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Recently, the Supreme Court (SC) has held that the independence of the district judiciary is part of the basic structure of the Constitution.



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### Why independence of the district judiciary is necessary?

- Without **impartial and independent judges** in the district judiciary, justice, a preambular goal, would remain illusory.
- The district judiciary is also the court that is **most accessible to the litigant**.

### What did the supreme court say?

- The independence of the district judiciary must also be equally a part of the **[basic structure](#) of the Constitution**.
- The judgment gave a series of **directions to amend the service rules** of the district judiciary and for payment of arrears of **pension, additional pension, gratuity and other retiral benefits**.
- The directions were based on the recommendations of the court-appointed **Second National Judicial Pay Commission** headed by Justice P.V. Reddi.
- The judgment records the important role played by the district judiciary in the justice administration system by recording the submissions made by its **[amicus curiae](#)**.