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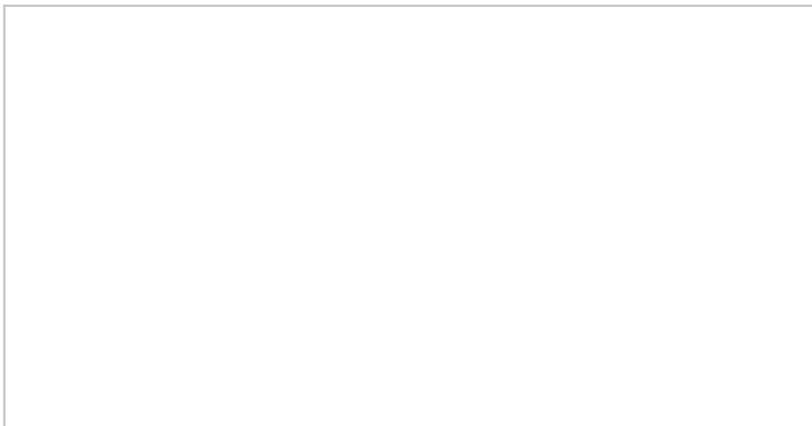
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Re-promulgation of Triple Talaq Ordinance

Recently the Union cabinet approved the promulgation of **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2019**, for the third time.

The First 'Climate Change Extinction'

- Recently the government of **Australia has officially declared the first known extinction of a mammal** as a result of human-induced climate change.



- The **rat-like Bramble Cay melomys**, whose only known habitat was a **tiny sand island in the Torres Strait**, near the coast of Papua New Guinea (PNG) has not been spotted in a decade.
- The key factor in its disappearance was the **dramatic habitat loss because of repeated ocean inundation of the cay**. A cay is a small, low-elevation, sandy island on the surface of a coral reef.
- The Melomys, considered the **Great Barrier Reef's** only endemic mammal species, **was first discovered on the cay in 1845** by Europeans who shot them for sport.

Continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin

- The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of **Phase-2 of the Pradhan**

Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), under which the government has set a target of constructing 1.95 crore houses by 2022.

- The PMAY-G in Phase-2 till 2019-20 will continue as per the existing norms of PMAY-G Phase-I, with a target of 60 lakh houses involving financial implication of Rs 76,500 crore shared between Centre and States.
- **Launched in 2016**, PMAY-G aims to fill the gaps in **rural housing programme by providing a pucca house, with basic amenities**, to all homeless householders and those households living in kutcha and dilapidated house, **by 2022**.