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PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Which of the following statement is correct in case of a parliamentary form of government?

- a. A parliamentary government is always unitary in nature.
- b. A parliamentary government must have a written constitution.
- c. In a parliamentary government, the head of the state is the titular executive.
- d. None of the above.

JAMMU & KASHMIR RESERVATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023



CONTEXT

- The **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023** was passed in the Lok Sabha on December 6, 2023.
- The bill aims to amend the **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004** which provides for reservation in jobs and admission in professional institutions for members of **Scheduled Tribes**, **Scheduled Castes** and other **socially and educationally backward classes**.



KEY CHANGES PROPOSED

- The amendment suggests a change in the nomenclature of a section of people previously described as “**weak and underprivileged classes** (social castes)” to “**other backward classes**”.

REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- The bill also proposes to increase the **total number** of **seats** in the Jammu and Kashmir legislative **assembly**, with specific reservations for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes
- It also aims to provide representation in the Legislative Assembly to **Kashmiri migrants** and displaced persons from **Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)**.

SURGE IN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN ASSAM



CONTEXT

- Assam has experienced a **significant surge** in **crude oil** production, totaling 4.2 million tonnes and constituting a noteworthy **14.3% share** of the **country's production**.



- The major exploration and production player in Assam is **Oil India Limited** (OIL), which has drilled over 1250 wells and operates a 1157 km fully automated crude oil pipeline that transports crude from its fields in **Guwahati**, **Bongaigaon** and **Barauni**.

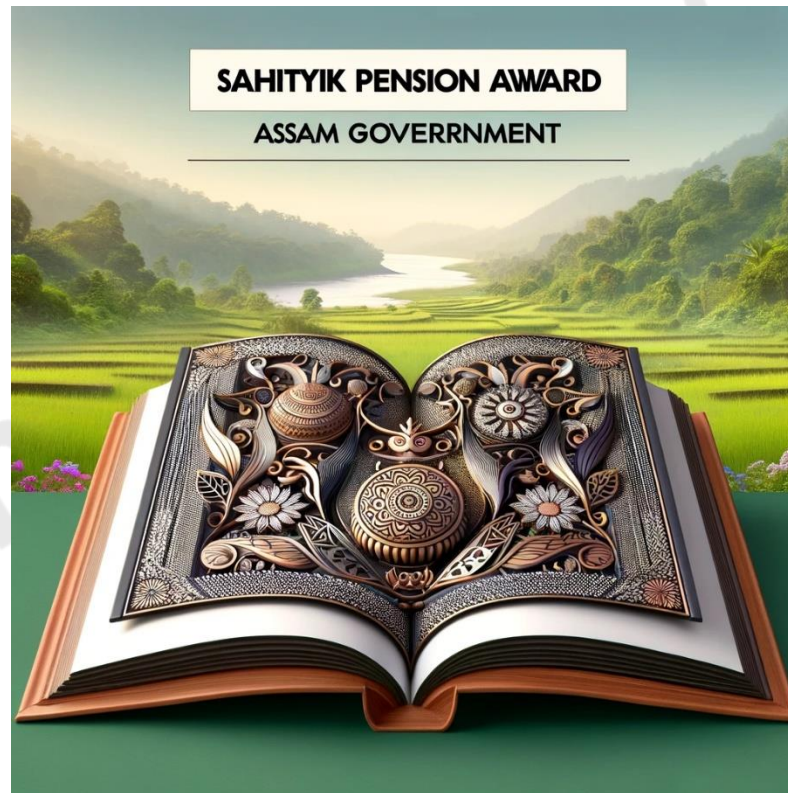
- Similarly, the state has excelled in **natural gas** production, corresponding to a **14.3%** share in the **national natural gas production**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION®

- The **Digboi Refinery**, established in **1901**, has a capacity to refine nearly 500 barrels of oil a day.
- Assam has the **highest** number of **refineries** in the country, a testimony to the amount of oil in the region

➤ Numaligarh Refinery expansion project, North East Gas Grid, Paradip-Numaligarh crude oil pipeline, NRL Bio refinery and the 2G refinery of 185 klpd capacity at Numaligarh (which will produce Ethanol from Bamboo) are some of the other interesting prospects taken by the government in order to reduce the dependence on the imports.

ASSAM GOVERNMENT'S SAHITYIK PENSION AWARD 2023-24



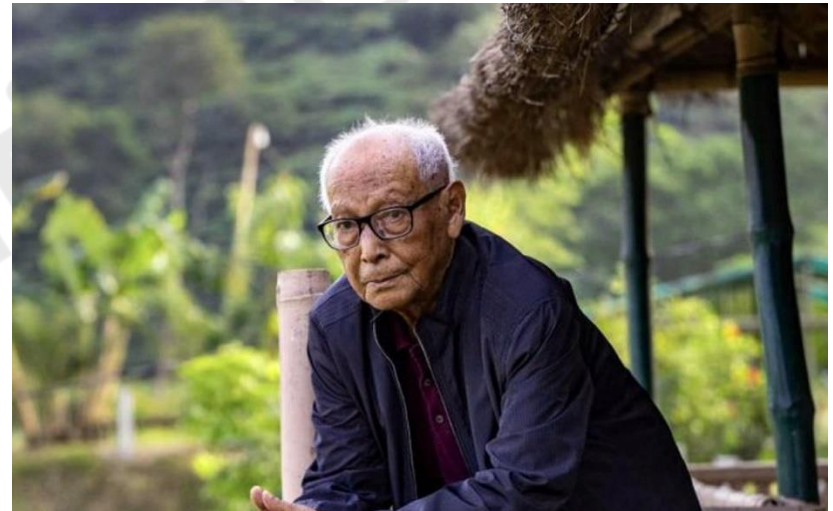
CONTEXT

- The Assam government announced the '**Sahityik**' (Literary) pension award for 2023-24.
- **23** eminent personalities from Assam have been selected for this honor.



KEY FACTS

- The award ceremony is scheduled for December 7, coinciding with the birthday of the **late Dr. Homen Borgohain**, a revered Assamese author and journalist.



HOMEN BORGHAIN: A STALWART OF ASSAMESE LITERATURE

- He was born on **December 7**, 1932, and passed away on May 12, 2021.
- Borgohain is celebrated as a prominent figure in contemporary Assamese literature, known for his diverse talents as a **poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist** and preeminent **journalist**.

- He edited various significant weekly and daily newspapers such as **Saptahik Nilachal**, **Asam Bani**, **Amor Asom**, and **Niyomiya Barta**, as well as literary and cultural magazines like **Sutrodhar** and **Satsori**.
- His work in literature earned him prestigious accolades like the **Srimanta Sankardev Award** and the **Assam Valley Literary Award**.

- He was honored with the **Sahitya Akademi Award** in **1978** for his novel "**Pita Putra**,"
- Borgohain served as the chair of the **Asom Sahitya Sabha**, a prominent literary society, **twice** in **2001** and **2002**
- Homen Borgohain's life and work exemplify a commitment to journalistic integrity and literary excellence, profoundly influencing Assamese society and culture.

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION(GI) TAG



Geographical Indication (GI) Tags

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Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India

CONTEXT

- **Meghalaya** has recently been honored with the **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag for several of its unique products



LAKADONG TURMERIC

- Known globally for its high curcumin content, ranging between 6.8% and 7.5%.
- It has a **darker hue** compared to other turmeric varieties.



GARO DAKMANDA

- A traditional ankle-length garment worn by **Garo** women in **Meghalaya**.



LARNAI POTTERY: BLACK POTTERY

- From **Jaintia Hills**
District.



GARO CHUBITCHI

- A traditional **rice**-based fermented alcoholic beverage of the **Garo** **tribe**.
- Consumed during feasts and ceremonies,



ABOUT GI TAG

- Awarded by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** in India.
- Administered under the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999**.
- A GI tag is valid for **10 years** and can be renewed thereafter.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Which was the first Indian product to get the Geographical Indication (GI) tag ?

- (a) Aranmula Kannadi
- (b) Darjeeling Tea
- (c) Katarina Rice
- (d) Madhubani Paintings

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