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Examine the scope of Fundamental Rights in the light of the latest judgement of the Supreme Court on Right to Privacy. (250 words).

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Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017)

Nine-judge Bench, 24 August 2017: privacy is a fundamental right intrinsic to life and liberty.

M.P. Sharma (1954) and Kharak Singh (1962)

Earlier observations denying a constitutional right to privacy were overruled on that point.

Three facets of privacy

Spatial privacy, informational privacy, and decisional autonomy, as distilled in the opinions.

Proportionality

A restriction needs a valid law, a legitimate aim, and a necessary and balanced means.

Article 21 cluster

Privacy is located primarily in life and personal liberty, read with equality and the freedoms in [Article 19](#).

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