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PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Which Article of the Constitution states special provisions with respect to the State of Nagaland?

- (a) Article 352
- (b) Article 356
- (c) Article 370
- (d) Article 371 A

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Which of the following types of volcanoes is characterized by highly explosive eruptions and steep-sided profiles?

- a) Shield volcano
- b) Stratovolcano
- c) Cinder cone
- d) Lava dome

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- A) Only a and b
- B) Only b and c
- C) Only b
- D) Only c and d

ZORAM PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT



CONTEXT

- **Zoram People's Movement (ZPM)** has achieved a significant victory in the Mizoram Assembly election, defeating the **Mizo National Front (MNF)**.



FORMATION AND EVOLUTION OF ZPM

- ZPM was established as a coalition of six regional parties and civil society groups, including the **Zoram Nationalist Party** founded by **Lalduhoma**.
- Initially a coalition backing Independent candidates in **2018**, ZPM emerged as the principal opposition to MNF.
- Recognized as a **political party** in **2019**, it grew into a viable alternative, winning significant elections including the **Serchhip byelection** and **municipal councils**.

LALDUHOMA'S POLITICAL JOURNEY

- **Lalduhoma**, set to be the Chief Minister, is a **former IPS officer** and has served in various political capacities.
- Initially a Congress member and MP, he was the first to be disqualified under the **anti-defection law** in 1988.
- His political career includes multiple tenures in the state Assembly.

ZPM'S ELECTORAL APPEAL

- ZPM broke the traditional MNF-Congress cycle by positioning itself as a **corruption-free alternative**.
- It criticized MNF for unfulfilled promises and proposed **administrative, land,** and **economic reforms**.
- While offering a new system, ZPM maintained certain similarities with MNF, especially on **Mizo nationalism**.

IMPACT ON MIZORAM'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- The rise of ZPM indicates a shift in Mizoram's political dynamics, with a new regional party challenging the long-standing dominance of MNF and Congress.
- The party's focus on **local issues**, **corruption-free governance**, and **regional identity** resonated with voters.
- ZPM's success could influence future political strategies in the state and potentially in the Northeast region

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Tipra Motha is

- (A) A political party
- (B) A hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh
- (C) A wildlife sanctuary in Bihar
- (D) A salt water lake in Sundarbans, West Bengal

CAPT. GEETIKA KOUL



CONTEXT

- **Captain Geetika Koul** is the first woman medical officer deployed at **Siachen**, after completing intensive training at the **Siachen Battle School**.



MOU SIGNED FOR HEALTH PILOT PROJECT



CONTEXT

- An MoU for a **health pilot project** was signed on December 1, 2023, by **NHM Assam, Tata Medical and Diagnostics, and IIT Guwahati**, focusing on implementing **Digital Nerve Centre Platform (DiNC)** at **North Guwahati PHC, Kamrup**



KEY OBJECTIVES AND DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

- **Tata Medical and Diagnostics** Limited leads a **health improvement project** in rural Assam, focusing on **Mother and Child Care** and **Non-Communicable Diseases**.
- **IIT Guwahati** joins as the knowledge and research partner, with the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** as the strategic partner.

- Assam Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta emphasizes the Chief Minister's 'Health for All' vision, aligning it with the state's healthcare initiatives
- This project represents a significant collaborative effort towards improving healthcare delivery in Assam, particularly in rural areas, leveraging technological advancements and strategic partnerships.

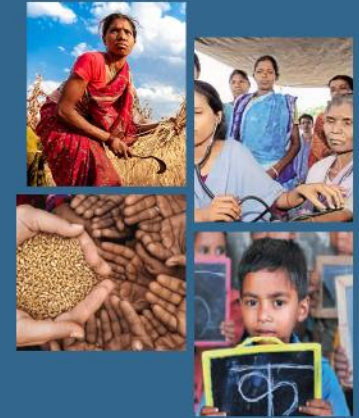
ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAM



CONTEXT

- The **Aspirational District Programme (ADP)** has been praised by **UNDP India** as a successful **local area development model**.

Aspirational District Programme



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Launched:** January 2018.
- **Objective:** To improve India's **Human Development Index (HDI)**, raise **living standards**, and ensure **inclusive growth**.
- **Target:** Focus on **112 Aspirational Districts** across **27 states**.
- **Criteria for Selection:**
 - Identified by **NITI Aayog** based on indicators in **Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure**.

WEIGHTAGE ALLOCATION

- Health & Nutrition: 30%.
- Education: 30%.
- Agriculture & Water Resources: 20%.
- Financial Inclusion & Skill
Development: 10%.
- Basic Infrastructure: 10%.

HEALTH REPOSITORY UNDER THE AD PROGRAM

- **Health Atlas**: Launched by the Prime Minister on 14th April 2018 as a diagnostic tool.
- **Operational Guideline for Health & Nutrition**: Released on 22nd October 2018 to assist districts in program implementation.
- **National Mentor's Guidebook**: Launched on 8th November 2019 for monitoring and mentoring.

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