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## First National Conference on Intersex Human Rights

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### Why in News

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Recently, the **first national conference on intersex human rights** was organised by **Srishti Madurai** in partnership with **Intersex Asia** in **New Delhi**.

- The conference sought a **national ban on unnecessary medical surgeries conducted on children with intersex traits** and appealed to the Union government to protect their human rights.
- This demand follows **Tamil Nadu's ban on normative surgeries on infants and children, except** in life-threatening situations in **August 2019**.
- If the ban will be adopted nationally, **India will become the third country** to protect the rights of intersex children after **Malta and Taiwan**.

### Key Points

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- The term intersex is often confused with transgender but the two in-fact have very different meanings.
  - **Transgender:** Individuals who identify as transgender or transexual have a gender that is different from the one traditionally associated with the sex they were assigned at birth.
  - **Intersex:** It refers to people born with biological or physical characteristics that are more diverse than stereotypical male or female bodies.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** and the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** have called upon the Member States to end invasive and irreversible medical surgeries and other medical treatment on intersex children.

### Srishti Madurai

- It is India's **first Genderqueer and Intersex led human rights movement** and was established in September 2011 in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

- It aims to create a space for Genderqueer, Intersex and LGBTQA+ Indians in the public discourse.

### **Intersex Asia**

- It is an **autonomous regional network of intersex-led organizations and individuals from Asian countries** that work to support, educate and advocate for the rights and lives of intersex individuals and raise awareness on human rights violations and discrimination faced by intersex communities.
- It was established in **February 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand.**

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