Centre Government Guidelines

Why in News?

A Bill for regulating coaching centres was tabled in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly recently.

- **New coaching centre bill of Rajasthan - Aim –** It would ***curb the commercialization of coaching institutes*** and ensure that they operate within a framework prioritizing the well-being and success of students.
- It seeks to mandate *minimum quality standards, the registration of coaching centres, and psychological counselling for students.*

Central government's January 2024 guidelines	Rajasthan Bill's Key provisions
• Only students who are ***16 years of age*** or have completed secondary school examinations can be enrolled in coaching centres.	• It has no mention of the age criteria.
• It mandated biometric attendance through face recognition technology.	• The Bill has no such provision for attendance.
• Coaching centres shall abide by the orders issued by the state government regarding national holidays, local holidays as declared by the District Collector and festivals.	• Centres should try to customize leaves to coincide with festivals, it omits mention of national and local holidays.
• Coaching centres shall not discriminate against any applicant/ student on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, descent etc. during the admission and teaching process.	• No mention of such provision.
• Centres may also make special provisions to encourage greater representation of students from vulnerable communities, including female students and differently abled students. • The centre's building and surrounding premises should comply with the ***Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.***	• No mention of such provision.
• It regulated the coaching centres by proposing - A penalty of Rs.25,000 for the first violation of provisions and - Rs.1 lakh for a second violation, followed by cancellation of registration for subsequent violation(s).	• It sets the first fine at ***Rs.2 lakh and Rs.5 lakh*** for the second offence, followed by cancellation of the centre's registration.

Reference

[The Indian Express - Rajasthan’s new coaching centre bill]