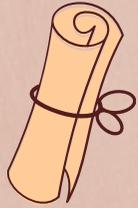


## MYTH BUSTER



**MYTH:** Fundamental Rights are absolute.

**TRUTH:** Fundamental Rights are not absolute. They are subject to reasonable restrictions in the interest of public order, morality, security of the state, and other considerations (as mentioned in Articles 19(2)–19(6) of the Indian Constitution).

**MYTH:** Constitution stops working during emergency.

**TRUTH:** Only certain rights get suspended, to cite an example: Article 19. This was clarified in the 44th amendment (1978). However, Article 21 cannot be suspended.

**MYTH:** The Right to Vote is a Fundamental Right.

**TRUTH:** It's a Constitutional Right (Article 326).



## ENFORCING EQUALITY

JANE KAUSHIK V. UNION OF INDIA, 2025 SCC ONLINE SC 2257

In this case, the Supreme Court, through Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan, awarded compensation to a transgender woman who was denied employment by a private school after disclosing her gender identity. The Court strongly criticised the Union and state governments for their “grossly apathetic attitude” in failing to implement the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, and observed that the statute suffers from “shortcomings and pitfalls” leading to “omissive discrimination.” Emphasising Articles 14, 15, and 21, the Court reaffirmed the fundamental right of transgender persons to equality, dignity, and non-discrimination, extending these protections horizontally to private entities. It also directed the formation of a



committee under Justice Asha Menon to frame equal opportunity guidelines and address legislative gaps, marking a firm judicial push toward meaningful enforcement of transgender rights post-NALSA.



### QUIZ – WHIZ



1. Under which Article the powers and privileges of the State legislature are defined?

2. Which article outlines the administration of "Scheduled Areas" and "Tribal Areas"?

3. Which Article restricts former High Court judges from practicing in the same court or any subordinate court, but permits them to practice in the Supreme Court and other High Courts?

4. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides protection to the President and Governors from legal proceedings?

5. Which Article says that Hindi in the Devanagari script shall be the official language of the Union, but also provides for English to continue indefinitely?

{QUIZ-WHIZ ALERT: STAY TUNED, THE ANSWERS WILL BE REVEALED IN OUR NEXT EDITION!}

September's Crossword Answers

Across

(4) Preamble

(5) Union

(6) Oath

(7) Law

Down

(1) Article

(2) Veto

(3) Writ

**Significant  
Days of the  
Month**

International Day  
of Non-Violence  
(2nd October)

World Post  
Day  
(9th October)

World Mental  
Health Day  
(10th October)

United Nations  
Day  
(24th October)