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## National and International News

**Aparajita Women and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024**

**Context:**

- The West Bengal Assembly passed the **Aparajita Women and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024** aiming to enhance the safety of women and children.
- The Bill will be effective starting **September 5, 2024**.

**Key Elements of the Bill:**

The Bill introduces harsher penalties for crimes such as:

- Provision of the **death penalty for five offences** — rape, rape by a police officer or public servant, rape causing death or sending victim to persistent vegetative state, gang rape, and being a repeat offender.
- A key provision of the Bill mandates the completion of investigations in rape cases within **21 days of the report being filed**.

**Establishment of Fast-Track Courts:**

- **Special Courts:** To expedite the delivery of justice, the Bill mandates the **establishment of fast-track courts to exclusively handle cases of sexual violence**.

**Aparajita Task Force:**

- **Specialised Task Force:** The Bill calls for a **district-level Aparajita Task Force**, headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police, to investigate cases related to women and children's safety.

**Protection of Victims' Identities:**



Brunei



- **Privacy Measures:** Provisions in the Bill ensure the protection of victims' identities throughout the legal process, safeguarding their dignity and privacy.

Context:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in **Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, for an official visit.**
- The visit was at the invitation of His Majesty **Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.**
- Brunei holds an important place in India's '**Act East Policy and its broader Indo-Pacific Vision.**

Significance of the Visit:

- This is the first time an **Indian Prime Minister is making a bilateral visit to Brunei.**
- The visit is significant as it aligns with the **40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Brunei.**

About:

- **Location:** Northern coast of Borneo, Southeast Asia
- **Capital:** Bandar Seri Begawan
- **Borders:** Surrounded by Malaysia (Sarawak) and the South China Sea.
- **Area:** 5,765 sq km (2,226 sq mi)
- **Coastline:** 161 km along the South China Sea
- **Major Districts:** Brunei-Muara, Belait, Tutong, and Temburong.

**AgriSURE Fund****Context:**

- Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture, launched the AgriSURE Fund in New Delhi on 3rd September 2024.

**About:**

- AgriSURE is an innovative initiative designed to support agricultural and rural start-ups through technology-driven, high-risk, high-impact ventures.
- The fund is a pioneering step aimed at revolutionizing India's agricultural sector, focusing on start-up growth and fostering innovation.

**Fund Structure:**

- The AgriSURE Fund is a blended capital fund worth **₹750 crore**.
- Contributions include **₹250 crore each from the Government of India and NABARD**, with the remaining ₹250 crore mobilized from banks, insurance companies, and private investors.
- The fund is registered under **SEBI's Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)**, aimed at driving investments in agriculture and rural enterprises.

**Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari****Context:**

- PM Narendra Modi to launch "**Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari**" on 6th September 2024 in Surat, Gujarat.

**Key points:**

- **Aim:** to promote community participation in water conservation as part of the **Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain** campaign.

**Jal Shakti Abhiyan:**

- Launched in **2019** in 1,592 blocks across 256 water-stressed districts in India.
- Initially suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Revival through "**Catch the Rain**":

- In 2021, PM Modi introduced "**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain**" with the theme "**Catch the Rain – Where it Falls, When it Falls.**"
- The campaign now covers all blocks in both rural and urban areas nationwide, becoming an annual event.
- The fifth edition of the campaign was launched on 9th March 2024, with the theme "**Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti.**"



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### 33% Quota for Women in Police Force

#### Context:

- The Rajasthan government, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has approved 33% reservation for women in the State police force.

#### Key points:

- This decision will be implemented by amending the State Police Subordinate Service Rules of 1989.
- Many states have taken steps to implement the 33% reservation policy. For instance, states like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana have officially adopted this target.
- However, the actual representation of women in these states remains significantly below the target, with many states reporting figures closer to 10-20% as of recent data.

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