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Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024

West Bengal Assembly passed the **Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024**.

The bill passed by the Mamata Banerjee government, proposes stringent punishments, including the death penalty, for convicted rapists, especially in cases where the crime results in the victim's death or leaves them in a vegetative state.



The bill, which seeks amendments to relevant provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act 2012 (POCSO), will apply to survivors/victims of all ages.

Those convicted of severe crimes could face death penalty or life imprisonment without possibility of parole. It also includes provisions for harsher sentences for repeat offenders, who could be sentenced to life imprisonment or even death.

The bill provides quicker investigations, with a new three-week deadline for cases to be completed, a significant reduction from the current two-month period. However, an extension of up to 15 days could be granted under specific conditions.

Additionally, the bill aims to establish a special task force called the "**Aparajita Task Force**" at the district level, led by a deputy superintendent of police. This task force would focus on handling these serious cases with the necessary resources and expertise to reduce the trauma for victims and their families. Special courts will also be set up to try these cases, and publishing any details about court proceedings without permission could result in imprisonment for up to five years, along with a fine.

The bill, which will be introduced by State Law Minister Shri Moley Ghatak, is expected to be discussed in the state assembly soon.

The Bill will come into force when the President signs it.

World Bank ups India growth forecast to 7% for Financial Year 2025

The World Bank on September 3 raised the growth forecast for the Indian economy to 7% for the current fiscal year on the back of recovery in agricultural sector and rural demand. World Bank had projected India to grow at 6.6% for Financial Year 2024. According to the World Bank Report released on September 3, India's growth continues to be strong despite a challenging global environment.

Bangladesh win historic series vs Pakistan.

The Bangladesh cricket team created history in Rawalpindi as they beat Pakistan in the second Test by six wickets and won the two-match Test series 2-0. It was a historic series win for Bangladesh. This was Bangladesh's first Test series win against Pakistan.

The Paris Paralympics 2024

Sharad Kumar and Mariyappan Thangavelu won silver and bronze in the men's high jump T63 event on September 3.

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On the other hand, Ajeet Singh won a silver medal while Sundar Singh Gurjar grabbed a bronze in the men's javelin F46 event. Deepthi Jeevanji bagged a bronze in women's 400m T20 event.



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