CJI Surya Kant Inaugurates Bihar's First Victim Rights Centre in Patna

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant inaugurated Bihar's first Victim Rights Centre, a transgender helpline, and mobile justice units in Patna.

A single-window support system designed to provide comprehensive legal aid, rehabilitation, and assistance directly to crime victims and vulnerable groups.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Chief Justice of India Justice **Surya Kant** inaugurated the first **Victim Rights Centre** (VRC) in Bihar on **September 26, 2026**.
- The centre was established at the **Bihar State Legal Services Authority** (BSLSA) campus in **Patna**.
- Along with the VRC, a dedicated **transgender helpline** and mobile units were flagged off to deliver justice directly to vulnerable citizens.
- The Victim Rights Centre will function as a **single-window mechanism** for victims of various crimes.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 39A of the Indian Constitution directs the State to provide free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of society.

Article 39A was inserted into the Constitution of India by the **42nd Amendment Act of 1976**.

The **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** was enacted to give statutory force to the legal aid programs across India.

The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 officially came into force across the country on **November 9, 1995**.

The **National Legal Services Authority** (NALSA) is headed by the Chief Justice of India as the Patron-in-Chief.

The **State Legal Services Authority** (SLSA) in each state is headed by the Chief Justice of the respective High Court.

The **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act** was enacted by the Parliament in the year **2019** to protect transgender rights.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Bihar's first Victim Rights Centre and transgender helpline were inaugurated by CJI Surya Kant in Patna in September 2026.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for Polity (Judiciary, Legal Aid, Article 39A) and Social Welfare initiatives.

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