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Supreme Court collegium should have government representatives

Collegium

- Collegium nomination system is used for appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges
- A collegium is an arbitrary body consisting of a panel of judges

Selection of judges

- Through this collegium, recommendations for selection and transfer of judges will be sent to the central government.
- Based on the recommendation of the Collegium, the Union Law Ministry will issue the notification with the assent of the President
- The Central Government also has the right to reject the recommendations of the collegium

Allegation

- There has been an allegation that the judges were not properly selected by the collegium and that the reservation of seats was not followed in the collegium system

NJAC

- Against this, the Central Government brought the National Judicial Appointments Commission in 2015
- Supreme Court ordered to cancel it

Letter

- In a letter to Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Minister Kiran Rijju said that Central Government representatives should sit in the Supreme Court and State Government representatives in the High Court.
- If there is to be transparency in the appointment of judges, it is necessary to have government representatives in the collegium
- So the Supreme Court should do the work for that

Vallalar Biodiversity Conservancy project to protect helpless animals

Introduction

- On the occasion of Vallalar's 200th birth year, Chief Minister Stalin launched the Rs 20 crore "Vallalar Biodiversity Sanctuary" project to protect helpless animals.

Vallalar Biodiversity Sanctuary

- On the occasion of the 200th birth anniversary of Vallalar, the biodiverse man who said that whenever he saw a withered crop, he withered, a new project called Vallalar Biodiversity Reserves will be launched to help non-governmental organizations and service organizations that care for helpless, abandoned and injured domestic animals.

- Inauguration of “Vallalar Biodiversity Reserves” project by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries, Fishermen Welfare.
- Under this scheme, Nilgiris-based India Project for Animal Fund Nature provides food, medical facilities and shelter for animals.
- A fund of Rs 2.14 crore has been allocated for Animal Care Trust of Chennai, Madras Animal Rescue Society, Prithvi Animal Welfare Society, Bairava Foundation.
- The chief minister distributed checks for Rs 88 lakhs to these foundations as the first installment.

Uses

- This amount will be spent on purchasing medical ambulances for animals, building shelters for helpless, abandoned, injured and stray animals, neutering surgery to control breeding and vaccination against rabies.

Let's keep the rivers clean

First National Conference

- The first National Conference of State Water Resources Ministers was recently held in Bhopal under the auspices of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Rivers and water bodies play an important role in the water environment of the country
- It is important to ensure that they are not spoiled by waste
- The state governments can take forward projects to protect rivers like the National Mission for Clean Ganga.

Importance of river

- Rivers have been the cradles of human civilization
- Various civilizations of the world including Mohenjo Daro and Harappa emerged on the banks of the river
- Rivers are the foundation for the origin of mankind and the development of civilization
- Rivers fulfill the water needs of not only the essential needs of mankind such as agriculture and drinking water, but also the water needs of all living things, starting from wild animals to livestock raised by humans.

River pollution

- It is distressing that the venerable rivers, which are the source of soil fertility and protection of humanity, are rapidly getting polluted.
- With rivers becoming polluted, environmental protection is facing increasing risks.

Reason

- The primary cause of river pollution is sewage generated by the growing population in residential areas and untreated effluents from industrial development.

Clean Ganga

- The “Clean Ganga” program launched by the central government in 2014 with an allocation of nearly Rs 30,000 crore to clean the river Ganga has yet to make the entire Ganga clean.

Excessive pollution

- Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh states are the most polluting states by mixing sewage into rivers.
- Next to these are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala and the list of states that pollute rivers continues.
- This includes construction of wastewater treatment plants that treats 2745 million liters of waste water in 80 cities on the banks of 36 rivers in 16 states at a cost of Rs 6248.16 crore.

Diseases

- People's health is also greatly affected due to pollution of rivers
- People who use polluted water suffer from various diseases like typhoid, jaundice, kidney damage, skin diseases
- Also the cattle that drinks contaminated river water gets sick
- Pollution of rivers leads to pollution of ground water in riparian areas, making it unfit for agriculture and drinking.
- Marine life is affected as polluted river water enters the sea
- The fish stock in the sea has decreased and the livelihood of lakhs of fishermen has become questionable.

Awareness

- It is necessary to create awareness among people to prevent pollution of rivers
- And the government should take strict action against those who pollute the rivers
- Rivers are one of the natural resources we have to leave to future generations
- It is our duty to realize this and protect them from pollution.

Monetary inflation**Increase in interest rate**

- ◆ As inflation rises, even the strongest economies are facing a severe crisis
- ◆ Central banks have been announcing interest rate hikes to control inflation
- ◆ Due to this increase in interest rate for all loans including home loans, personal loans, loans for industrial sectors, people from all walks of life are affected
- ◆ The Office for National Statistics released data on inflation and industrial production in the economy
- ◆ According to these figures, retail inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index has declined in India
- ◆ Headline inflation eased to 22-month low of 4.95% in December 2022
- ◆ Inflation continues to be a concern
- ◆ Inflation has risen in clothing and footwear, household goods and services, education, health and personal care
- ◆ Analysts however say that a continued decline in input costs and healthy demand for services will keep core inflation under control

