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NATIONWIDE CENSUS OF WATER BODIES

- In order to protect the country's water resources, identify drought-prone areas and formulate future water-management plans, the Central Jal Shakti Department collected data for a census of water bodies during 2017–18 and released the report in 2023.
- According to the report, Maharashtra ranked first in the country in terms of the number of water bodies.
- In Mizoram, the number of water bodies recorded a sharp decline of about 63%.
- In Arunachal Pradesh, the number of water bodies declined by about 50%.
- » Status of Tamil Nadu
- In Tamil Nadu, the number of water bodies increased from 1,06,957 in the previous census to 1,10,228 in the latest census.

Water Resource Status of Tamil Nadu		
Total water bodies	1,10,228	
Water bodies in use	92,875	84.26%
Water bodies not in use	17,353	15.74%

GUJARAT UNIFORM CIVIL CODE BILL

- » Important Provisions
- All marriages taking place in Gujarat must be compulsorily registered within 60 days. Failure to register the marriage may attract a fine of up to Rs.10,000. A person is prohibited from entering into a second marriage while his or her spouse is still alive.
- Common rules have been introduced for people of all religions in matters relating to divorce. Live-in Relationships : Couples living together without marriage in a live-in relationship must officially register the relationship within 30 days. They must also formally notify the authorities when the relationship is terminated.
- If false information is provided regarding a live-in relationship, punishment may include : Imprisonment of up to three months, or A fine of up to Rs.25,000.
- Children born out of such live-in relationships will receive full legal recognition and legal rights.
- Equal Property and Inheritance Rights : Daughters have been granted equal legal rights with sons in matters relating to family property and inheritance.