**POLITY**

**SUPREME COURT**

**Why in News?**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Supreme Court of India on 28 January** at the Supreme Court auditorium in Delhi. He also launched citizen-centric information and technology initiatives that include Digital Supreme Court Reports (Digi SCR), Digital Courts 2.0 and a new website of the Supreme Court.

**What is Supreme Court?**

* The Supreme Court of India is the **apex judicial body** under the Constitution of India.
* **Article 124** of the Constitution states that “There shall be a Supreme Court of India.”.
* **Regulating Act of 1773**– Est. the Supreme Court of Judicature at Calcutta as a Court of Record, with full power & authority.
* **GoI Act 1935**– Federal Court of India with jurisdiction to solve disputes between provinces and federal states and hear appeal against Judgements from HCs.
* Integrated judicial system adopted from the GoI Act of 1935.
* The Supreme Court came into existence on **26 January 1950** with the coming into force of the Constitution.
* The Supreme Court initially functioned from the old Parliament House till it moved to the present building located on Tilak Marg, New Delhi in 1958.
* On **28 January 1950,** two days after India became a Sovereign Democratic Republic, the Supreme Court was inaugurated.
* The inauguration took place in the Chamber of Princes in the old Parliament building where the Federal Court of India sat for 12 years from 1937 to 1950.
* The first Chief Justice of India, **Harilal J. Kania**
* After its inauguration on 28 January 1950, the Supreme Court commenced its sittings in a part of the old Parliament House.
* The Court moved into a **new building in 1958.**
* The original Constitution of 1950 envisaged a Supreme Court with a Chief Justice and 7 puisne Judges – leaving it to **Parliament to increase this number.**
* The proceedings of the Supreme Court are conducted in **English**. The practice and procedure of working of the Registry on the judicial side is regulated by the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 and Handbook on Practice and Procedure and Office Procedure**.**