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Appointment of GK ArunSundar Dayalan as Director General of Audit

- It comes under the control of Finance Department. The post of Director General of Audit was created by the state government in 2022 to supervise the activities of audit departments of Cooperatives, Dairy Cooperative Audit, Local Government Financial Audit, Hindu Religious Trust and Tamil Nadu Government Institutions.
- The Director General of Audit will forward to the Finance Department the audits and reports related to the programs implemented by them.

Direction of the Judiciary

Key judgments:

- In the last ten years several rulings have come out like demonetisation, women worship at Sabarimala, Ayodhya case, Abolition of Article 370 in Kashmir, denying the legal recognition of same-sex marriages.
- There are three aspects to the functions of Law and Justice:
- Extrajudicial cases also come to court. Former Chief Justice NV Ramana said this about it. "Though the court has no power to make policy, if a citizen comes to us with a complaint, the court cannot deny it. Therefore, after deep discussion laws should be passed that include the needs and aspirations of the people concerned," he said.
- Justice VR Krishnaiyar has also said the same. "The justice department in a country should not be a superficial observer. Is it so? Rather, it should take swift action like the fire department wherever it sees injustice against the people. It cannot be like a standing referee in a boxing match".
- What is required for administration of justice? In the case of Judges Association (All India Judges Association Vs Union of India 2002 (4) SCC 247) this has been discussed.
- Adequate courts with enough rooms in them, Seats, drinking water, toilet facilities, essentials are all important.
- What matters is the number of judges. The current situation is 16.000 Judges, for 3 crore cases.
- The proportion of judges should be increased to 50 per lakh people instead of existing 10/13 per lakh people.
- Vacancies in high courts still remain at 59%. The enactment of new laws will only be a burden especially when there is such a huge vacancy,
- What Courts look ahead? Cases against the 2019 amendment to the Citizenship Act are pending in the Supreme Court. The basic principle of secularism in the Constitution is being challenged. Articles 15, 21, 21A have come into play in this case.
- Abhijit Gangopadhyay, who was a Judge of Calcutta High Court, resigned on 05.03.2024. During his tenure as a Calcutta High Court judge since 2018, questions have been raised about the credibility of his judgments (he had ordered CBI investigations in 14 cases).
- The central government collects taxes from the states and they are accused of not providing funds for their needs. The states of Kerala and Karnataka have gone to the Supreme Court for this. Courts also become tasked with regulating federalism.
- The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was an important part of the committee comprising the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the appointment of the Election Commissioner of India. The central government ignored him. He was replaced by a Union Minister.
- These are the various cases and challenges that the judiciary is expected to face in the future.