



New anti-cow slaughter bill of Karnataka.

Context:

The government in Karnataka passed the Karnataka **Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill (2020)** in the Assembly

Historical background:

- This Bill is the revised version of 2010 Law.
- The Government in 2013 again reverted to the less-stringent Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Preservation of Animals Act, 1964, that allowed cow slaughter with certain restrictions.

Terms defined in the Bill:

‘Beef’: The flesh of cattle in any form,

‘Cattle’ : Cow, calf of a cow and bull, bullock, and he or she buffalo below the age of thirteen years.

‘Gaushalas’: Shelters for the protection and preservation of cattle registered with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries

Surveillance authority

Police officers of sub-inspector rank and above or a competent authority, have the power to search premises and seize cattle and materials used or intended to use to commit the offence. Such seizures, if any, will then be reported before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate without delay.

Penalties:

- Imprisonment Of three to seven years .
- Penalty between Rs 50,000 and Rs 5 lakh for the first offence,
- Penalties ranging between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 10 lakh for second and subsequent offences.

PM WANI

(Prime Minister **Wi-Fi Access Network Interface**)

PM WANI aims to bring large-scale deployment of Wi-Fi hotspots throughout the country to boost connectivity options and improve digital access among the people.

These would be provided through Public Data Offices(it can be any kirana shop or paan shop even)

OBJECTIVE

- To ensure seamless internet connectivity.
- Strengthen Digital India

France's draft law

context:

After a series of terror attacks in recent years, the French cabinet presented a draft law that targets "radical Islamism". although the word "Islamist" is not part of the text.

What will be the outcome?

- As soon as the law will come into force, French mosques could see increased surveillance of their activities.
- The government would supervise the training of imams, and have greater powers to shut down places of worship who are receiving public subsidies, if they go against republican principles.
- There is already a ban in France on state employees displaying religious symbols that are "conspicuous", such as the crucifix or hijab.

Now this ban would be extended beyond government bodies to any sub-contracted public service as well

Important facts for Prelims

Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi scheme launched in Andhra Pradesh

Chief minister of Andhra Pradesh Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched Jaganna Jeeva Kranthi scheme on december 10.under it 2.49 lakh sheep & goat will be distributed to women belonging to the Backward Classes, the Scheduled Castes (SCs), and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the age group of 45-60 years .It will provide more business opportunities & bring self reliance among them.

Hanukkah

Hanukkah which is also known as Feast of Dedication is a eight day festival.its celebration has started from december 10. It is celebrated for commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire.

Koilwar Dam was inaugurated in Bihar

Union minister of Road,Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari has virtually inaugurated Koilwar Dam in Bihar on Son river.The bridge will prove to be a key place to facilitate traffic in between the districts of South and Central Bihar . This bridge will make the transportation of construction materials from the sone river very convinient.

World's first satellite based narrowband IoT network launched by BSNL

BSNL launched a satellite-based internet of things (IoT) device service that can be used all over the country where mobile towers are not present. This service has been launched in partnership with US-based firm Skylo.

HelpAge India presented the UN Population Award for 2020

HelpAge India has been presented the UN Population Award for 2020 (institutional category). This award was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The United Nations Population Award recognises contributions in the fields of population and reproductive health. For the first time in the history of the UN Population Award, the honour is being conferred on an Indian institution.