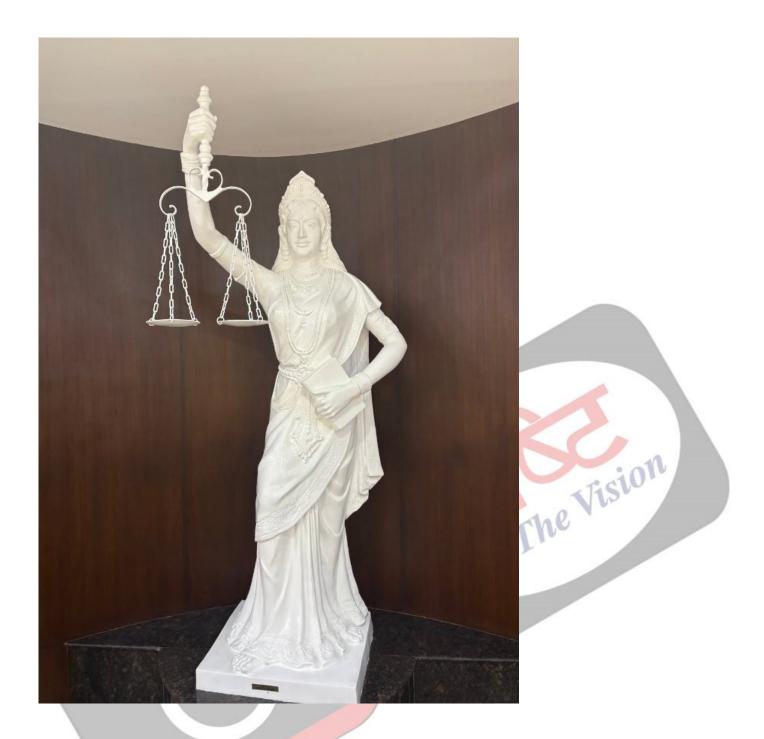


Supreme Court Unveils New Justice Statute

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Recently, the **Lady Justice statue was** unveiled at the **Supreme Court**, on the directions of **the Chief Justice of India.**

- The statue was without the blindfold, and with the <u>Constitution</u> held in place of the sword, signifying that the law in India is both informed and not driven by retribution.
- About Lady Justice:
 - Lady Justice is an allegorical figure representing the moral authority within judicial systems.
 - It is often depicted alongside Prudentia, another allegorical figure representing wisdom and prudence.
 - Traditional Depiction:
 - Traditionally, the blindfold symbolised equality before the law, implying that
 justice should be delivered impartially, without being swayed by the wealth,
 power, or status of the parties involved.
 - The sword historically represented the authority of the law and its power to punish wrongdoing.
 - New Depiction:
 - The new statue, dressed in a saree instead of Lady Justice's robe, reflects a
 departure from colonial influences like replacing colonial-era laws like
 the IPC and CrPC.
 - Despite the changes, the scales of justice in Lady Justice's right hand have been retained, representing societal balance and the importance of carefully weighing facts and arguments from both sides before reaching a verdict.



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