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Conservation of Dugong

Dugong Habitat

- These organisms are called marine cows because they feed on marine plants, especially seaweeds, and have facial features similar to those cows found on land.
- In English they are known as dugong. It is also known as Auli, Auliya, this animal is the state animal of Andaman and Nicobar.
- They live in a variety of habitats, including areas full of seagrass beds, driftwood forests formed by ocean currents, and areas adjacent to islands.
- Being unique among marine mammals. Their numbers are decreasing.
- They are found in specific marine areas of more than 30 countries such as Africa, Australia, Philippines, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, and India.
- As far as India is concerned, these organisms were widely found in all the coastal areas in the earlier period, today they are found in Palk Strait, Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Mannar and in certain marine regions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Australian coastlines have the highest number of dugong in the world. Especially found in the coral reefs of The Great Barrier Reef.
- They have poor eyesight and communicate with each other through sound and touch. It has a slow swimming nature.
- A well-grown dugong is about 3-4 m long and weighs 350-400 kg.
- It consumes about 40-50 kg of seaweed per day.
- Capable of swimming at a speed of 10-15 kmph. Researchers say that dugongs normally swim at the surface of the ocean.
- In order to protect seaweeds and their habitats in Tamil Nadu, for the first time in the country, the Tamil Nadu government has ordered the establishment of Dugong Conservation Reserve for an area of about 448 sq. km.

Mobile e-Service Kendra introduced for the first time

- A mobile e-Seva Kendra service center with computerized facilities has been launched in Kerala for the first time in the country to cater to court related public services.

Simple method

- It was informed that mobile e-service Kendra should be started in all High Courts in the country and any district court in the state.
- In addition to the presence of mobile courts, a mobile e-service Kendra vehicle was recently launched in Idukki district of Kerala to provide one-stop access to all court related assistance and services.

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- Litigants can register the case through email and lawyers can know the details of already pending cases.
- This mobile e-service center also enables advocates to obtain copies of judgments and orders in cases.
- Through this one can know about the status of the case and the date of the next hearing.
- This includes ensuring that e-signatures are affixed, uploaded, and filed number is issued in case related pleadings.