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Assam's new cattle Bill

A new Bill to protect cattle tabled in the Assam Legislative Assembly on Monday by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma bars sale and purchase of beef or beef products in areas “predominantly inhabited by Hindu, Jain, Sikh and other non beef-eating communities”, or “within a radius of 5 km” of any temple or sattrā (Vaishnavite monasteries).

UP population draft bill proposes two-child policy, stringent measures for violators

The UP State Law Commission (UPSLC) website says, “The State Law Commission, UP is working on control, stabilisation and welfare of the population of the state and has prepared a draft bill.”

Public suggestions have been invited to improve the draft bill and July 19 is the last date for it.

Anyone violating two-child policy in Uttar Pradesh will be barred from contesting local bodies polls, from applying for or getting promotion in government jobs, and receiving any kind of government subsidy.

These are some of the proposals mentioned under the draft titled The Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization and Welfare) Bill, 2021.

Lakshadweep administration justifies dairy farms closure, non-veg off midday meals

The Lakshadweep administration urged the Kerala High Court to lift interim stay orders against a few controversial decisions of the Union Territory administration under Praful K Patel.

The UT administration stated this in a counter-affidavit, filed against the June 22 order of a division bench of Chief Justice S Manikumar and Shaji P Chaly, which had stayed the administration's decisions.

The UT's decisions were regarding closure of two dairy farms, and a change in menu of midday meals for Lakshadweep schools.

The administration justified the decision to increase shipping operations between Lakshadweep and Mangaluru, stating that the port is closer to several Lakshadweep islands, compared to Beypore in Kerala.

The counter-affidavit of the administration, filed by senior Central government standing counsel S Manu, stated after a detailed analysis it was felt imprudent to continue the functioning of the dairy farms, as they cause losses amounting to more than Rs 90 lakh per year for the administration.

It said there are only 34 animals each at Kavaratti and Minicoy, with average daily milk production of 170 litres. “The total loss of the two dairy farms during 2019-20 was Rs 94,87,984 (Rs 94.8 lakh). During 2020-21, the loss was Rs 92,58,184 (Rs 92.5 lakh). The dairy farms together cater to the needs of only 300 to 400 people among more than 20,000 population of the two islands — that, too, in a limited manner,” the affidavit stated.

UEFA Euro 2020 Final

Italy won the European Championship for the first time since 1968 as Gianluigi Donnarumma saved two England penalties en route to a 3-2 shootout win after the teams had fought out a 1-1 extra-time draw at a raucous Wembley.

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