Madras HC takes up PIL to remove caste names from TN streets

The Madras High Court initiated a suo motu PIL seeking a status report on removing caste appellations from street and locality names across Tamil Nadu.

A judicial proceeding enforcing earlier court orders and state policies to remove caste-based suffixes from public streets, roads, and localities.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Madras High Court** initiated a suo motu **Public Interest Litigation** (PIL) petition to enforce the removal of caste appellations from names of streets and localities.
- A First Division Bench comprising Chief Justice **Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari** and Justice **G. Arul Murugan** reviewed the progress.
- The court directed state authorities to submit a detailed status report within **four weeks**.
- The status report must outline caste names removed so far and those that are yet to be removed across **Tamil Nadu**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Tamil Nadu Government issued a landmark order in **1978** during Chief Minister **M.G. Ramachandran**'s tenure to remove caste suffixes from street names and public records.

The **Self-Respect Movement** founded by **Periyar E.V. Ramasamy** in **1925** campaigned heavily against using caste surnames and titles.

Article 17 of the Constitution of India abolishes 'Untouchability' and prohibits its practice in any form.

Article 18 of the Indian Constitution abolishes titles, barring the State from conferring non-military or non-academic titles.

Under **Article 226** of the Constitution, High Courts possess the power to issue writs and entertain Public Interest Litigations.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Madras HC initiated a suo motu PIL for a status report on removing caste names from Tamil Nadu streets.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 8 (Social Reforms in TN) and Unit 5 (Indian Polity & Judiciary).

Free School Books
Read and study school textbooks for free on the Essaar Academy platform.
School Books: essaaracademy.in/school-books