

## AADHAAR AND OTHER LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

**Prelims-** Polity Governance- Parliament P3

**Mains-** GS2 - Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

**Context-** Parliament cleared the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019

### Features:

- ✚ which allows **voluntary use of Aadhaar as proof of identity to open bank accounts** and get mobile phone connections.
- ✚ The law ensures **no Individual is ever denied any service for not having or producing Aadhaar for authentication.**
- ✚ An Aadhaar holder can now opt for offline verification through QR code with consent.
- ✚ It had also barred private companies from using the unique identity number for authenticating customers.
- ✚ The amendments in the law will enable the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**—the authority responsible for issuing Aadhaar numbers—to hold back the misuse of 12-digit identification number.
- ✚ UIDAI can also impose a penalty of up to ₹1 crore if an entity fails to comply with the Aadhaar law and does not provide information sought by UIDAI.