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### Maharashtra State News

<p><b>Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aiming to revolutionise road safety, the <b>Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)</b> was launched on the <b>Mumbai-Pune Expressway</b> on the entire stretch.</li></ul> <p><b>About ITMS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Purpose:</b> Designed to <b>monitor and regulate traffic violations in real-time.</b></li><li>• <b>System Setup:</b> An <b>external agency collects data on traffic violators</b>, which is then evaluated by transport assistant inspectors.</li><li>• <b>ITMS Installation:</b> <b>First expressway in Maharashtra equipped with AI cameras for ITMS</b>; covers the entire <b>94-km stretch from Kalamboli to Kiwale.</b></li><li>• <b>AI Cameras:</b> Installed every 10 km, identifying 11 types of traffic violations.</li></ul>
<p><b>Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil, and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Maharashtra Police</b> is set to establish <b>anti-superstition cells</b> in every police station to enforce the state's anti-witchcraft law.</li></ul> <p><b>About the act:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Background:</b> The Act was originally <b>drafted by anti-superstition activist Narendra Dabholkar</b> in 2003 and was enacted in 2013 following his assassination.</li><li>• The <b>Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil, and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013</b> is a significant piece of legislation aimed at combating superstitious</li></ul>



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	<p>practices in Maharashtra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Purpose:</b> The Act aims to bring social awareness and create a safe environment by protecting people from exploitation through human sacrifice, black magic, and other inhuman practices.</li><li>● <b>Provisions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Prohibition:</b> It prohibits human sacrifice and other inhuman, evil, and aghori practices, as well as black magic.</li><li>○ <b>Vigilance Officers:</b> The Act provides for the appointment of vigilance officers to monitor and prevent such practices.</li><li>○ <b>Powers of Search and Seizure:</b> Authorities are empowered to search and seize materials related to these practices.</li></ul></li><li>● This legislation is a <b>crucial step towards eradicating harmful superstitions and protecting vulnerable individuals from exploitation.</b></li></ul>
<p><b>National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maharashtra has the highest 51% institutions with NAAC accreditation.</li></ul> <p><b>About NAAC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Establishment:</b> NAAC was established in 1994 as an autonomous institution under the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India.</li><li>● <b>Headquarters:</b> Located in Bengaluru, Karnataka.</li><li>● <b>Purpose:</b> To assess and accredit institutions of higher education in India to ensure quality and standardization.</li><li>● <b>Objective:</b> Enhance the quality of education through a combination of self-evaluation and external peer review.</li><li>● <b>Functions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Assess and accredit</b> universities and colleges.</li><li>○ <b>Encourage self-evaluation</b> and accountability in higher education institutions.</li><li>○ <b>Promote the culture of quality</b> in academic and administrative performance.</li></ul></li></ul>



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