



Rajasthan Veterinary & Animal Science University (Jobner) Jaipur Bill-2023 passed

Why in News?

On July 20, 2023, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Jobner) Jaipur Bill-2023 by voice vote after discussion.

Key Points:

- Replying to a debate on the bill in the Assembly, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Lalchand Kataria said the bill has been brought with the intention of increasing the contribution of the agriculture and animal husbandry sector to the GDP.
- He said that the state's second Veterinary and Animal Sciences University is being opened in Jobner to save livestock and step forward in the field of veterinary medicine. With the establishment of the university, children from rural families will also get an opportunity to get an education equipped with the latest technology in veterinary and animal science.
- He said that Rajasthan will be the first state in the country to have two veterinary and animal science universities. The Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Bikaner will have 16 districts under its jurisdiction, while the new university to be set up in Jobner will have jurisdiction of 17 districts.
- The Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister said that there are 5 lakh 66 thousand livestock and 1 lakh 46 thousand poultry properties in the state. According to new data from the Government of India, the state ranks 1st in milk production.
- Earlier, the House rejected the proposal to circulate the bill for public opinion by voice vote.

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