



— Romeo-Juliet Law —

- Consensual sex between boys and girls below the age of 18 can be legalized in the country. A public interest litigation has been filed in this regard in the apex court.
- The Supreme Court has sought an answer from the Central Government regarding this matter. In such a situation, there is a question whether the Romeo-Juliet law can be implemented in the country.





- The petition claimed that lakhs of girls below 18 years of age and boys above 18 years of age engage in consensual sex, but one boy is statutorily arrested.
- If the girl becomes pregnant then rape happens. His parents lodge a complaint with the police.





What is Romeo-Juliet law?

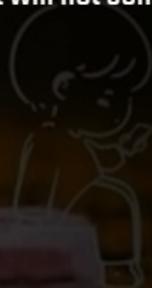
- Romeo-Juliet laws provide some degree of protection to perpetrators of statutory rape laws where the minor has consented to the sexual relationship, and where the age difference between the minor and the alleged perpetrator is small.
- India currently criminalises this type of relationship, which means that any sex between two underage people, or between an older partner and an underage person, would be considered statutory rape.
- In simple words, if there is mutual consent between those having sex and there is not much age difference between boy and girl, then in such a situation it will not be considered sexual abuse.





POCSO Act, 2012?

- This act (law) was made by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in the year 2012 in the name of the POCSO Act-2012.
- Through this law, action is taken in cases of sexual offences and molestation like sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and pornography against minor children.
- Under this law, different punishments have been prescribed for different crimes.
- Under Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code, having sex with a girl below 16 years of age, even if it is consensual, is a misdemeanour.
- Presently Indian law? - According to the present law in India, the consent of a child below the age of 18 years is no ground.
- If the age of a boy is not more than four years with a minor girl, and they make a relationship with mutual consent, then it will not come under the category of crime.





FIFA Women's Football World Cup 2023

- Recently the FIFA Women's Football World Cup has got a new champion. Spain won the Women's World Cup title for the first time, defeating England 1-0 in the final.
- The 9th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup was held from 20 July to 20 August.





- The 2023 event marked the first time that Oceania hosted the tournament. The first edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup, held in 1991, was hosted by China, where the United States won the gold medal, defeating Norway 2-1 in the final.
- The United States and Germany are the only countries to have won the Women's World Cup title more than once.
- Whereas, Norway and Japan have won the trophy once each.





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