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Assembly unanimously passes A.P. Disha Act

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Days after the rape and murder of the 26-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad, which sparked off national outrage, Andhra Pradesh became the first State to enact a law aimed at awarding capital punishment to the guilty in specified offences against women and to complete trial in such cases within 21 days of the crime.

The A.P. Assembly on Friday unanimously passed two Bills, Andhra Pradesh Disha Act - A.P. Special Courts for Specified Offences against Women and Children Act 2019, and A.P. Disha Act - Criminal Law (AP Amendment) Act 2019, to constitute special courts in every district for speedy trial of speci-

Dealing with an iron fist

- Setting up of special courts for specified offences against women and children
- Setting up of 'Women and Children Offenders Register' in electronic form
- Amendments to Indian Penal Code (1860); new sections added
- Section 354E to deal with cases relating to harassment of women, which includes abuse on social media platforms and making romantic

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overtures repeatedly.

- Section 354G to deal with aggravated sexual assault on children by those in uniformed service, public servants, etc.
- Amendments to Sections 376, 376D and 376DA providing death sentence to convicts in cases relating to rape and murder of a woman.
- Period of disposal of appeals to be reduced to three months.

awarding capital punishment to those convicted of rape. Minister for Home M. Sucharita introduced the Bills in the afternoon. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan

Mohan Reddy, in his address to the House before the Bills were passed, termed the tabling of the Bills a "revolutionary step" in ensuring justice in heinous crimes.

Jagan expresses concern

Turning emotional as he read out the contents of the Bill, he said: "Ever since the incident took place, I have been disturbed. I have been discussing with my Cabinet colleagues, members of my family and friends for days. I began pondering, if I were to be a father whose daughter has been molested and killed by men who turned into beasts, how would I react? I want to make sure such crimes do not happen in our State and that is why we have brought this Act."