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Rights and boundaries!

Kariko Kri case:

- The recent verdict of the Supreme Court says that the candidates need not mention all the unnecessary and trivial details in their nomination papers.
- Kariko Kri, who contested the 2019 Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections as an independent and won, did not mention the presence of three vehicles in his nomination papers.
- In an appeal filed in the High Court of Guwahati by Kariko Kri in the case that his victory should be annulled because of that. A judgment has been given in his favour.

Three comments:

- The first point is that politicians, like all citizens, have a right to privacy.
- Secondly, it is not necessary to give the voter the right to know all the details about the candidate.
- Thirdly, not all undisclosed details should be treated as hidden details.
- While he has stated in his nomination paper that the value of his property is Rs.8.4 crores. The Supreme Court pointed out that the two two-wheelers and one van which were not reported by Kariko Kri were insignificant.

Judgment Comment:

- According to the Supreme Court decision, clothes, slippers, household items etc. are not to be included in the property account.
- Non-significant assets do not need to be included in the nomination form.
- In an environment where the personal life of political leaders, sexual harassment, divorce etc. are becoming public issues, the Supreme Court judgment is a comfort to them in a way. It is welcome that information which is not required by the voters and which is not related to one's involvement in public life need not be included in the nomination affidavit.

Gukesh: Pride in India

- Chennai-based Gukesh has brought pride to the entire nation by winning the Candidates Tournament to qualify to play in the World Chess Championship.

Qualification:

- Usually the defending champion qualifies directly to compete for the World Chess Championship.
- Who will compete against him will be decided by the candidates' competition series.
- This year the Candidates Tournament was held in Toronto, the capital of Canada.
- World No. 2 and No. 3 Fabiano Caruana of Italy, American Hikaru Nakamura and Russia's Ian Nepomniachi, winner of the previous two Candidates series, were expected by many to win.

At a young age

- But in the final round against Hikaru Nakamura, Gukesh leveled the match on the 71st move and came out on top.
- With this, Gukesh will face the reigning champion Ding Liren of China at this year's World Championship in China.
- At the age of 17, Gukesh is also the youngest in chess history to qualify for the World Championship.
- Prior to this, in 1984, Garry Kasparov from Russia played the world championship at the age of 22.
- Gukesh, the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to qualify for the World Championship, became a Grandmaster at the age of 12.
- Gukesh's victory is yet another milestone in India's journey to exponential growth in chess.

Solar power generation increased to 4.05 crore units

- Currently, the installed capacity of land-based solar power plants in Tamil Nadu is 6,912 MW.
- Apart from this, the installed capacity of rooftop solar power plants on buildings is 449 MW and the installed capacity of solar power plants on agricultural land is 65 MW, for a total of 7,426 MW of solar power plants.

1 crore units in wind farms

- In Tamil Nadu, private companies have set up wind power plants with a capacity of 10,603 MW. Wind season is from May to September every year.
- Then, on an average, more than 10 crore units of electricity will be available from wind farms every day.