

## **Supreme Court Initiates Steps towards Inclusive Infrastructure and Sexuality Sensitization for LGBTQIA + Community at the Apex court**

Supreme Court, under the directions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Dr. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, is taking the lead towards inclusion of LGBTQIA + Community within the Supreme Court. Nine Universal Rest Rooms are being created at different locations in the main building as well as the additional building complex of the Supreme Court. Online Appearance Portal launched earlier this year is also made Gender neutral. Dr Menaka Guruswamy has been inducted as a member of Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC).

A proposal for broadening of the scope of the Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee to Gender and Sexuality Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee, as requested by an advocate from the community, is also under active consideration. Suitable amendments in regulations keeping pace with the changing times and evolving needs of the society and the institution are being envisaged.

These landmark initiatives to revisit the modes of organizational and spatial developments are aimed at sensitization towards and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Community to ensure a dignified work environment at the Apex Court.

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