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## Bills / Acts / Amendments / Cabinet decisions and approvals

### 1.The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill 2025

**Context** - Assam Assembly passes the **Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025**, aiming to penalize unregistered second marriages and protect women's rights.



**Polygamy** – The act of marrying or being married to another person without being getting divorced or having a living spouse.

#### Provisions of the bill –

- The act applies to the **whole of the state of Assam** and a **person born in the state of Assam or residing within the territory.**
- Punishment – **7 to 10 years of imprisonment** and a fine and double for repeated offence. Imprisonment of 2 years and a fine upto Rs 1.5 lakh for the person who solemnize illegal marriages eg. Priests, quazi etc. Parents, guardians, village heads who abet, assist or oncal such marriage will lead to imprisonment upto 2 years and a fine upto Rs. 1 lakh.
- An offence punishable under this Act shall be **cognizable.**
- Convicted individuals shall be disqualified from state aided public employment, benefit under sate govt welfafre schemes and contesting elections.
- The act establishes a legal mechanism to provide financial compensation to women affected by illegal polygamous unions.

#### Exemptions –

- The act is **not applicable to six schedule areas** and to the **members of ST** as recognized under Article 332 of the Indian constitution.

### Data of Polygamy in India & Assam

- In India, it is in a declining trend as per NFHS (5) 1.4 % in 2019 – 2021 from 1.9% in NFHS (4) in 2015 -2016.
- Highest in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim.
- **In Assam, polygamy is 2.4% as per NFHS (5)** that is high than the national average.

Polygamy is a serious issue and the bill aims to protect women's dignity and rights and thus marks a major step towards women empowerment. Polygamy specifically impacts women negatively leading to financial instability, loss of autonomy, social isolation and emotional distress.

### Impact of the bill –

- The bill with stringent punishment will reduce risk of polygamous marriages
- Unlawful marriages are likely to decline over time.
- Will provide financial security to women with compensation and legal support.

**Fact - Uttarakhand** is the first Indian state that explicitly bans bigamy and polygamy in the state.



## 2.The Assam Satra Preservation and Development Commission Bill, 2025

**Context** - The Assam Assembly passed **The Assam Satra Preservation and Development Commission Bill, 2025** on November 27, 2025, to protect and manage the state's historic Vaishnavite monasteries (Satras) .

**Satras** – They are monasteries and institutional centers (performing arts, theater & music, craftsmanship etc) associated with the Ekasarana tradition of Vaishnavism established primarily during the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

- **Bordowa (Batadrava)** : The birthplace of Sankaradeva and the site of the first Satra ever established.
- **Majuli has the highest number of satras**, there are at least 22 to 35 active Satras (such as Auniati, Kamalabari, Dakhinpat, and Garamur).

### About the bill –

- The Bill seeks to bolster institutional mechanisms for the conservation and development of satras in the State.
- It extends to **the whole of Assam except for the 6<sup>th</sup> schedule areas**.
- A specialized, **quasi-judicial body** shall be formed, empowered to perform surveys, conduct inquiries, and take measures against illegal encroachment. **The statutory Commission holds powers of a civil court.**
- The Commission will include a Chairperson (retired High Court Judge), a retired Secretary-rank official, and two Satradhikars (head priests or administrators).
- Satra land disputes will first be referred to the Commission; appeals can be made by DCs, and the Commission can intervene if local actions are inadequate.

#### Fact –

- The **Auniati Satra in Majuli** is considered the largest and most prominent in terms of the number of monks and influence and famous for Paalnam and Bhaona.
- **Dakhinpat Satra** – Is known to be the exponent of Raas Leela which is now one of the main festivals of Assam.
- **Garmur Satra** – Is the centre of Sattriya culture including fine arts and performing arts.
- **Kamalabari Satra** - The finest boats on the island are made here.
- **Chamaguri Satra** - Famous for mask making.

### 3.ST Status for six communities

**Context** - The Assam cabinet has approved a report by a Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Education minister Ranoj Pegu on granting Scheduled Tribe status to six communities of the State.

- The communities – **Chutia, Koch Rajbongshi, Moran, Matak, Tai Ahom and Tea Tribes** (Adivasis).
- The six communities are currently in Assam's Other Backward Classes list and comprise approx 27% of its population.

#### Other important facts –

- Currently, in Assam, the STs are divided into two categories—ST (Plains), with ten percent reservation, and ST (Hills), with five percent reservation

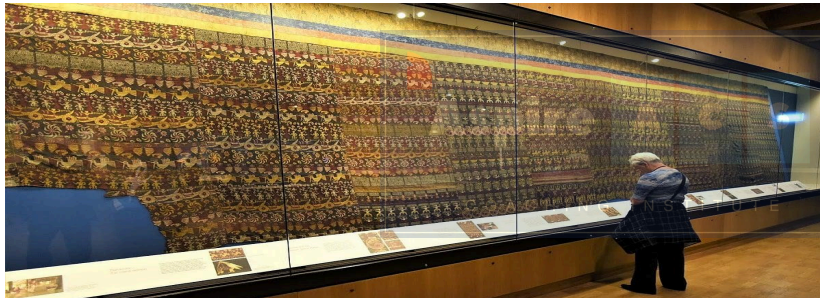
- Fourteen communities were already listed under these categories, with a population of about 4 million, comprising 12.4 percent of the state's population, as per the 2011 census.

### About ST Status in the Constitution

- **Article 366(25)** defines Scheduled Tribes (STs) as those specified under **Article 342**.
- As per Article 342, the President is empowered to notify the initial ST list. This list can be amended by the Parliament by law.
- Criteria for ST categorization: The Constitution does not list criteria for ST categorization.

### 4. Dedicated museum for Vrindabani Bastra

**Context** – The Assam Cabinet has approved setting up a **dedicated museum for Vrindabani Bastra**



- To be set up at Khanapara under Cultural Affairs department.
- Assam govt recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the British Museum in London to temporarily bring back the 16th-century Vrindavani Vastra.

### About Vrindabani Bastra –

- Vrindavani Vastra is a 400-year-old rare traditional textile from Assam, woven with the theme of Krishna's various exploits, specially the childhood stories of Lord Krishna in Vrindavan.
- The length is 9 metre long cloth weaved by the weavers in Tantikuchi, Assam, led by **Mathuradas Burha Aata** under the guidance of **Srimanta Sankardev**.
- It was primarily made of **Mulberry silk and Pat Silk**.

- Koch king **Nara Narayan** commissioned it and gave refuge to Sankardeva after conflict with the Ahom kingdom.
- It travelled from Assam to Tibet, where it was acquired by British journalist Perceval Landon during the **1903–1904 Younghusband Expedition**.

Vrindabani Bastra hold immense significance for Assam as it represents Assam's rich cultural heritage and spiritual traditions. It symbolize Assam's weaving and artistic excellence.

## 5. Karbi Welfare Autonomous Council Bill, 2025

**Context** - The Assam Assembly passed a bill for setting up a **welfare council for people of Karbi tribe** residing outside the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council area.

### About the bill

- The bill fosters holistic development for Karbi communities residing in plain areas outside the existing Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council.
- It extends to the Karbi community inhabited villages of Assam **outside Sixth Scheduled areas**.
- There shall be a Welfare Autonomous Council to be called the Karbi Welfare Autonomous Council within the state of Assam for the Karbi community.
- The council shall have a **General Council and an Executive Council**.
- the General Council shall have executive powers in relation to the Council Area over the subjects like Cottage Industry, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Forest, other than Reserved Forest Agriculture, Education and Cultural Affairs.

### Facts –

- Autonomous council in Assam under Sixth Schedule : **Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, and Dima Hasao Autonomous District Council** (oldest, est. 1952).
- An Autonomous District Council (ADC) under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution is approved and constituted by the Governor of the respective state under article 244 and 275 of the Indian constitution.

## 6. Raas Mahotsav

**Context** – The Assam Cabinet has approved a financial assistance to Raas Committees across Assam.

About Raas Mahotsav or Raas Leela

- It is celebrated during the **full moon night** in the month of November (Kati/Aghon).
- The festival is celebrated to commemorate Lord Krishna's divine love and Raas Leela with Gopinis.
- It is prominently observed in Majuli, Barpeta, Nalbari etc.

## 7. Bahubali eggs

**Context** – The cabinet has approved setting up of a commercial layer farm for Bahubali eggs in Dergaon, Nogaon.

**What are Bahubali Eggs ?**

- The eggs are larger-than-average chicken egg, weighing approximately 58-62 grams.
- Is a Jorhat-based venture by entrepreneur **Akash Jyoti Gogoi**

## 8.SOP for Land Transfer

**Context** - Assam Government Approves SOP For **Inter Religious Land Transfer**

- The SOP includes a frame work which will ensure that inter-religion land transfers will undergo a rigorous verification process.
- A Special Branch of police will conduct a thorough investigation to determine whether the transfer was fraudulent, coerced, or illegal, assess the source of funds, and examine the social and security implications of the transaction.
- Although it is **not a ban** but Deputy Commissioner of that district will take the final call on whether to approve or decline the proposal of land transfer.

## 9.Year of Books

**Context** – The Assam government has declared 2025 as the **year of books** with an objective to create an intellectual environment in Assam.

- Book fairs has been organized in all the districts within the current year and arrangements has been made to give books as a New Year gift.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 25000 each to 1000 young writers and to Rs 5lacs to districts and Rs 2.5 lacs to co districts for organising book fairs.

## 10.LIDAR Survey in Guwahati

**Context** - The Assam Cabinet has approved a comprehensive 328 sq. km Aerial LiDAR Survey for Guwahati.

**Aims & Objective** –

- To create a, GIS-based urban intelligence system for improved urban planning, infrastructure development, and waterlogging mitigation.
- This project aims to digitize roads, buildings, and drainage systems for better service delivery by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC).

**What is LiDAR ?**

**Light Detection and Ranging** is an active remote sensing technology that uses pulsed laser light to measure ranges (variable distances) to the Earth's surface and objects, creating precise, 3D, high-resolution maps.

## 11.Grant of Arms license to original inhabitants

**Context** - This scheme, launched by the Assam Government in 2025, **aims to provide arms licenses to indigenous citizens residing in vulnerable and remote areas.**

- The state-specific policy is issued under the framework of the **Arms Act, 1959, and the Arms Rules, 2016.**
- To empower indigenous residents in vulnerable areas with legal arms for self-defence, ensuring they act as first responders amid delayed police.
- The applicant must apply through Sewa Setu Portal and If the application is approved, the DM issues a Form III Arms Licence. The licence is non-transferable, valid for five years and subject to periodic reviews.

- Eligibility - Must be an indigenous citizen and a resident in vulnerable and remote areas in Assam and must be at least 21 years old.

## 12.Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2025

**Context** – The Assam government passed a bill to amend the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 in Assam.**

- The amendment exempts traditional buffalo and bulbuli fights from certain provisions of the original act.
- The bill aims to permit buffalo fights (**Moh-Juj**) during the **Magh Bihu** celebrations. This is comparable to the **Jallikattu** event in Tamil Nadu.
- The government mandates "strict safeguards" to ensure the safety of the animals, arguing it protects native breeds.

### About Moh Juj

- It was introduced to Assamese culture by 30th Ahom king **Swargadeo Rudra Singha** about 200 years ago. He also introduced elephant and bird fights, fostering community unity during his era.
- It is celebrated as a sport in Ahatguri town and other parts of Assam during Assam's **Magh Bihu**, a key harvest festival in January–February.
- The event is part of the cultural celebration of Magh Bihu.

### About Wild Buffalo Conservation Status –

- IUCN Red List – Endangered, Wild Life Protection Act – Schedule 1, CITES – Appendix 2.

## 13.Co Districts : New Administrative Model

**Context** – With a view to bring essential services closer to citizens and improve administrative efficiency, **Assam government has created ten new co districts taking the total to 49.**

- **Objective** - The initiative aims to enhance administrative efficiency, decentralize power, and bring essential services closer to citizens.
- Each co-district is managed by an officer with, typically, the rank of Additional District Commissioner with magisterial power.

This model aligns with the vision of minimum government, maximum governance and addresses the challenges posed by the current centralized administrative structure.

## 14. Bodo Peace Accord

**Context** - During PM Modi's Assam visit, BTC Chief Hagrama Mohilary requested PM to fully implement Bodo Peace Accord.

### Background :

- The demand for a separate Bodo state started in the 1960s.
- The 1987 ABSU-led movement culminated in a 1993 Bodo Accord, which paved the way for a Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC).
- But ABSU withdrew its agreement and renewed its demand for a separate state.
- The 2003 Bodo Accord was signed by the extremist group Bodo Liberation Tiger Force (BLTF), the Centre and the state. This led to the formation of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) which is an autonomous body under the Constitution.



### The Accord :

- The Tripartite Bodo Accord is a peace treaty signed on 27th January 2020, between the Assam State Government, Central Government, and the National Democratic Front of Bodoland.
- The objective was to stop separatist demands from the Bodo-Kachari community and bring peace.
- In 2020 Accord, the BTAD was renamed to BTR (Bodoland Territorial Region).
- Bodo-populated areas would aid efficient governance in Sixth Schedule administrative units in existing Bodoland Territorial Area Districts of Baksa, Kokrajhar, Chirang and Udalguri.
- The BTAD and area under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution are exempt from the Citizenship Amendment Act of 2019.
- This accord promises to form a committee including representatives from Bodoland Territorial Council and All Bodo Students Union to decide the inclusion and exclusion of new areas. This increased the number of assembly seats from 40 to 60.

- The new Accord provides for alteration of area of BTAD and provisions for Bodos outside BTAD.

Facts - The Bodos (largest tribe of Assam) constitute about 5-6% of Assam's population.

## 15. Justice Mehta Commission & Tiwari Commission

**Context** - The Assam government tabled the 1983 Tewary Commission report and the Justice T.U. Mehta Commission report regarding the 1983 Nellie massacre and anti-infiltration agitation violence during the Assam Movement.

- The state government had formed the Tiwari Commission in 1983 and later former CM Prafulla Kumar Mahanta tabled its report on the floor of the Assembly in 1987 but did not provide copies of the report to the MLA.
- Mehta Commission: This was a non-government panel formed by civil society (Assam State Freedom Fighters Association) to investigate the violence during the Assam Agitation.



## Schemes & Policies

### 1. CM FLIGHT Scheme

**Context** – The Assam govt has launched the **Chief Minister's Foreign Language Initiative for Global Human Talent (CM-FLIGHT)** for preparing the youths of Assam to undertake skilled work in other countries e.g Japan etc.



#### **About the scheme –**

- Launch date – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.
- Selected youth from Assam will receive **Foreign Language Training**, the focus would be on Japanese language proficiency training.
- Objective - To train 50000 youth from Assam by 2030 in select foreign languages and to prepare youth for overseas employment opportunities.
- A training support cost of ₹1,00,000 per candidate will be provided.
- Nodal Agency - **Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM)** under Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED), Government of Assam.

**Fact - Mission Moon Meghalaya** is a 2023 initiative by the Meghalaya State Skills Development Society (MSSDS) to train and deploy over 100 nurses in nations facing severe shortages, such as Japan.

### 2. CM Jibon Prerana Scheme

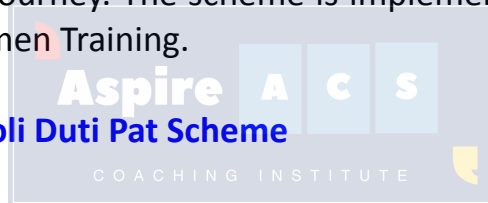
**Context** - To empower the youth of Assam, the Government of Assam has launched the **Chief Minister's Jibon Prerana Scheme**.

#### **About the scheme –**

- Launch Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

- **Objective** - To support young graduates in their job search, encourage preparation for competitive examinations, and promote self-employment opportunities.
- **Implemented by-** Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department, Assam.
- **Fresh graduates** of Assam (2025 pass-outs) from government and public institutions will receive financial assistance of **₹2,500 per month for one year**.
- **Eligibility** – Fresh graduates who are permanent resident of Assam and should be unemployed.
- Children of govt employee (other than Grade 4), ministers & MLAs, govt regd contractor and parents earning Rs. 10 lakh annually are not eligible.

**Fact** – There is a similar scheme called **CM Jibon Anuprerana** (Atal Vishal Agrabami Assam Scheme) that provides financial assistance of ₹25,000/- for full time research scholars and ₹40,000/- for Divyang research scholars as a one-time benefit their scholastic journey. The scheme is implemented by the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training.



### 3. Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Pat Scheme

**Context** - Assam Government launched the 'Mukhyamantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat' scheme on January 2026 to mark the completion of **200 years of tea industry in Assam**.

**About the scheme –**

- Tea plantation workers across the state will receive a one-time financial assistance of ₹5,000 each.
- **Objective** - To support the welfare and financial stability of tea garden workers and promote financial inclusion.

**Eti Koli Duti Pat (One Bud, Two Leaves)** - It refers to the highest quality plucking standard, where tea pluckers harvest only the youngest, freshest bud and the next two leaves from the tea bush.

**Fact** - In Assam tea garden community account for around 20 percent of the total population of the state.

## 4. Shradhanjali Scheme

**Context** - On October 6, 2025 Assam govt launched a scheme to bring back the mortal remains of people from Assam who die outside the State.

### About the scheme –

- Objective - To assist families of Assamese citizens who die outside the state by facilitating the repatriation of the deceased's body with dignity and official support.
- In cases of **unnatural deaths** (accidents or crimes), **legal assistance** will also be provided.
- Well off families and Individuals traveling outside Assam for medical treatment are not eligible for the scheme.
- The deceased must be an Indian citizen and a **permanent resident of Assam**.
- Implementing agency - The Special Branch (SB) of Assam Police.

## 5. Nijut Moina 2.0



**Context** – The Assam government has admitted that the dropout rates in the State, particularly at the secondary level, is a concern. To address the issue government has launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Nijut Moina Scheme to promote girl education and address the issue of child marriage in the state.

### About the scheme –

- Launched on August 8, 2024.
- Objective - Empowering girl students through monthly financial assistance to pursue higher education, prevent child marriage and reduce drop-out rates.
- Eligibility –
  - The incentive is meant for all eligible girl students domiciled in Assam, **irrespective of their economic status**.
  - **Married girls will not be eligible** for the scheme **except those in the PG, and B.Ed Category**.
- Amount to be provided –

- HS 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Rs. 1000/month) for a period of 10 months.
- Graduation 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Rs.1200/month) for a period of 10 months.
- PG 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Rs.2500/month) for a period of 10 months
- Higher Education Department of Assam Government is the implementing department of this scheme.

**Krishna Baruah committee** – To conduct a detailed study on all the aspects of dropout in the secondary level.

### 6.List of other important scheme

Scheme	Objective	Details	Launched By
<b>Orunodoi 3.0</b>	Women empowerment, poverty alleviation and socio-economic inclusion of financially vulnerable women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beneficiary – Divyangjan (irrespective of gender) or an adult woman, aged 18 or older</li> <li>● Cash benefit – Rs. 1250 per month</li> </ul>	Administered by the Finance Department.
<b>Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan</b>	To support women SHG members to become Rural Micro - Entrepreneurs/ Lakhpati Baideu.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beneficiary –Must be an active member of the SHGs promoted under ASRLM involved in minimum one income generating activity on her own.</li> <li>● Cash benefit - ₹85,000 in total assistance, with an initial seed capital of ₹10,000 to initiate businesses.</li> </ul>	Implemented by the Department of Panchayat and Rural Development (P&RD) in collaboration with ARSLM
<b>Basundhara 3.0</b>	To reduce the pendency in updation of land records (Digitization of land records)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assam Chief Minister announced the initiation of a survey of land within char (riverine) areas under Mission Basundhara 4.0, aimed at settling land in these regions.</li> </ul>	An initiative of the Government of Assam, specifically under the

			Revenue and Disaster Management Department.
<b>Assam Darshan</b>	Improving key infrastructure in religious places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides financial assistance for infrastructure development to temples, Namghars, and other religious institutions</li> </ul>	The Government of Assam, specifically under the supervision of the Transformation and Development (T&D) Department.



## Developmental Projects / Infrastructure / Energy

### 1. Advantage Assam 2.0

**Context** – PM Modi inaugurates **Advantage Assam – Investment & Infrastructure Summit on February 2025.**



#### **About the summit –**

- This global investors summit aims to redefine the industrial policy landscape of Assam and capitalize on its strategic location under the Act East Policy, positioning the state as a gateway to Northeast India and Southeast Asia.
- Over ₹ 2.5 lakh crore in investment proposals were attracted to the state.
- **Key Sectors - Hydrocarbons, Mining, IT, Tourism, Agriculture, Defence & Aerospace and Semiconductors.**

**Fact** - The first edition of the Advantage Assam - Global Investors' Summit was held on February 2018.

### 2. Rising NE Summit

**Context** - Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the summit organized by MoDONER at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi to showcase the **potential for investment and trade in NE India.**

- Prime Minister Modi gave the Vision of **EAST (Empower, Act, Strengthen, and Transform)** as a policy framework for Northeast.
- **Focus sector** - Textiles, Handlooms & Handicrafts, Renewable Energy, Infrastructure and Logistics, IT, Tourism, Health, Education, Agriculture and Sport
- The summit will also provide investors with a valuable opportunity to participate in the Northeast Region's development as a manufacturing and services hub for ASEAN and BBN (Bangladesh Bhutan Nepal)

### 3.Asom Mala 3.0

**Context** - In a significant **boost to road infrastructure**, the Cabinet approved the rollout of Asom Mala 3.0 with a financial allocation of Rs 3,217 crore.

- **Inspired by the Bharatmala Pariyojana**, the project envisions the development of a high-speed transport corridor spanning 883 km of roads and the construction of 36 new bridges across 34 districts.
- **Aim** - To improve regional connectivity, stimulate economic activity, and enhance linkages between rural and urban centres.
- National highways are **not** the primary focus of the Asom Mala programme.
- Asom Mala is specifically designed by the Government of Assam to upgrade state highways and major district roads.
- The Assam government has introduced the "**One District One Road**" initiative in the 2025 budget, with an allocation of ₹2,625 crore under the Asom Mala scheme.  
~25 km of roads in each district.

**Fact** - Assam has a road network of about 3,900 km of National Highways (NH); 7,547 km of State Highways (SH) and Major District Roads (MDR) and 36,544 km of Rural Roads.

As of 2025, **Assam has 38 National Highways** . Important National Highways in Assam -

NH	Old name	
27	NH 31/37	(Longest) Connects East-West Corridor through Bongaigaon, Guwahati, Nagaon, and Dibrugarh.
37	Old NH-53	Connects Silchar to Manipur border, vital for connectivity in the Barak Valley.
415		NH-415: Connects Guwahati to Arunachal Pradesh
6	NH - 44	Connects Meghalaya to Silchar, a major lifeline for Southern Assam.
15		Connects Baihata in Assam to Wakro in Arunachal Pradesh.

## 4.Maa Kamakhya Divyalok Pariyojana

**Context – PM Modi launched the Kamkhya Corridor project in 2024.**



- It is an ambitious project aimed at improving accessibility, facilities, and the overall experience for devotees, similar to the Kashi and Mahakal corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, respectively.
- It aims to transform the Guwahati temple into a world-class, spacious pilgrimage site.
- The project is sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE)
- This project significantly expand the open space around the temple, increasing it from 3,000 square feet (sq ft) to about 100,000 sq ft

### **About Kamakhya temple –**

- It is situated on **Nilachal Hill** and adjoining the **southern bank of the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati.**
- It is regarded as one of the oldest of the 51 Shakti Peethas in India.
- The current structure of the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam, was **rebuilt in 1565 by King Nara Narayan of the Koch dynasty.**

## 4.Guwahati Ring Road Project

**Context - National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will develop a 121-kilometre-long stretch through Guwahati city's eastern side as Guwahati Ring Road.**

- **The project comprises three sections –**

- A 56-km-long 4-lane access-controlled Northern Guwahati Bypass, widening of the existing 8 km bypass on NH 27 from four lanes to six lanes.
- Improvement of existing 58-km-long bypass on NH 27.
- A 3 km long major bridge across river Brahmaputra will also be constructed within the project's scope.
- From Narengi, the Greenfield road will extend through Panikheti and Chandrapur, cutting across the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- A ring road is a circular highway encircling a town or city, designed to allow through-traffic to bypass the congested city center.

## 6. Brahmaputra Tunnel

**Context** - The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has approved the construction of the ambitious **4-lane underwater tunnel across the Brahmaputra River**.

- The four lane road tunnel will **connect Gohpur (NH-15) on the North Bank and Numaligarh (NH715) on the South Bank in Assam**.
- The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation (**NHIDCL**) will implement the project.
- The tunnel aims to bridge the gap in interconnectivity between the northern and southern corridors of Assam, while simultaneously safeguarding the Kaziranga eco-sensitive zone.
- After completion it will be India's first underwater river road tunnel.

**About NTCA** – It is a statutory body under India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, established in 2005 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, to strengthen tiger conservation.

**Fact** - India's First Under-River Metro Tunnel passes under the Hooghly River and is a part of Kolkata Metro's East-West Corridor.

## 7. New Guwahati Airport

**Context** - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the new terminal at Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) in Guwahati, marking one of India's fastest airport infrastructure.

### About LGBIA Terminal 2

- The terminal's design was first unveiled by the Prime Minister at Advantage Assam 2.0.
- It is India's first nature-inspired airport with regional identity, draws inspiration from Assam's kopou phool (foxtail orchid) and indigenous bamboo species such as Bholuka and Apatani
- Around 140 metric tonnes of locally sourced bamboo have been used, making it one of India's most prominent examples of sustainable airport architecture.
- Features a "Sky Forest" with nearly 100,000 plants representing 100 local species, offering a unique arrival experience.
- Designed to accommodate 13.1 million passengers annually, almost doubling the previous capacity.
- The airport will be operated by Adani group.

Other Key Airports in Assam:

- Dibrugarh Airport (Mohanbari Airport), Silchar Airport (Kumbhirgram Airport), Jorhat Airport (Rowriah Airport), Tezpur Airport (Salonibari Airport), North Lakhimpur (Lilabari Airport) and Dhubri (Rupsi Airport)
- Dolo Airport – Proposed Greenfield airport at Silchar.

**Fact** - Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Airport in Borjhar, Guwahati was established in 1958 and is the first and primary international airport in Northeast India.

### 8.Dhubri – Fulbari Bridge

An under-construction four lane extradosed cable stay bridge over the Brahmaputra River.

- After completion, this **18 km long bridge would be India's second longest bridge over water after the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link.**
- Will connect **Assam's Dhubri with Meghalaya's Phulbari.**
- With the completion of the Dhubri–Phulbari Bridge, journey will be shortened to just 20 minutes which presently takes 3 to 4 hours.

**Fact** - Dhola-Sadiya Bridge (Bhupen Hazarika Setu) measuring 9.15 km long over the Brahmaputra River, connecting Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

### 9.Loh Purush Bishnu Ram Medhi Setu

It is an under construction over the Brahmaputra river that will connect Palashbari and Sualkuchi in Assam.

- The project includes a 12 km main bridge that will connect Palasbari (South Bank) and Sualkuchi (North Bank).
- It is being constructed under the Assam Bridge Project (ABP) II with NDB (New Development Bank) funding.

#### **About Bishnu Ram Medhi –**

- He was the second Chief Minister of Assam from 1950 to 1957 and Governor of Madras State 1958 till 1964.
- He was a prominent freedom fighter and is often referred to as the "Iron Man of Assam" who participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement.
- He served as the finance minister[6] in Gopinath Bordoloi's cabinet.
- During his term as Assam's CM, Panchayat system of government was introduced.

#### **10. Kumar Bhaskar Varman Bridge**

**Context** - Recently PM Modi inaugurated the bridge in Guwahati.

- A six-lane bridge in Assam, India, **connecting Guwahati and North Guwahati** across the Brahmaputra River.
- It incorporates noise-barrier technology and includes a trumpet junction.
- It is the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken by the Assam Public Works Department.

#### **About Bhaskar Varman –**

- Last ruler of Varman dynasty in Assam, also known as Kumar Raja.
- Hieun Tsang, a Chinese Buddhist monk who visited the kingdom of Harshvardhan and Kumar Bhaskar Varma.
- Nidhanpur inscription issued by Bhaskar Varman gives a detailed account of land grants given to Brahmins.

#### **11. Maharaja Prithu Flyover**

- The flyover under construction will connect Dighalipukhuri to Noonmati in Guwahati.
- The flyover would be linked to the Ulubari bridge, with an additional arm planned along Rajgarh Road.
- After completion the flyover is set to be the longest flyover in the state.
- Other important flyover in Guwahati – Nilachal Flyover (Maligaon) presently the longest, Bhagadatta Flyover (Rukiminigaon & Six Mile)

### About King Prithu

- Also known as Viswasundardeva, was a 13th-century ruler of the Kamarupa kingdom in Assam,
- He is best known for defeating the army of Bakhtiyar Khilji around 1206 CE led by Ali Mech.

### About Bhagadatta

- Son of Narakasura, was the ruler of Pragjyotisha (ancient Assam)
- He participated in the Mahabharata war for the Kauravas and was killed by Arjuna in the Kurukshetra war.

### 12. Guwahati – Silchar Express Way

**Context** – PM Modi Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for the Development, Maintenance and Management of a four-lane Greenfield Access Controlled high-speed corridor highway from Shillong to Silchar.

- It will **connect Mawlyngkhung in Meghalaya to Panchgram in Assam.**
- The 167 km proposed Greenfield high-speed corridor will improve the service level for the traffic moving from Guwahati to Silchar.

### 13. Namrup Fertiliser Plant

**Context** – Recently PM Modi laid the foundation stone of **Ammonia-Urea Fertilizer Project in Namrup.**

- It is a new brownfield ammonia-urea complex being established in Assam by Assam Valley Fertiliser & Chemical Company Limited (AVFCCL).

- It aims to produce 12.7 lakh metric tonnes of urea annually that will ensure urea availability of farmers in the region.

### Sustainable Fertilizers

- Nano Urea - Nutrients encapsulated in tiny particles, releasing slowly into the soil for better plant absorption and minimal wastage..
- Neem-Coated Urea (NCU): Improves nitrogen efficiency, requiring 10% less urea to achieve comparable results, minimizing losses and enhancing soil health.

### 14.India's first bamboo based bio ethanol plant

**Context** - Prime Minister inaugurated India's first bamboo-based bioethanol plant in Golaghat, Assam.

- The plant will source 5 lakh tonnes of bamboo annually from Assam and other northeastern states.
- The project will benefit local farmers and tribal communities, providing a Rs 200-crore boost to Assam's rural economy.
- The project is at a cost of Rs 7,200 crore.

### What are bio ethanol ?

- It is a high-octane bio fuel (**C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH**) produced biologically from biomass like corn, sugarcane, grains, bamboo and vegetable residues.
- It is mainly used as a gasoline additive, with engines now capable of burning pure ethanol.

**E20 initiative** – To blend 20% ethanol with 80% gasoline (petrol) by 2025-26 to enhance energy security, reduce carbon emissions. Currently ethanol makes up to 10 percent of the petrol used in vehicles.

### 15.India's 2<sup>nd</sup> Hydrogen Plant

**Context** - Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the country's second hydrogen project will be set up in Golaghat district.

- This initiative aims to produce hydrogen from water, positioning the region as a clean energy hub.

## What are Hydrogen Fuel ?

It is emerging as a clean alternative fuel that generate electricity by combining hydrogen (as a fuel) and oxygen electrochemically, producing only water and heat as byproducts. Hydrogen fuel (H<sub>2</sub>) enters the fuel cell at the anode side and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) enters at the cathode side.

### Fact –

- India launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) in 2023 to reduce fossil fuel dependence, achieve Net Zero by 2070.
- Assam aims to achieve 11.7 GW (11,700 MW) of total renewable energy capacity by 2030 under its Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2025. Key targets include 3,500 MW of solar power, 1,900 MW of rooftop solar, 2,000 MW of pumped hydro, and 2,000 kilo tones per year of green hydrogen.
- Assam is also ready to set up a 3400 MW thermal power plant in Dhubri.

## 16. Discovery of Iron Ore in Dhubri

**Context** - Assam has officially entered India's iron ore map with the confirmation of a substantial deposit (18.29 mn tones) in Dhubri district.

- The Geological Survey of India disclosed the find in its latest handbook, Geological Potential of Northeast India, released in June 2025.
- Will boost Assam's industrial potential eg steel based industry and could attract strategic investments in the region.

**Fact** - **Odisha is the largest producer of iron ore in India**, consistently contributing over 50% of the country's total annual production followed by Chattisgarh & Karnataka.

## 17. Discovery of crude oil in Assam

**Context** - Crude oil has been discovered by Oil India Limited on Brahmaputra's North bank for the first time.

- Oil India Limited (OIL) has made a significant, historic breakthrough by discovering heavy crude oil in the Kobochapori-1 well, located on the North Bank of the Brahmaputra River in Assam.
- The potential of the new oil field is yet to be discovered as further tests are on and it may take some time before the exact amount of oil reserves in the area is ascertained
- Assam is also set to become India's first state government to directly engage in oil production following a hydrocarbon discovery in the Namrup Borhat-1 well in Dibrugarh.

### What is crude oil ?

Crude oil, also known as petroleum, is a naturally occurring, unrefined fossil fuel. It's a complex mixture of hydrocarbons and other organic compounds formed from the remains of ancient marine organisms like algae and zooplankton, buried under layers of sediment over millions of years

Facts –

- Top 3 producer of crude oil – USA, Saudi Arabia and Russia.
- Top 3 Indian states – Rajasthan, Gujarat and Assam.
- Commercial production of crude oil in Assam started in 1889 and the first oil well was completed in 1890.
- The first refinery in Assam was set up in Digboi in 1901.

### 18. Assam Industrial and Green Growth Fund

**Context** - The Assam Cabinet has approved the creation of the **₹3,000-crore Assam Industrial and Green Growth Fund**. The Assam Cabinet has approved the development of a INR 5,400-crore, 900 MW off-stream Pumped Storage Project (PSP) at West Karbi Anglong.

- The objective is to position Assam as a key participant in sustainable economic growth and support green industrialization.
- It is a SEBI-registered Alternate Investment Fund (AIF) designed to mobilize long-term capital for sustainable development.

### What is Alternative Investment Fund ?

An investment vehicle that pools money from investors to invests in alternative assets. Unlike traditional investments such as mutual funds or stocks, AIFs offer exposure to alternative investment opportunities, providing diversification and the potential for higher returns.

## 19. Polypropylene Plant in NRL

**Context** – During PM Modi’s Assam the foundation stone of **Polypropylene (PP) plant at Golaghat was laid.**

- The PP plant, with a capacity of 360 KTPA, will be set up with an investment of Rs. 7,200 crore
- It will also generate employment opportunities and lead to overall socio economic development of the region.

### What is polypropylene ?

It is a lightweight, and durable thermoplastic polymer, widely used for rigid packaging, plastic parts, and fibers. It softens upon heating and can, therefore, be remoulded The chemical formula of polypropylene is  $(C_3H_6)_n$ .

## 20. Upcoming & Proposed Institutes / Centers (In News)

Institute of Wildlife Health & Research	Dinajan, Dibrugarh	
New Sainik School	Karbi Anglong	The only Sainik School in Assam at present is in Goalpara established in 1964.
Azim Premzi University	Palasbari, Near Guwahati	A not for profit university
Indian Institute of Management (IIM)	Palasbari	It will operate under IIM Ahemdabad. 1st IIM - Kolkata (1961)
Rabindra Nath Tagore University	Hojai	Name changed to Rabindra Nath Thakur Viswavidyalaya.
Su-Ka-Pha University	Charaideo	
Proton Therapy Center	State Cancer Institute at Guwahati.	PBT is a type of cancer treatment that uses a beam of high-energy protons to destroy cancer cells.

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## 21. Project AASTHA

**Context** - Assam Unveils ₹4,287 Cr ASTHA Plan to **Revolutionize Tertiary Healthcare**.

- Under the Assam State Health and Technical Advancement (ASTHA) Plan, Assam govt. tends to upgrade tertiary healthcare facilities across the state.
- Gauhati Medical College and Hospital will be transformed into a worldclass healthcare and research hub equipped with cutting-edge infrastructure and advanced medical technology.
- The Plan envisions modernizing major hospitals across Assam, expanding specialized treatment centers, and improving critical care capacity to meet growing healthcare demands.
- This project aims to position Assam as a regional leader in medical excellence and innovation.

**Facts** -

- The first medical college in Assam is the Assam Medical College (AMC) in Dibrugarh, which was established on November 3, 1947.
- During British rule it was known as Berry White Medical School (founded in 1900).
- Gauhati Medical College (GMC) was formally started on September 20, 1960

## 22. Vibrant Village Program

**Context** - Home Minister Amit Shah launched the **Vibrant Village Programme 2.0** at Natanpur in the Indo-Bangladesh border area of Katigara in Cachar district of Assam.

- The programme aims to ensure that villages located along **India's international borders** receive the same level of infrastructure and welfare benefits as other parts of the country.
- It is as a 100 % Centrally Sponsored scheme launched in 2023 (fully funded by central govt)

- It aims for 100% coverage of essential services including all-weather road connectivity (under PMGSY-IV), telecom, television, and 24x7 electrification.

### 23. Bom Singpho Memorial Bridge

**Context** - The long-pending demand of the “**Bom Singpho Memorial Ladoi Ghat Bridge**” at Inthem in Margherita is set to be constructed soon.

#### **About Bom Singpho –**

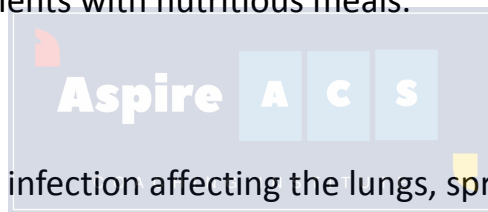
- He was a rebel and freedom fighter who fought against the British in 1930.
- He led a fierce uprising from the dense bamboo forests of what is now Margherita in Assam’s Tinsukia district, bordering Arunachal Pradesh.

### 24. Nikshay Mitra Avijan

**Context** – Assam CM announced the launch of the ‘Nikshay Mitra Abhijan’ to support tuberculosis patients with nutritious meals.

#### ● **About Tuberculosis-**

- It is a bacterial infection affecting the lungs, spreading through the air.
- It is preventable and curable with antibiotics.
- The Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine is given to infants to prevent TB.



## Geography, Environment & Ecology

### 1.Gaj Mitra Scheme

**Context** - To address the growing issue of human elephant conflict, Assam government is set to launch the Gaja Mitra Scheme.



#### **About the scheme –**

- It will initially be implemented in **eight high-risk districts** (Goalpara, Udalguri, Nagaon, Baksa, Sonitpur, Golaghat, Jorhat, and Biswanath).
- To reduce fatalities, protect property, and foster peaceful coexistence between humans and elephants.
- As part of the initiative, **community-based rapid response teams**, each with eight local members, will be deployed in 80 conflict-prone villages.

#### **Causes of human elephant conflict in Assam**

- Assam has lost 35% of elephant habitat in the last four decades due to encroachment and deforestation.
- Rapid industrialization, illegal coal mining and oil drilling within forest zones.
- 2500 conflict incidents has been recorded in the last five years.
- Over 1000 human deaths due to elephant encounters and more than 5000 elephants killed unnaturally.

#### **Protection Status of Asian Elephant**

- IUCN Red List: Endangered (CITES): Appendix I

#### **Facts :**

- **Karnataka has the highest population of elephant followed by Assam and Kerala.**

- 5 elephant reserves in Assam : **Sonitpur ER, Dihing Patkai ER, Kaziranga – Karbi Anglong ER, Chirang Rip ER and Dhanshiri Lumding ER.**

## 2. Grassland Bird Census

**Context :** Prime Minister of India highlighted the **first-ever Grassland Bird Census in Kaziranga National Park** during his Mann ki Baat, praising its innovative use of acoustic technology and its role in biodiversity conservation.

- It was conducted by Forest department officials, Researchers including INSPIRE fellow Chiranjib Bora, Conservationists and Kaziranga park authorities.
- First of its kind in India, the census focused exclusively on grassland bird species, often underrepresented in conventional bird surveys.
- **Acoustic Monitoring technique and BirdNET AI tool was used in this census.**
- The census recorded 43 species, including 1 Critically Endangered (Bengal Florican), 2 Endangered (Finn's Weaver & Swamp Grass Babbler) , and 6 Vulnerable birds as per the IUCN Red List.
- A breeding colony of over 85 nests of the endangered Finn's weaver was discovered.
- The census was conducted across all three wildlife divisions of the Kaziranga National Park.

### Assam's Avian Biodiversity –

- With 950 bird species the State is home to 53.5% of the bird species found in the Indian Sub-Continent.
- 17 species of birds are endemic to Assam and include Manipur Bush Quail, Marsh Babbler, Snowy throated Babbler, Tawny breasted Wren Babbler, Blyth's Tragopan, Beautiful Sibia, Grey sibia, Black breasted Parrotbill, Chestnut breasted partridge, Rusty breasted shortwing etc.
- 45 species of birds from Assam find mention in the Indian Red Data Book and include white winged wood duck, Blyth's Tragopan, Greater Adjutant, lesser Adjutant, Lesser whitefronted Goose, Merganser Teal, etc.
- **Fact** - Grassland birds are avian species that depend on open, treeless habitats dominated by grasses and forbs for breeding, foraging, and nesting.

### 3. Kanchan Trees

**Context** – Local residents of Majuli island are planting Kanchan trees to combat river erosion.

- The deep-rooted trees not only hold the soil together but also act as a natural barrier against the strong river currents.
- These trees grow from branches and when planted near rivers, they gradually grow massively and help control soil erosion.
- Scientific name - Bauhinia Variegata (Deciduous Tree)

### 4. Dhole (Asiatic wild dog)

**Context** : A recent study by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) confirmed the reappearance of the dhole (Asiatic wild dog) in the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Landscape, marking its return after being considered locally extinct.



- The dhole is a shy social carnivore, also known as the Asiatic wild dog
- IUCN status : Endangered
- Distribution: Found in parts of India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

### 5. Agarwood (Oud / Gaharu)

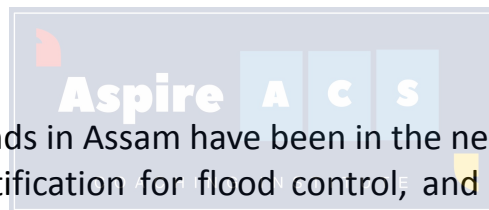
**Context** – Assam govt poised to lead global agarwood market with over 10 Cr trees.

**About Agarwood** –

- Aquilaria malaccensis, commonly known as agarwood, is a species of tree belonging to the Thymelaeaceae family.
- Agarwood has been used for centuries in various cultures for religious, medicinal, and perfumery purposes.
- It is well-known for producing a fragrant resinous wood, which is highly valued for its distinct aroma.
- It is locally known as "Xasi" or "Sanchi" in Assamese, is a fragrant resinous wood found predominantly in Assam.
- In the wild, it takes nearly a decade for a tree to mature.
- With over 10 crores of Agarwood trees in the state, Assam has a unique advantage in producing the world's finest Agar, a highly sought-after ingredient in luxury perfume.
- It is predominantly grown in Golaghat, Jorhat, Sivasagar and Hojai (a major commercial hub for processing and trading)

**Fact - Assam is the largest producer of agarwood in India**, accounting for approximately 82% of the country's total resources.

## 6. Wetlands of Assam



**Context** - Several wetlands in Assam have been in the news recently, primarily due to eviction drives, identification for flood control, and biodiversity conservation efforts.

The Assam government recently launched a massive drive to evict over 600 families from a 1,550-bigha wetland area (**Hashila Beel**) in **Goalpara district**.

**More in news** : The Assam Government has identified 16 wetlands so far in the flood-prone districts in the state so as to 'enhance water retention capacity and mitigate risk of flooding and erosion'.

**What are beels (wetlands)** - Beels are lake-like wetland with static water (as opposed to moving water in rivers and canals).

### Why are beels important ?

- They act as natural sponge and thus enhance water retention capacity and mitigate risk of flooding and erosion.

- It supports diverse flora and fauna, including migratory birds and various fish species, contributing to Assam's rich biodiversity.
- Beels help filter pollutants and impurities from water, contributing to improved water quality in the surrounding areas.
- Some beels, like Deepor Beel, are popular tourist destinations, attracting visitors interested in nature and wildlife, which can boost local economies.
- 16 wetlands in news and their location
  - Mansiri & Morabharali – Sonitpur.
  - Nanai & Kawoimari Beel, Jelengitup, Chinamornigarh – Jorhat
  - Garjan – Kamrup.
  - Ghuramora, Sankar, Borpak & Maerkolaboria - Golaghat.
  - Feklai - Sivasagar.
  - Maijan - Dibrugarh. (one of the important wetlands directly connected to the Brahmaputra River)
  - Vokoti – Majuli.
  - Morisutitup Beel - Morigaon .

**What are Ramsar Sites** - Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance, designated under the **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1971)**.

- These wetlands are recognized for their ecological significance and are protected under strict guidelines to ensure their conservation and sustainable use.
- Total Ramsar sites in India : 91.
- Three Ramsar sites in Northeast India: Deepor Beel in Assam, Loktak Lake in Manipur, and Rudrasagar Lake in Tripura.

**Reserve Forests** : Reserve forests are the most restricted forests and are constituted by the State Government on any forest land or wasteland which is the property of the Government.

- In reserved forests, local people are prohibited, unless specifically allowed by a Forest Officers.

**Protected Forests** : The State Government is empowered to constitute any land other than reserved forests as protected forests.

**Facts :**

- **Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country** followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.
- In terms of forest cover as percentage of total geographical area, the top five States are Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland.

## 7. Assam First Vulture Restaurant

**Context - Assam's first vulture 'restaurant' to be set up in Kulsi (Kamrup Metro).**

- Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre (VCBC), Rani will introduce vulture restaurant.
- The proposed restaurant will be an area where villagers can deposit animal carcasses to ensure a safe and toxin-free food source for the carrion eaters.
- Out of 23 species of vultures in the world, nine are found in India.
- National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has approved an Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020-2025.
- IUCN – Critically Endangered.

## 8. Environment Ministry Proposes Eco-Sensitive Zone Around Deepar Beel:

**Context:** The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued a draft notification to declare an **Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around Deepar Beel in Assam's Guwahati.**

- The proposed ESZ will extend 25.294 meters to 5 km from the sanctuary boundary, covering 38.84 sq km.

### What are ESZ ?

An Eco-Sensitive Zone acts as a protective buffer around ecologically fragile areas, regulating activities to balance development with conservation.

- Certain activities that cause high pollution or significant ecological damage are banned.
- Other activities are not completely banned but are highly regulated. This includes the felling of trees, widening of roads etc.
- These zones are notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

About Deepar Beel – It is the only Ramsar Site in Assam.

## 9.Kulsi River Dam Project

**Context** - Members of 19 organisations hit the streets in a southwestern Assam to oppose a **55-megawatt hydropower project** .

### **About the project –**

- A proposed 55-MW hydroelectric project, planned jointly by the Assam and Meghalaya.
- It aims to boost renewable energy and mitigate urban flooding in Guwahati.
- Proposed at Ukiam, at the confluence of the Dron, Shree, and Dilma rivers, roughly 80 km southwest of Guwahati.

### **About Kulsi river –**

- Kulsi, also called Kolohi in certain downstream villages in Kamrup is a tributary of the Brahmaputra river.
- The river **originates in the west khasi hills of Meghalaya.**
- The first national river-dolphin survey report, unveiled by PM Narendra Modi, highlighted Kulsi's significance. The survey, conducted in April 2022, covered 61 km from Kukurmara to Nagarbera. The findings revealed an estimated dolphin population of 20.

**Fact** - The traditional Kolohi River boat race (Nou Khel), held annually in Southern part of Kamrup district.

## 10.Etalin Dam Project

**Context** - Centre to assess green nod for **Etalin dam in Arunachal Pradesh.**

### **About the project –**

- It is a 3,097 MW hydropower project planned on Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley.
- The hydropower project is planned on Dri and Talo rivers (tributaries of the Dibang river).
- It is one of the largest hydropower projects proposed in the country in terms of installed capacity.
- EHEP is proposed to be developed as a combination of two run-of-the-river schemes.

- The project is being executed by NHPC Limited (formerly known as the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation).

## 11. Asian Water Bird Census

**Context** - The **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary** authorities on carried out the **annual Asian Waterbird Census for 2026**.

- The exercise was conducted in collaboration with Aranyak, the Assam Bird Monitoring Network, local bird experts, students and members of the Pobitora Jeep Safari Owners’ Association, Mayong.

**Waterbirds** - These birds require the aquatic environment for either part or all of their life cycle to survive. Eg Pelicans, Ducks, Swans, Herons, Pelicans, cormorants, Grebes, and Cranes.

### About Pobitora –

- Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is known for holding the highest density of Greater One Horned Rhinoceros in the country (Mini Kaziranga).
- Located in the sub-urbs of the capital city of Guwahati, in Morigaon district on the southern bank of Brahmaputra river.

## 12. Species in news

<p><b>Asain Open Bill Storks</b></p>	<p>Jadav Payeng calls for protection of their nesting trees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is locally known as Samukbhonga.</li> <li>● It is greyish or white with glossy black wings and tail.</li> <li>● These are migratory birds that return to the same towering trees between June and July to breed.</li> <li>● They had the ability to thrive in urban</li> <li>● Environment and does not nest on every tree but selects very specific ones.</li> <li>● IUCN Red List – Least Concern</li> </ul>
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<b>Wolly necked stork</b>	Recently woolly necked stork has been rescued and released at the Bahari Beel in Kaziranga NP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is a dark-brown stork with green-bronze iridescence on the wings and breast.</li> <li>● It has a distinctive white ruffled neck, a white tail, and a dark salmon-tipped bill.</li> <li>● Mostly found in the Indian subcontinent</li> <li>● IUCN Red List – Near Threatened.</li> </ul>
<b>Gecko</b>	A new species of bent toed gecko has been recorded from the montane forest of Dima Hasao.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is a type of small lizard (reptile) mostly nocturnal and carnivorous.</li> <li>● Mostly found in warm climates.</li> <li>● They are capable of making hissing noises when alarmed or threatened.</li> </ul>
<b>Mohanmala</b>	Kaziranga bids farewell to legendary departmental elephant Mohanmala that recently passed away at Kaziranga.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Karnataka has the highest number of elephant population followed by Assam &amp; Tamil Nadu.</li> <li>● IUCN Red List (Asian Elephant) – Endangered.</li> </ul>
<b>Frog</b>	Scientists of Wild Life Institute of India has discovered 13 new frog species across NE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 were discovered in Arunachal Pradesh, 3 in Meghalaya and one species each in Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur.</li> <li>● In Assam it was named as Raorchestes barakensis from Lakhicherra, Barail Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam.</li> </ul>
<b>Garcinia</b>	A new tree species belonging to the Garcinia genus has been discovered in Assam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The newly identified species, Garcinia kusumae, has been named in honour of Kusum Devi, the late mother of Jatindra Sarma, a noted botanist.</li> <li>● Garcinia, the largest genus in the Clusiaceae family, consists of over</li> </ul>

		<p>400 species found across the tropics, particularly in Africa, Australasia, and Southeast Asia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It was discovered during a field survey in Bamunbari, Baksa district. The tree, locally known as thoikora (medicinal fruit tree).</li> </ul>
<b>Pethia Dibrugarhensis</b>	A newly discovered fish species in Brahmaputra.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It belongs to the Cyprinidae family and is a type of barb fish.</li> </ul>
<b>Beauty Snake (Elaphe taeniura)</b>	It has been recorded for the first time from Assam, with the specimen found inside a shop in Dibrugarh city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is a rare non-venomous snake known as the Beauty Snake.</li> <li>● It is also known as the Beauty Rat Snake or Striped Trinket Snake.</li> </ul>

### 13. Earthquakes in Assam



**Context** – Several earthquakes hit Assam in 2025 and was linked to tectonic activity near the Kopili Fault.

#### Why Assam is earthquake prone?

- India has released a new seismic zonation map under the revised Earthquake Design Code, placing the entire Himalayan belt including Assam’s earthquake prone region into the highest risk Zone VI.
- Assam lies at the easternmost projection of the Indian Plate, which is constantly colliding with the Eurasian Plate.
- The region is riddled with active faults, including the Kopili Fault, the Dhubri Fault, and Himalayan thrust systems.

#### What are earthquake faults ?

- These are cracks or fractures in the earth’s surface where rock moves or slide past each other that causes quakes.
- The Kopili Fault (KF) is a 300 km long, 50 km wide very active tectonic fault zone in Northeast India, extending from Manipur to the Bhutan border.

**Fact** - The 1950 Assam–Tibet earthquake, also known as the Assam earthquake, occurred on 15 August and had a moment magnitude of 8.7. The epicentre was located in the Mishmi Hills.

#### 14. Fossilized leaves found in Makum Coal Field

**Context** - Scientists have uncovered a remarkable 24-million-year-old secret hidden in the coal beds of **Assam's Makum Coalfield**, shedding new light on South Asia's ancient biodiversity.

- It has been identified as the world's oldest known record of the Nothopegia plant genus and were discovered by researchers from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) in Lucknow.
- The fossil leaves, dating back to the late Oligocene epoch (24–23 million years ago), bear a striking resemblance to the modern Nothopegia species found today in the Western Ghats.

#### 15. Kaziranga NP : 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Tiger Density

**Context** – Kaziranga in Assam records **third-highest tiger density in India** after Bandipur and Corbett as per the latest report released by the Chief Minister of Assam on Global Tiger Day 2025.

- As per the 2024 report on the status of tigers, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve has a density of **18.65 tigers per 100 square kilometer**.
- Kaziranga recorded 148 tigers over 1,307.49 sq. km, up from 104 in 2022, including 27 tigers from the newly surveyed Biswanath Division.
- Kaziranga hosts the world's largest population of Indian one-horned rhinoceros (2,200+), along with tigers, elephants, swamp deer, Hoolock gibbons, and migratory birds like greater adjutant and black-necked stork.

#### About Project Tiger –

- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in 1973 with an aim to ensure a viable population of Bengal tigers in natural habitats.
- Madhya Pradesh has the largest tiger population, followed by Karnataka, Uttarakhand, and Maharashtra.

- Nagarjunsagar-Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve (Andhra Pradesh) is the largest tiger reserve in India.
- India now hosts around 75% of the world's tiger population.
- IUCN Red list – Endangered, WPA, 1972 – Schedule 1

**Facts** - Kaziranga National Park (1974) was officially declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006.

## 16. Village Grazing Reserve & Professional Grazing Reserve

**Context** – Assam CM announced the cancellation of commercial licenses of all the establishments on VGR-PGR land in Karbi Anglong and pledged eviction drive by the government.

- VGR – These are protected land areas intended for community livestock grazing and, in some cases, supporting local industries like muga silk cultivation. They are managed under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (ALRR), 1886
- PGR - These are designed for more commercial or large-scale grazing.
- RF (Reserve Forest) - These are strictly protected, government-owned areas with all human activity prohibited unless permitted.

## Miscellaneous

### 1.Raja Dharmanarayan Stadium

**Context** – To honour the legacy of **Dharma Narayan, the first king of Darrang, Sonalipam Stadium in Assam’s Mangaldai has been renamed as Raja Dharma Narayan Stadium.**

- He was originally known as Balinarayan the brother of Raja Parikshit and a grandson of the renowned Koch General Chilarai.
- His contribution, along with 12,000 Darrangi soldiers in the historic Battle of Saraighat, is regarded as a proud chapter in Assam’s history.
- In 1637 AD Dharmanarayan died during an outbreak of epidemic, while he was engaged in bitter struggle with the Mughals.
- He was succeeded by his son, Mahendranarayan to the throne of Darrang as an Ahom vassal.

### 2.Brahmaputra River Front

**Context** - FM Sitharaman inaugurates Rs 632-Cr Brahmaputra Riverfront & Gateway of Guwahati. Both the projects has been built at a combined cost of Rs.632 crore.

- The Brahmaputra Riverfront** – Sati Radhika Shaanti Udyan, features a 15-metre-wide boulevard, landscaped walkways, cycling tracks, open gyms, children’s play areas, and Assamese-themed gateways.
- The Riverfront is located on the south bank of the mighty Brahmaputra River and part of the central area of Guwahati. A 6 km long Riverfront stretches between Rajbhawan (Kharghuli Hill) to famous Kamakhya Temple (Nilachal Hill).
- Gateway of Guwahati Terminal** is India's first of its kind riverine terminal on the Brahmaputra in Guwahati.
- It was constructed by the Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society.

### 3.Swahid Smarak Khetra

**Context** – On the occasion of **Swahid Divas (December 10)**, Assam CM inaugurated **Swahid Smarak Kshetra at Boragaon, Guwahati**.

- It is **built to honour the 860 martyrs** who sacrificed their lives during the historic Assam Agitation (1979–1985).
- It is built on 98 bighas of land and includes Water bodies, landscaped zones, Prayer hall, Cycle track, Auditorium, Sound-and-light show depicting Assam Agitation & Assam's history.
- Fact – Swahid Divas commemorates the death anniversary of Khargeswar Talukdar, the first martyr of the Assam Movement. He was killed on **10 December 1979** during a protest, making this date symbolic for the entire agitation.

#### **4. Tribhuvan Prasad Tiwari Commission**

**Context** - Assam govt to table Tiwari Commission report on Nellie massacre of 1983 in Assembly.

- The then Assam government on July 14, 1983 constituted a commission headed by Justice Tribhuvan Prasad Tiwari to investigate the massacre.
- The commission submitted its final report to the Assam government in May 1984.
- Although completed in 1984, the report was kept confidential for over four decades and was officially tabled in the Assam Legislative Assembly by the state government on November 25, 2025.

**Nellie Massacre –**

- The incident occurred at the height of the Assam Movement, when widespread protests were underway in the state against "foreign nationals,".
- On February 18, 1983, on the day of the assembly elections, a mob attacked Muslim villagers of Bangladesh origin and according to various reports, more than 2,000 people were killed.

#### **5. Jyoti – Bishnu Antarjatik Kala Mandir**

**Context** - Union Home Minister Amit Shah on inaugurated the newly constructed **Jyoti Bishnu International Cultural Auditorium at Khanapara**.

- The 5,000-seat auditorium, among the largest in Eastern India, has been built at a cost of Rs 291 crore.
- The auditorium complex would be run on green energy with solar panels installed on top of the auditorium.

## 6. Dibrugarh as Assam's 2<sup>nd</sup> Capital

**Context** – Union Home Minister, Amit Shah lays foundation stone for **Assam's second Assembly complex in Dibrugarh.**

- The project is expected to play a key role in decentralising administrative activities and strengthening institutional infrastructure in Upper Assam.
- Aims - bring governance closer to the people of Upper Assam.
- Under this project a new Assembly complex, along with the MLA hostel will be built at a cost of approx Rs. 500 crore.

## 7. IAF Air Show In Guwahati

**Context** – The Indian Air Force Organises First Ever Full-Scale Air Show in Guwahati at Lachit Ghat to mark the **93<sup>rd</sup>** Anniversary celebrations.

- The first ever airshow in the North Eastern region It was organised by the Eastern Air Command of the IAF.
- The IAF displayed over 75 planes and helicopters including **Rafale, Sukhoi, Apache, MiG, IL-78 refueler, Mirage, Jaguar, C-17 Globemaster** more than 25 formations.
- The air show also paid homage to Assam's beloved singer Zubeen Garg, featuring his popular song "Mayabini Ratir Bukut.
- The theme for Indian Air Force Day 2025 was centered on "Operation Sindoor.
- Similarly, The Indian Army celebrated its 78th Army Day at Jaipur, Rajasthan, on 15th January 2026.

**Extra Facts** –

- IAF Day is Celebrated annually on 8th October to honour the establishment of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 8th October 1932.

- The official motto of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is "Nabhaḥ Spr̥śam̐ Dīptam̐ (Touch the sky with glory).
- The Eastern Air Command (EAC) of the Indian Air Force is headquartered in Upper Shillong, Meghalaya. ( Total seven commands)

### 8.NE's 1<sup>st</sup> Emergency Landing Facility

**Context – PM Modi** made a historic landing at the **ELF aboard the C-130J aircraft in Assam's Moran in Dibrugarh district.**

- An Emergency Landing Facility is an "**alternative runway**" engineered directly into the national highway system.
- The first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) for fighter aircraft in Northeast India is located on the Moran Bypass on National Highway-37
- Advanced fighter jets, including the Sukhoi-30s, Rafale fighters, indigenous Tejas jets, along with Hercules transporters and Antonov AN-32 aircraft, performed landing and take-off manoeuvres on the specially constructed 4.2-km highway airstrip.
- It represents a strategic milestone for the Indian Air Force, providing an alternative runway for military aircraft during emergencies or wartime scenarios when conventional airbases may be unavailable or under threat.

### 9.Indian Sign Language

**Context - Assam becomes first state to introduce Indian sign language as elective subject in Class XI.**

**Aims & Objective :** To benefit students with hearing disabilities, and create new academic and career opportunities for all learners.

About Sign Language – It is a natural, visual-manual language with its own grammar and vocabulary used by the Deaf community in India. It omprises 33 hand poses (23 letters and 10 digits).

### 10.Classical Language

**Context -** The Government of India conferred the '**Classical Language**' status to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali languages on October 03, 2024.

### **The criteria for a language to be classified as a Classical Language –**

- High antiquity of its early texts or recorded history, spanning a period of 1,500-2,000 years.
- A body of ancient literature or texts that is considered heritage by generations of speakers.
- Knowledge texts, especially prose texts, in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.
- The Classical Language and its literature may be distinct from its current form or show discontinuity with later forms derived from the original.

### **11 Classical language of India –**

- Tamil (2004), Sanskrit (2005), Telugu (2008), Kannada (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014), and Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali (added in October 2024).
- Assamese, Bengali, Sanskrit, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit belongs to the Indo – European language family.
- The Assamese language traces its origin to Magadhi Apabhramsa, with development beginning around the 7th century AD. Its early influence is found in the Charyapadas, which show linguistic features of Assamese
- Approving authority – Union Cabinet of India.
- Official language (Hindi & English) is defined under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.
- The Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution enlists 22 scheduled languages and a few designated classical languages.

### **11.Republish of Hemkosh and Chandrakanta Abhidhan**

**Context** - The Assam government will republish the iconic Assamese dictionaries Hemkosh and Chandrakanta Abhidhan and distribute free copies to schools and colleges across the state.

- The dictionaries would be published by the Assam Prakashan Parishad (Publication Board Assam).
- Hemkosh does not fall under copyright anymore just like Kirtan Ghoxa & Naam Ghoxa.

### **About Hemkosh –**

- It is the first dictionary of the Assamese language published in 1900.

- It was compiled by Hemchandra Baruah and published under the supervision of Capt. P.R. Gordon and Hemchandra Goswami.
- In 2023 'Hemkosh' was recognized as the world's largest bilingual Braille dictionary.

#### **About Chandrakanta Abhidhan –**

- It is an Assamese language to English dictionary.
- It contains 36,816 words and was originally compiled and published by Asam Sahitya Sabha in 1933.

## **12.Sanchipat Manuscript**

**Context** - Assam gifted five priceless, centuries-old **Sanchipat manuscripts (bark-based scriptures)** to the Rashtrapati Bhavan Library in New Delhi for preservation and display.

#### **About Sanchipat manuscript –**

- It is an ancient Assamese tradition of writing manuscripts on the processed inner bark of the Sanchi tree.
- They are made from the bark of the **Sanchi tree** and represent Assamese literature, art, and the Bhakti movement.
- Scientific Name of Sanchi Tree - Aquilaria malaccensis.

#### **Mridu Mausam Bora –**

- He is a renowned traditional artist and conservationist from Dhing in the Nagaon district of Assam, India, recognized for reviving the ancient Assamese art of Sanchipat manuscript painting.
- His work was selected for permanent display at the newly inaugurated Bharatiya Classical Languages Library at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

## **13.Fairs & Festivals in News**

#### **Ningol Chakouba Festival**

- Celebrated in Manipur on the second lunar day of the Hiyangei month in the Manipuri calendar.
- The theme of the festival is to reinforce the loving bond between married women and their paternal families.

### **Poson Poya Festival**

- A major annual Buddhist festival in Sri Lanka, celebrated on the June full moon.

### **Kang Festival –**

- It is also known as the Rath Yatra, is one of the popular and important festivals of the Meitei community of Manipur.

### **Mera Hou Chongba Festival**

- It honours the bond between the valley and hill communities.
- Held annually at Kangla Fort.

### **Guwahati Asian Film Festival (GAFF) 2026**

- Aims to bring the richness and diversity of Asian storytelling to audiences in Assam.
- Is organised by Trending Now Media at Jyoti Chitrabon.
- Assamese Film – Rodor Pakhi by Bobby Sarmah Baruah & Noi Kotha by Pankaj Borah.

### **First North East India Heritage Festival**

- Held in Columbus, Ohio (USA)

### **Sun Rise Festival**

- Held in Anjaw district (the easternmost district of Arunachal Pradesh).

### **Festival Gange Sur Seine, Paris**

- Arunjit Borah's Goodbye Guruji has earned an official selection at this festival.
- Cast – Partha Pratim Hazarika & Aime Baruah.

**BehdeinKhlam Festival:** Celebrated by the Pnar people of Meghalaya, India, primarily in the Jaintia Hills.

**Under The Saal Tree Festival** - Is an annual, eco-friendly, and carbon-neutral event held in December in Rampur (Goalpara). It is

organized by Badungduppa Kalakendra founded by the late Sukracharjya Rabha.

**Charaisung Festival (Majuli)** – Charaichung Bird Sanctuary is Asia's first bird Sactuary estd in 1633 AD by Swargadeo Pratap Singha.

**Maihadi Festival** – Innaugural Edition in Dima Hasao's Nobdilangting.

#### 14. Best Aspirational Bloc

**Context** - Assam's Tamulpur Development Block has been adjudged the best among 500 Aspirational Blocks across the country.

- Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) and the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) is a initiative by NITI Ayog to drive rapid and effective development in underdeveloped regions.
- ADP was launched in 2018 and ABP was launched in 2023 by NITI Ayog.
- The seven aspirational districts in Assam are: Baksa, Barpeta, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Hailakandi, and Udalguri.

#### 15. Baan Theatre

**Context** - Tezpur's 118-yr-old Baan Theatre seeks '**national platform**' recognition from government.

- It is regarded as the **first permanent modern theatre in Assam** .
- It came into being in 1906 and was named after the legendary King Bana.
- The Baan Stage (old) was constructed on the same plot of land donated to the Oxomiya Bhaxa Unnati Xadhini Xobha and with the donation from the public.

#### 16. Lohit Ke Manasputra

**Context** - Hindi book on life of Sankardeva to be translated into Urdu.

- The book have already been translated into Malayalam, Marathi & Assamese.
- Dr Sanwarmal Sanganeria is the author of the Hindi book.

## 17. Daojali Hading

**Context** – Recently **furnace and iron slag has been discovered at Daojali Hading.**

- Daojali Hading the Neolithic site is located in the Dima Hasao district of Assam.
- First Excavation: in 1961-63 by a team led by MC Goswami and T C Sharma
- It is the first stratified neolithic site discovered in Northeast India.
- Sarutaru, another Neolithic site located in kamrup district.

## 18.NE's 1<sup>st</sup> Aqua Tech Park

**Context** - Assam launches **NE's 1st Aqua Tech Park in Sonapur.**

- The tech park is a high-tech aquaculture training and innovation hub.
- It was developed in collaboration with NABARD, ICAICIF, the Assam government, CELCO Foundation, and knowledge partner GIZ.
- Objective: To attain self-sufficiency in fish production.

**Facts** –

- India is the **2nd largest fish producer after China.**
- The three largest fish-producing states in India are Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Gujarat.
- The largest fish seed market in Assam is located in Rangiya, on the banks of the Borolia river.
- Fishery sector Contributes more than 2 % to state's GDP.

## 19. North East Sustainable Development Index 2023-24

**Context** - None from Assam feature in the top ten districts of Northeast in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index.

- Released by – NITI Ayog, MoDONER & UN Development Program.
- All districts in Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura have now achieved 'Front Runner' status.
- Dibrugarh topped the list of districts in Assam, but it has been ranked 17th among 121 districts of the Northeastern region.

- Hnahthial in Mizoram emerged as the best-performing district.

## 20. Navaratna Status to NRL

**Context – Numaligarh Refinery Ltd has received the Navratna Status and has become the 27<sup>th</sup> Navaratna Central Public Sector Enterprise.**

- Maharatna, Navratna, and Miniratna companies are special categories created by the Government of India to give selected Public Sector Undertakings more financial and operational freedom.
- A Navratna is a mid-level classification awarded to strong-performing PSUs that meet specific financial and managerial criteria.

## 21. Pariksha Pe Charcha

**Context -** PM Modi interacted with 25 meritorious students from Assam on the MV Charaidew cruise on the Brahmaputra River, Guwahati. He emphasised the importance of self-confidence, health and discipline while interacting with students during Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026.

- It is an annual, interactive initiative launched in 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help students overcome exam stress, reduce anxiety, and foster a "warrior" mindset.
- In alignment with NEP 2020, the PPC concept is aimed at reshaping the examination experience of students by fostering confidence, positivity, and holistic well-being, and celebrating the exam season as a Utsav.

## 22. Adi Karma Yogi Abhiyaan

**Context - The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has officially launched the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan.**

- It is a tribal grassroots leadership programme, aimed at empowering tribal communities, strengthening responsive governance, and creating local leadership opportunities across the country.
- Under this a national initiative a national ranking has been initiated for recognizing top performing districts for tribal well being. **Golaghat emerged as the top performing districts.**

## Awards & Honors / Sports

### 1.Swachh Survekshan Award 2024-25

**Context** - The President of India conferred Swachh Survekshan Award 2024-25 (9th edition) hosted by the Mo Housing & Urban Affairs in New Delhi.

- For the first time, city classification based on population was introduced.
- The **annual theme for 2025 is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (3R).**
- **Cleanest state – Uttar Pradesh.**
- Indore, Surat and Navi Mumbai are the top 3 cleanest cities (population of more than 10 Lakh).
- **Guwahati** was honoured with the Promising Swachh Shehar Award in the 3 to 10 lakh population category, securing the 44th national rank (Cleanest North East’s Capital).
- The North Lakhimpur Municipality Board (NLMB) of Assam won the Best Swachh Survekshan 2025 award under the category of cities with a population of up to one lakh.
- Manipur's Jiribam named Northeast's 'Most Promising Town.

### 2.Bhogeswar Baruah National Sports Awards

**Context** - Assam Olympic Association launches Bhogeswar Baruah National Sports Awards.

- The award will be conferred annually in six categories--**Best Sportsperson, Emerging Player, and Lifetime Achievement at both the national and Assam levels.**
- **Winners –**
  - Best Sportsperson (National): Manu Bhaker, Olympic medalist (Shooting).
  - Lifetime Achievement (National): Sunil Chhetri.
  - Emerging Player (National): Bedabrat Bharali, Athletics

- o Best Sports person (Assam): Lovlina Borgohain, Olympic bronze medalist (Boxing)
- o Lifetime Achievement (Assam): Dipankar Bhattacharya, Badminton.
- o Emerging Player (Assam): Priyanuj Bhattacharya, Swimming
- **About Bhogeswar Baruah –**
  - o He is the first Arjuna Award recipient of Assam.
  - o Asian Games 1966 : Gold Medal.
  - o Abhiruchi Sports Day, is celebrated annually in Assam on September 3rd to mark the birthday of Arjuna awardee and legendary Assamese athlete Bhogeswar Baruah.

### 3.71<sup>st</sup> National Film Awards (Assam)

**Context** - President of India Droupadi Murmu confers 71st National Film Awards.

#### ● **Winners –**

- Best Assamese Feature Film – Ronga Tapu 1982 by Adityam Saikia.
- Best Tai Phake Film: Pai Tang: Step of Hope by Prabal Khaund)
- Best Biographical Non-Feature Film Lentina Ao by Sanjib Parashar
- Best Film Critic: Utpal Datta.
- Best Feature Film – 12<sup>th</sup> Fail.

#### **Facts –**

- It is awarded by National Film Development Corporation of India and presented by President of India.
- First Assamese Film to win National Award (Certificate of Merit): Piyoli Phukan (1955) by Phani Sarma.
- First President's Silver Medal (Best Feature Film in Assamese) - Ronga Police (1958) by Nip Barua.
- First Assamese Actress (Best Actress): Moloya Goswami (Firingoti, 1992).

### 4. Governor's award for excellence

**Context** - Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya presents excellence awards to individuals in different categories.

- **Awardee –**
  - Bapan Das (Entrepreneur) - Promoted antibiotic-free poultry farming.
  - Dr. Amar Upadhyaya – Social Work.
  - Dr. Nagen Thakur (Posthumously) – Literature & Education.
  - Abhinaj Hazarka – Trade & Commerce.
  - Debashish Roy (Footballer) – Sports.
- The award carries a traditional gamocha, a seleng sador, a medallion, a citation, a cheque of Rs one lakh and a japi.

### 5. Padma Awardees from Assam 2024-25

**Context** – Five people from Assam has been conferred the Padma Awards in 2025.

Awardee –

- **Padma Bhushan** – Jatin Gosawami (Sattriya Exponent).
- **Padma Shree** - Gita Upadhyay (Literature) Anil Kumar Boro (Literature) and Reba Kanta Mahanta (Art).

### About Padma Awards –

- The Padma Awards were established in 1954 alongside the Bharat Ratna, it is annually announced on Republic Day.
- It is the (Padma Vibhushan) second highest civilian award after Bharat Ratna.
- The award is open to all persons regardless of race, occupation, position, or sex, including government servants (excluding doctors and scientists). NRIs, foreign nationals, and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) are also eligible.
- The award does not constitute a title and cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the awardee's name.
- All nominations are evaluated by the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted annually by the Prime Minister and headed by the Cabinet Secretary.

- Nalinibala Devi was the first Assamese woman to receive the Padma Shri, awarded in 1957 for her contributions to literature. Although Amalprava Das (1954): Awarded Padma Shri for social work but declined.

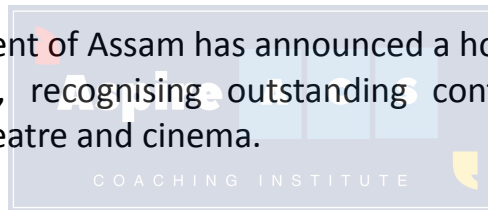
## 6. Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity Award'

**Context** - Bhutan Queen Mother has been conferred '**Soldier of Humanity**' award in Assam.

- Gyalyum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan was conferred the award.
- The award was presented by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust (UNBT) in recognition of the Queen Mother's "lifelong and exceptional contributions to humanitarian service, social development, and inclusive growth".

## 7. Assam Cultural, Literary and National Integrity awards

**Context** - The Government of Assam has announced a host of state awards for the years 2025 and 2026, recognising outstanding contributions across music, literature, education, theatre and cinema.



**Awardees –**

- Silpi Bota - Dhanada Pathak & Samar Hazarika (posthumously).
- Krishnakanta Handique Memorial Award – Maneswar Deori
- National Integrity Award – Dr. Amolendu Chakrabarty.
- Phani Sarma Award – Karuna Deka.
- Bhabendranath Saikia Award – Arup Manna.

## 8.5<sup>th</sup> Son of the soil award 2025

**Context** - Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal confers Sons of the Soil Awards 2025 to five young achievers and lifetime contributors from Assam.

- The award was founded in 2016 and organised biennially by Care Unit.
- **Awardees –**

- Emerging Achievers - Sukrita Baruah – Media & Communication, Sanghamitra Kalita – Entrepreneurship, Isharani Baruah – Sports, Himjyoti Talukdar – Art & Culture, Dr. Debjani Borah – Conservation.
- Lifetime Achievement : Arun Nath, Ravi Shankar Ravi, Mainuddin Ahmed, Lakhimi Baruah, Simanta Das
- Social Sector: Dr. Alaka Sarma and Akshar Foundation.

## 9. PM's Excellence in Public Administration award

**Context** - Assam's '**Shiksha Setu**' initiative receives the PM's Excellence in Public Administration award.

- The award has been received in the innovation category.
- It was presented on the occasion of Civil Services Day celebrations on April 21.

**Shiksha Setu Axom** - It is a comprehensive digital platform with 360 degree information on schools, Staff & Students designed to serve as a single sources of information for day-to-day administrative operations.

## 10. Ambikagiri Rai Choudhury Memorial Award 2025

**Context** - AASU announces **Ambikagiri Rai Choudhury Memorial Award**.

- The award is jointly presented by AASU, Asom Unnati Sabha & Asom Sena.
- **Recipient – Neelam Dutta (Farmer & Entrepreneur).**
- He is one of the key functionaries of the Lakshmi Krishi Bahumukhi Prakalpa and the founder of Pabhoi Greens Private Limited.

**About Ambikagiri Rai Chooudhury (Asom Kesari) –**

- He was an eminent Assamese poet, lyricist, singer and freedom fighter.
- He was elected president of the [Asam Sahitya Sabha](#) in 1950 of Margherita session.
- Famous songs –
  - Toi Bhangibo lagibo shil, Dhar Jharu Dhar Bhai, Ki Dekhebi Bhay Karagar.
- Patriotic Drama – Bandini Bharat.

- Poetry Books – Tumi, Beena, Chetana, Anubhuti, Sthapan kar, Bedanar Ulka, Aaji Bondu ki chandere etc.

### 11. Pratima Baruah Pandey Memorial Award 2025

**Context** - AASU on Saturday presented the Pratima Baruah Pandey Memorial Award 2025.

- The Award is conferred annually on her death anniversary to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to Assam's folk culture and heritage.
- Awardee – Ratneswar Moran (Folk Artist).

#### About Pratima Baruah Pandey –

- She was born in a royal family of Gauripur in Western Assam's Dhubri district.
- She was honoured with the Padmashri and Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1991 for her immense contributions to popularizing Goalpariya lokageet.
- Documentary – Hastir Kanya by Prabin Hazarika (National Film Award for Best Biographical Film in 1997).

### 12. Bhupen Hazarika National Award

**Context** - Jyotiraditya Scindia confers Bharat Ratna **Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Awards celebrating cultural harmony in Bhupen Da's centenary year.**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the celebrations of the 100th birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.
- He is the first personality from Assam to be honored with the issuance of a commemorative coin.
- The ₹100 coin, minted at the India Government Mint in Mumbai under the direction of the Ministry of Finance, will have a total weight of 40 grams, be made of pure silver, and measure 44 millimeters in diameter.

**Awardee** - Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi (Arunachal Pradesh), Laishram Mema (Manipur), Rajni Basumatary (Assam), L. R. Sailo (Mizoram), Dr. Surjya Kanta Hazarika (Assam), and Prof. David R. Syiemlieh (Meghalaya) .

## **Sports & Other News in Shorts**

### **1. Debut Guwahati International Test Match –** South Africa defeated India.

- India led by Risabh Pant, SA – Temba Bavuma
- MOM – Marco Jensen.
- The ceremonial Test match bell has been handcrafted in Sarthebari.

### **2. World Junior Badminton Championship (Under 19) –** 24<sup>th</sup> edition held in Guwahati

- India won First ever medal (Bronze) in the BWF Junior Mixed Team Championship.
- Boy's Singles – Liu Yang (CHN)
- Girl's Singles – Anyapat (THN)

### **3. Uma Chetry -** Wicketkeeper-batter Uma Chetry made her long-awaited ODI debut against Bangladesh in their final group-stage match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025.

### **4. Simu Das –** Born in Nogaon, was the part of Indian blind women's cricket team that made the nation proud by winning the first-ever Blind Women's T20 World Cup.

### **5. Elvis Ali Hazarika -** Becomes First Assamese to Complete 350 Km Sea Swim Relay. He is also the first Assamese to cross the English Channel (relay) and the first from Northeast India to swim the North Channel.

### **6. Lovlina Borgohain -** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma dedicated the new Lovlina Borgohain Sports Arena in North Lakhimpur to the nation on Wednesday. The Boxer own Bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympic.

### **7. 38<sup>th</sup> National Games (Uttarakhand) –** Assam secured 24<sup>th</sup> position (3 gold, 15 silver, and 16 bronze). Lovlina Borgohain (Gold - 75kg boxing), Ankushita Boro (Gold - 66kg boxing), Nayan Moni Saikia & Bangita Hazarika (Gold - Lawn Bowls).

#### ○ **Key Rankings:**

- 1st Place: Services (68 Gold, 121 Total)

- 2nd Place: Maharashtra (54 Gold, 201 Total)
- 3rd Place: Haryana (48 Gold, 153 Total).

**8.New ACA Stadium** – Newly inaugurated in Umrangsoo, Dima Hasao.

- A pavilion has been named after Singia Tularam ( Dimasa Military Commander) who fought against the British.

**9.Guin : Aranyar Pora Juddha Khetra Loi** - A new bok released by Girimallika Saikia.

**10.AD BNCT (Accelerator Driven – Boron Neutron Capture Therapy)** – India’s first IndigineousTech for Cancer Therapy – Launched by Cotton University.

**11.COMICON Guwahati - First-ever edition held in Guwahati** - The event will feature comics, cosplay, anime, gaming, music, and creator showcases, offering fans an immersive experience.

**12. SMART AXOM App** – Inaugurated by Revenue & Disaster Mnagement – Real Time Data Collection, coordination and communication during disasters.

**13.State Mining Index** – India’s first ever benchmarking framework for evaluating states performance in the non – coal mining sector. (Announced by Ministry of Mines)

- Assam Rank – 3<sup>rd</sup> ( Moderate Resources) | Top – MP, Rajasthan & Gujarat.

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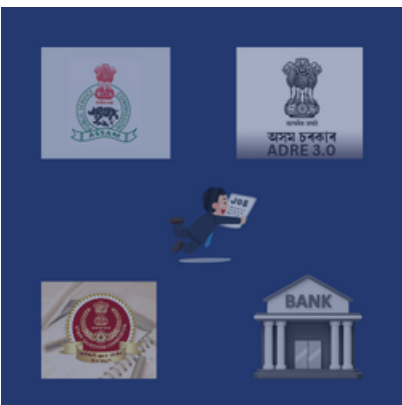
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