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### Maharashtra State News

#### Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar



#### Context:

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar in **Udgir, Latur district of Maharashtra**.

#### About the Buddha Statue:

- A grand statue of Lord Buddha, weighing 520 kilograms and standing **10.5 feet tall**, was installed at the **Buddha Vihar**.
- The Buddha Vihar, which spans **1.15 hectares**, has a seating capacity for 1,200 people.
- Its entry gate is inspired by the design of the famous **Sanchi Stupa gate located in Madhya Pradesh**.
- Officials highlighted that this Buddha Vihar is modeled after a similar structure in **Kalaburagi, Karnataka**.

#### Call for Anti-Rape Bill in Maharashtra

#### Context:

- Sharad Pawar, the president of NCP (SP), has proposed replicating a bill passed by the West Bengal Assembly in Maharashtra, which seeks capital punishment for rape convicts.

#### About:

- West Bengal passed the **Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (2024)**, advocating capital punishment for rape convicts whose actions lead to the victim's death or vegetative state.

#### Key features include:

- Death Penalty:** Convicted rapists who result in the death or permanent vegetative state of the victim could face the death penalty.
- Life Imprisonment:** For other rape and gang rape cases, life imprisonment without parole is proposed.
- Repeat Offenders:** Repeat offenders could also face life imprisonment or the death penalty.
- Special Task Force:** A district-level task force will be established to investigate rape and sexual offenses.



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|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Speedy Investigations:</b> Investigations must be completed within 21 days, with possible extensions.</li><li>● <b>Specialized Courts:</b> 52 special courts will be set up to handle rape and sexual offense cases efficiently.</li><li>● <b>Privacy Protections:</b> Penalties are introduced for unauthorized printing or publishing of court proceedings related to rape cases.</li><li>● <b>Victim-Centered Approach:</b> The bill aims to minimize trauma for victims and their families through swift justice and sensitive handling of cases.</li><li>● <b>Safety Measures:</b> The bill includes provisions for increased CCTV surveillance and security for women, especially those working night shifts.</li></ul>  |
| Tungareshwar Wildlife sanctuary | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) has approved a proposal to regularise an ashram situated on forest land within the Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary.</li><li>● Despite earlier recommendations for its removal, the ashram, owned by Shri Balayogi Sadanand Maharaj Ashram Trust, is now on track for regularisation.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tungareshwar wildlife sanctuary also known as Tungareshwar National Park is located on a <b>plateau east of Vasai and Virar in Palghar district, north of Mumbai in the Indian state Maharashtra.</b></li><li>● The sanctuary is over <b>85 km<sup>2</sup></b> and forms a corridor between <b>Sanjay Gandhi National Park and Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary.</b></li><li>● Tungareshwar was declared a wildlife sanctuary in <b>2003.</b></li></ul> |



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