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PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. What is/are the advantage/advantages of zero tillage in agriculture?(UPSC PRELIMS-2020)

- 1.Sowing of what is possible without burning the residue of the previous crop.
- 2.Without the need for nursery of rice saplings, direct planting of paddy seeds in the wet soil is possible.
- 3.Carbon sequestration in the soil is possible.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- [a) 1 and 2 only
- [b) 2 and 3 only
- [c) 3 only
- [d) 1, 2 and 3

TEN CITIES DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT



CONTEXT

- In a strategic move towards planned and rapid urban development, the Assam government has initiated the 'Ten Cities Development Concept' (Doh Shaher, Ek Rupayan).



KEY CITIES AND PARTICIPANTS

- The ten cities identified for comprehensive development are Silchar, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Bongaigaon, Biswanath Chariali, Karimganj, Tinsukia, Golaghat, Jorhat, Tezpur, Sibsagar and North Lakhimpur.

COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS DOMAINS

- The proposed improvements cover various domains, including the **City Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF)**, **Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)**, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission and more.

KEY PRIORITIES IN DIFFERENT DOMAINS

- **Water Supply and Rejuvenation:** AMRUT and SoPD emphasize water supply, rejuvenation of water bodies, and park development.
- **Solid Waste Management:** Swachh Bharat Mission includes door-to-door collection of solid waste, waste processing, and disposal at dumping grounds.

INTER-STATE BOUNDARY ISSUE



CONTEXT

- **Assam** and **Nagaland** Chief Ministers, Himanta Biswa Sarma and Neiphiu Rio held talks with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Monday.
- They deliberated on resolving the **inter-state boundary dispute** and other shared concerns as mentioned in an official release.



ABOUT

- The **Assam-Nagaland border dispute** is a long-standing **inter-state conflict** between the states of **Assam** and **Nagaland** in Northeast India, primarily related to **land encroachment** and **territorial disputes**.
- The dispute has its roots in the **creation** of **Nagaland** as a separate state carved out from Assam in **1963**.
- The border dispute involves several sectors, including **Sivsagar**, **Golaghat**, **Jorhat** and **Karbi Anglong** districts in Assam.

KEY ASPECTS OF THE ASSAM-NAGALAND BORDER DISPUTE INCLUDE

- **Historical background:** The dispute has existed since the creation of Nagaland as a separate state, with some **clauses** in the **agreement** on land transfer to Nagaland remaining **unimplemented** to date.
- **Land encroachment:** The conflict mostly relates to land encroachment, with both states claiming territories along the border.

- **Border sectors:** The disputed border is divided into **six sectors**, with both states having conflicting claims in certain areas.
- **Impact on people:** The border dispute has led to various problems for the people living in the border areas, including migration, looting of resources, and violence.

EGYPT'S NEW PRESIDENT



CONTEXT

- **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** secures a resounding **third term** as **Egypt's president**, winning a staggering 89.6% of the votes in an election.



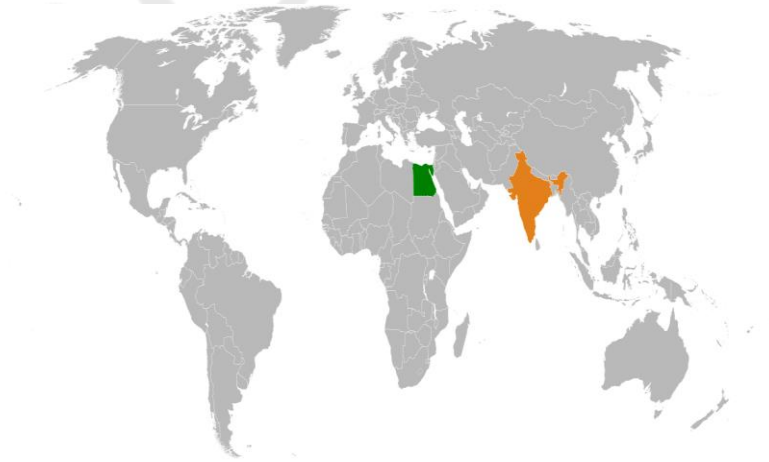
ABOUT

- **Egypt** is a **transcontinental country** spanning the northeast corner of **Africa** and the **Sinai Peninsula** in the Southwest corner of **Asia**.
- It's capital is **Cairo** and it's currency is the **Egyptian Pound**.



INDIA-EGYPT RELATIONS

- **India** and **Egypt** share a long history of close contact and **cooperation** on **bilateral**, **regional** and **global issues**.



- **India** is the **fourth-largest trade partner** of **Egypt** and the total bilateral trade between the two countries has increased significantly in recent years.
- The two countries have also cooperated on defense and security issues, with India providing training to Egyptian military personnel.

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2023 WINNERS



साहित्य अकादेमी

CONTEXT

- The **Sahitya Akademi Awards** for the year **2023** have been announced in **24 languages**, recognizing outstanding literary works in various Indian languages.

- From Assam, Pranavjyoti Deka has bagged the award in the short stories category for his book titled 'Shreshtha Galpa'.
- Apart from Deka, another literary luminary from Assam has bagged the award in short story category. Nandeswar Daimary also bagged the honour for his Bodo language book titled 'Jui-Safarni Dakhwn' and Judhabir Rana has won the award in the essay category in Nepali language.

ABOUT THE AWARD

- The **Sahitya Akademi Award** is a prestigious recognition presented by the **Sahitya Akademi, Government of India** and it consists of a copper plaque and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.
- The award acknowledges exceptional contributions to the field of literature and promotes **India's rich and diverse literary heritage**.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Consider the following Sahitya Akademi recipients along with their works.

1. Jatindranath Dowara-Bana Phul
2. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya-Alakananda
3. Homen Borgohain-Aghari Atmar Kahini

Select the correct codes.

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. All of the above.

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