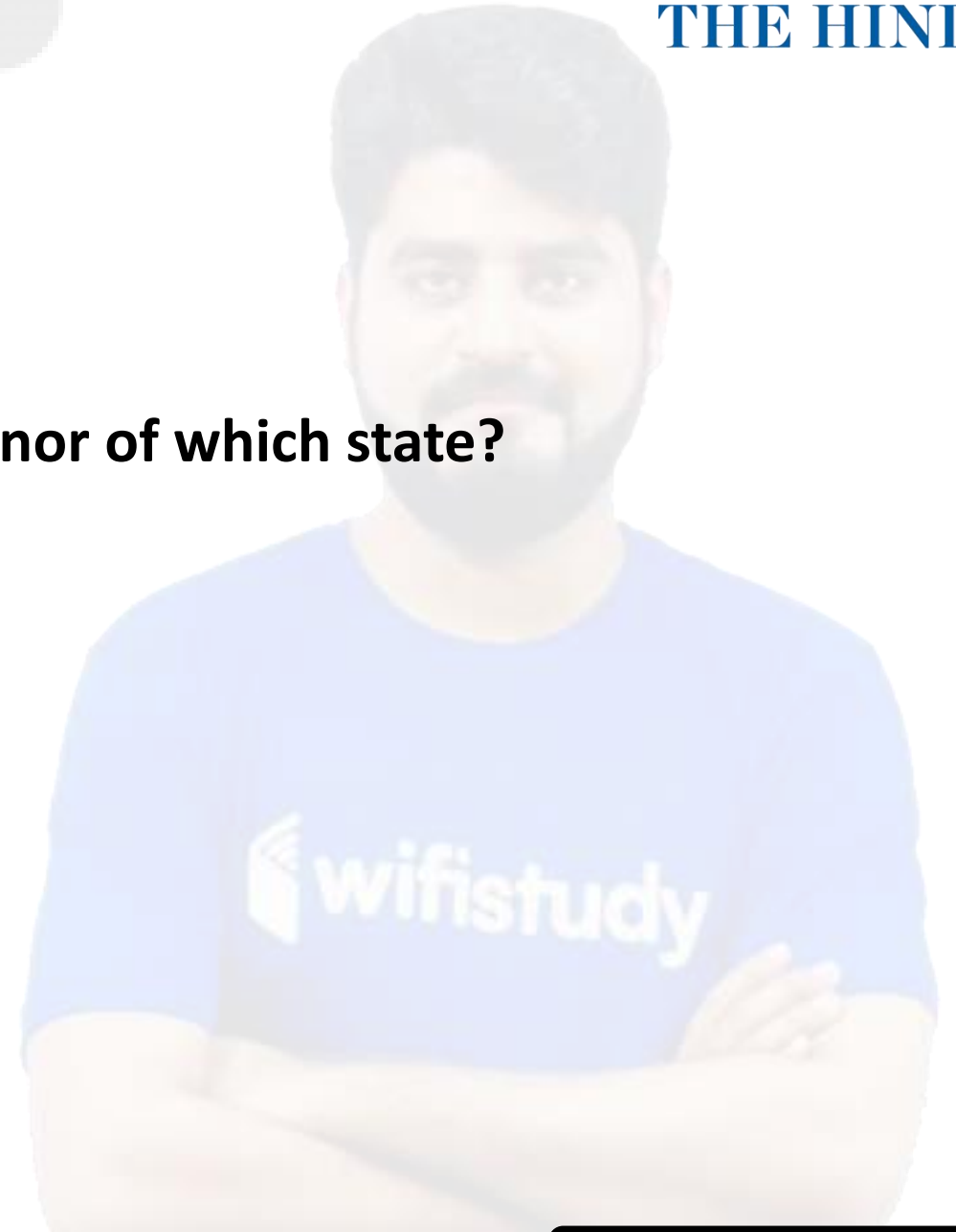


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Title: Bigger and better

(More judges are welcome, but SC must focus on its role as interpreter of the Constitution)

Context:

Any move to increase the strength of the judiciary ought to be welcomed, given the perennial complaint that availability of judges is not increasing in proportion to the institution of cases.

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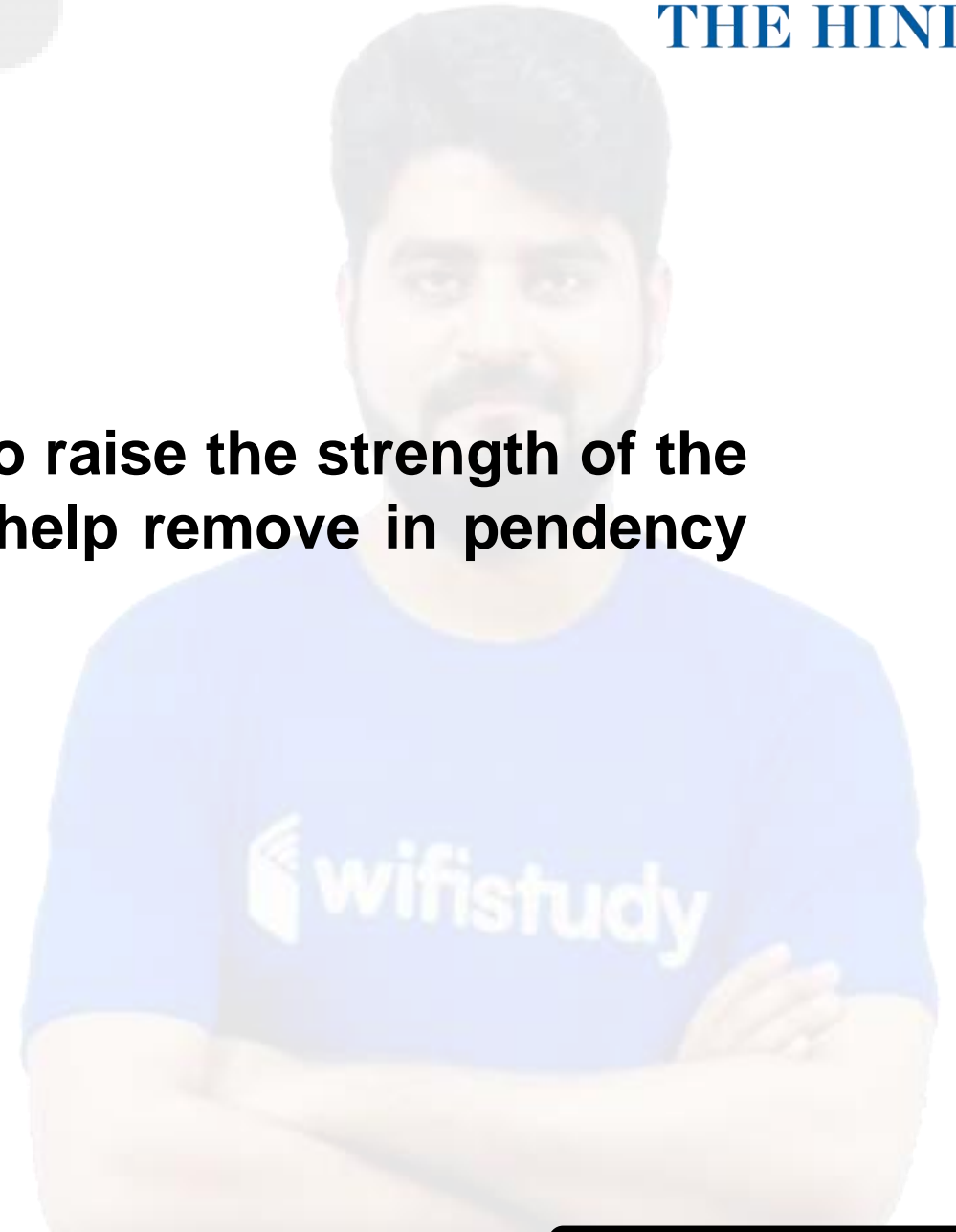
- In this perspective, the Union Cabinet's decision to raise the strength of the Supreme Court from 31 to 34, including the Chief Justice of India, will help in dealing with the large pendency — 59,331 cases on July 11. The law that fixes the number of judges in the highest court was last amended in 2009 to raise the figure from 26 to 31.
- Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had written to the Prime Minister recently, highlighting the problem of paucity of judges, due to which he was unable to constitute enough Constitution Benches to decide important questions of law.
- However, a moot question is whether the highest court should go into the correctness of every decision of every high court. Are the judicial resources available being used optimally? Is valuable time being taken up by mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions that involve interpretation of laws and constitutional provisions?

- All other questions involving a final decision on routine matters, especially civil cases that involve nothing more than the interests of the parties before it, ought to be considered by a mechanism that will not detract from the court's primary role. Some countries have brought in a clear division at the level of the apex judiciary by having separate constitutional courts, which limit themselves to deciding questions of constitutional importance.
- **Final Words:** It may be worthwhile considering the 229th Report of the Law Commission, suggesting a new system under which there will be one Constitution Bench in Delhi, and four 'Cassation Benches' for different regions of the country. These will be final appellate courts for routine litigation. This arrangement may also increase access to justice to those living in far-flung areas of the country and who may otherwise have to come to Delhi and spend more time and money in pursuing appeals. It may also cut down on the time taken for disposal of cases.

Descriptive Question

Q. “The Union Cabinet’s decision to raise the strength of the Supreme Court from 31 to 34 will help remove in pendency of cases” Explain.

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