# Supreme Court gives India a private life

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A nine-judge [Supreme Court](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/topic/Supreme-Court) bench headed by CJI J S Khehar — which included Justices J Chelameswar, S A Bobde, R K Agrawal, R F Nariman, A M Sapre, D Y [Chandrachud](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/topic/Chandrachud), Sanjay K Kaul and S Abdul Nazeer unanimously passed a historic judgement stating that privacy is a [fundamental right](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/topic/fundamental-right), protected as an intrinsic part of the right to life and personal liberty and as part of the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. The unanimous verdict was, "Right to privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and as part of the freedoms guaranteed by Part III." With this ruling, the Constitution bench set the stage for a three-judge bench to decide the validity of Aadhaar, challenged by 21 petitions led by retired HC judge K S Puttaswamy, by scrutinising whether collection of biometric data and linking it with various activities of citizens violated their right to privacy.

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# You Let Panchkula Burn: Punjab & Haryana HC Tells Khattar Govt

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court questioned the Haryana government on its failure to control the violence that followed the CBI court’s verdict criminalising self-styled godman Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan in a rape case in Panchkula. The court hit out at the government saying “You let Panchkula burn for political benefits”. The court also questioned Additional Solicitor General Satya Pal, who was representing Centre, on why the BJP government was treating Punjab and Haryana like “step children”, reported NDTV.

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**India Facing Severe Underemployment: NITI Aayog**

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As a solution to the current unemployment in India, the government's think-tank NITI Aayog plans to implement highly productive and well-paid jobs, after realizing that "severe underemployment" and not unemployment is the main problem facing the country. NITI Aayog in its three-year action plan released last week has said that a focus on the domestic market through an import-substitution strategy would give rise to a group of relatively small firms behind a high wall of protection. “Indeed, unemployment is the lesser of India's problems. The more serious problem, instead, is severe underemployment," the report "Three-Year Action Agenda for 2017-18 to 2019-20" said. "What is needed is the creation of high-productivity, high-wage jobs," it said.

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# Triple talaq petitioner Ishrat Jahan faces social boycott, character assassination

# [Zeeshan Javed](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/toireporter/author-Zeeshan-Javed-479241657.cms) , *the Quint*, August 25 2017

Ishrat Jahan, the reason behind the historic judgment against instant triple talaq, has been receiving end of a smear campaign, insinuations and character assassination in her own neighbourhood after the Supreme Court declared instant triple talaq unconstitutional.
"Ever since the Supreme Court verdict has come in it has opened floodgates of expletives, insulting remarks and comments targeted at my character assassination from my neighbours and in-laws. I have to hear words like gandi aurat (bad woman), enemy of men and unislamic. Many neighbours have even stopped speaking to me” she said. But Jahan also believes that the change has to come in the attitude of the people. “The change has to come from within the community. When people decide that they are going to help a vulnerable and helpless woman instead of her character assassination, no woman will suffer my fate” she said. Even Ishrat's lawyer [Nazia Ilahi Khan](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/topic/Nazia-Ilahi-Khan) is being trolled online for fighting the case successfully.

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