Amending the Weapons of Mass Destruction Act

What were the stipulations under the earlier Act in 2003? What did an amendment become necessary?

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On April 6, 2022, the High Court of Karnataka ruled that the implementation of two orders issued by the State, viz., NEP-2020 and their delivery systems, on undergraduate courses in Karnataka from the academic year 2022-23. With the increase in the number of UG courses that are being admitted for the academic year 2022-23 are not registered to conduct Kannada as a compulsory language in Karnataka.

What were the Government Orders?
The Higher Education Department of the Karnataka government, on August 7, 2021, notified a proposal to make Kannada a compulsory subject in all undergraduate courses from the academic year 2022-23. The order was issued by the Government of Karnataka, on September 15, 2021, under the provisions of the National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP-2020).

What is the NEP-2020?
The National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP-2020) is a policy initiative in India that aims to transform the Indian education system. It was introduced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on July 29, 2020, and was approved by the Cabinet on June 29, 2020. The policy seeks to provide a new, more holistic approach to education and to make learning more relevant and accessible.

What is the NEP-2020's impact on Kannada?
The NEP-2020 has been criticized for its potential impact on the teaching and learning of Kannada, a regional language in Karnataka. Critics argue that the policy's focus on English as a medium of instruction and the promotion of multilingualism could undermine the importance of Kannada as a regional language and cultural heritage.

What is the Kannada Language Movement?
The Kannada Language Movement is a political and social movement in Karnataka that seeks to promote and protect the Kannada language. The movement is known for its active participation in various social and political events and is a key player in the Karnataka government's decision-making process.