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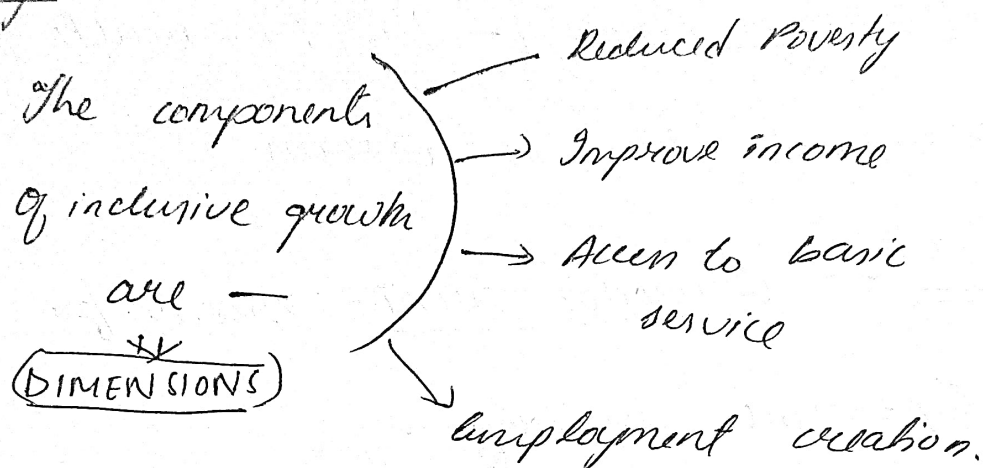
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Q1)

According to OECD inclusive growth means growth distributed fairly across society.



The key dimensions in the content of Assam's socio-economic landscape are —

↳ Income Parity - Assam's per capita income is Rs 1.5 lakh / annum and disparity persists.

Solⁿ - Mukhya Mantri Atma Nirbhar
Abhijan - Supports entrepreneurship

- Tibon Premana - Provide support to

youth during job finding period to find proper job.

↳ Reduced Poverty - 14.47-1. multi-Dimensional Poor in Assam

Solⁿ → Orunodoi Asoni - Income for dependent population.

Lakshpati Baidoo - Seed Capital for livelihood creation of women

↳ Employment Creation - Assam unemployment rate reduced to ~6%.

⇒ One lakh job creation

⇒ Pfg AI Mission - Non-farm activity promoted

↳ Access to Basic facilities ⇒ Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Awas Yojana

All these key dimensions would uplift Assam and make "Atma Nibhar Rajya"

Q25 Flood Hazard Zonation means satellite classification of most flood affected plains of Assam as a preparedness and mitigation measure

Assam Flood Hazard Zonation
contribute to risk informed planning
under PM 10 Point Agenda in following
ways:

↳ Informed construction of projects -

The risky flood zones should be excluded for any development project

↳ Reduced loss - Both human lives and properties

→ Evacuation can be done swiftly

→ Reduced lags in information
delivery

↳ Use of Technology and Media -

↳ The satellite images and early warnings would help provide time for mitigation and response

↳ Uniform and specify information dissemination

↳ Leveraging local support and engagements - Inclusive Disaster

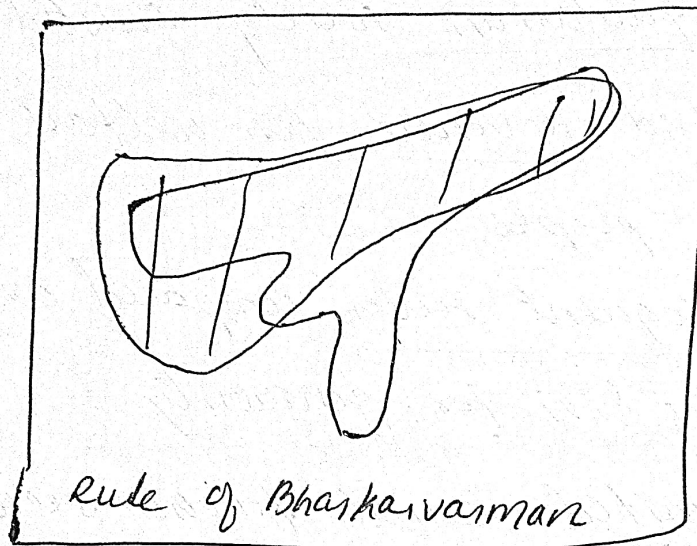
Risk Reduction plan -

↳ use of local materials for resilient infrastructure
eg &hra use

these informed information would lead to informed planning by following a bottom up approach addressing every section's need.

Q3)

Bhaskarvarman was the most
Chivalrous ruler of the first ancient
Assam dynasty. He ruled during
7th century.



Contributions of Bhaskarvarman?

1. Diplomacy :

1.1 Along with Harshavardhan
 he formed alliance

1.2. Together they defeated the
 ruler of Gauda - Shashanka

1.3. He was keen in China's statecraft

- Ordered translation of 'dao Tse'

Tao Teh

2. Statecraft -

2.1. Egalitarian society existed

2.2. Used revenue for welfare
of people

2.3. Eloquent ruler compared with
King Sivi for generosity

2.4. Limited social friction seen

3. Cultural Consolidation

3.1. Promoted Sarakan Dharma

3.2. Used revenue to promote Dharma

3.3. Starting of Bhaskarabda - 594 AD

3.4. Unified society through culture

Bhaskarvarman, as mentioned by Hsien

Tsang was a highly learned ruler and
preached peace and solidarity in Kamarupa

Q4) North east is known to be the cradle of nature and 'sustainable traditions' - farming practices are highly remarkable for contemporary times of climate changes.

The tribal farming practices of North - East India -

↳ Paddy and fish cultivation -

↳ Arunachal Pradesh - Apatani Tribe

Ensures organic nutrition generation by fish and enhancing soil fertility

↳ Irrigation methods - Use of songs -

This reduced the dependence on groundwater thus replenishing water table.

↳ Agro-Forestry - Integration of
farming with other needs of food and
fodder

- ↳ Ecocentric farming
- ↳ Reduces exploitation

The importance of traditional practices -
'Sustainable by tradition' -

- ↳ Reduces dependence on fertilizers
- ↳ Retains soil fertility
- ↳ Biodiversity maintained - less interference
- ↳ Less mechanization - less energy requirement
- ↳ Diversification of income - eg. Fish
and poultry

Thus, the traditional system would be
a solution for climate changes and
adaptation accordingly.

Q5) Recent data showed an increase in employment by manifold given decrease in unemployment rate from 7.9-1. (2019-20) to 3.9-1. (2023-24)

key challenges for youth
unemployment and underemployment
in Assam :-

↳ Disguised unemployment - Elasticity of agriculture being more engages over labour

↳ Industrial - Academia mismatch -
Only 5.4 % of India's workforce skilled
(Niti Aayog)

↳ Lack of capital / investments - Given
Per Capita income being just Rs 1.5 L / year.

Mukhya Mantri Atmanirbhas Arom Abhiyan addressing the challenges -

- ↳ Collateral free loan upto
2 lakhs and 5 lakhs
- ↳ Increment innovations and
entrepreneurship - provide
self-employment ventures
- ↳ Targeting both non-specialized
and specialized degree holders
 - ↳ Inclusivity maintained
- ↳ Increase industrial base-elasticity
diversification would absorb labours.

CM Atma Nirbhas Arom would likely
contribute to making of Atma Nirbhas
Bharat and address pre-industrialization problems.

Q6) Trade and tariff war are means of diplomacy and negotiations and could potentially benefit North-Eastern region being at the mouth of ASEAN and BBN nations.

Economic opportunities for India's

North-Eastern region -

↳ Push to agro-processing industries

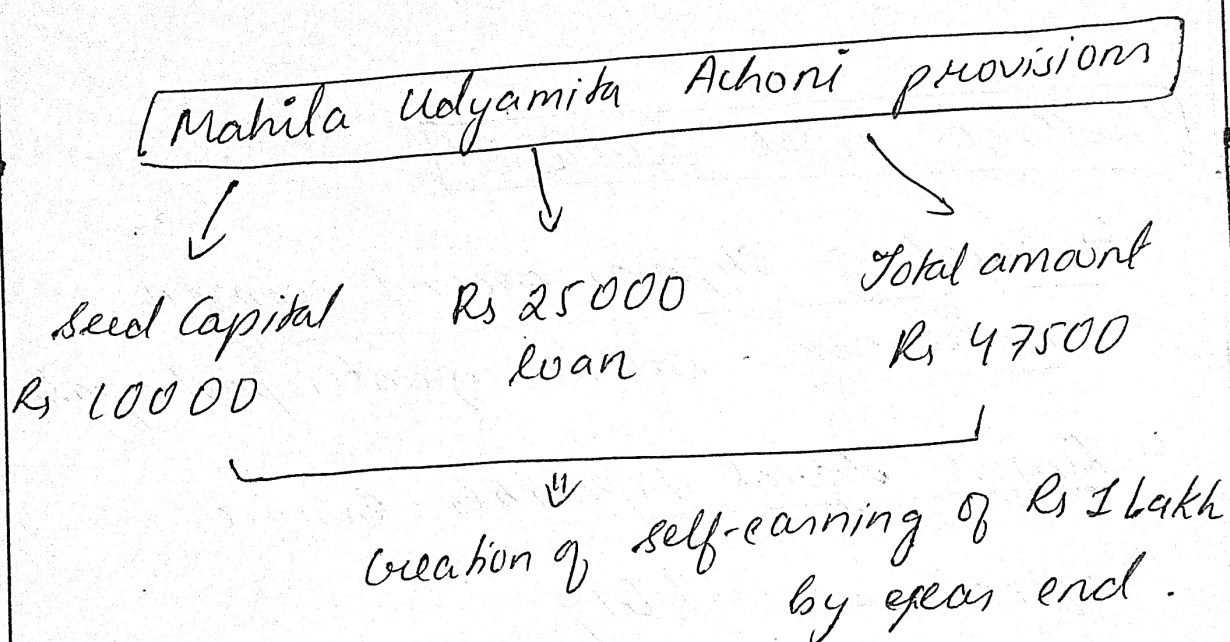
① North-East (NE) being surplus producer of fruits and vegetables can utilize for value addition and exports to nations like Bangladesh, Vietnam

- ↳ India-UK FTA - NE Region could export textiles - GI tag items available → soft power diplomacy enhanced
- ↳ Energy market diversification - Proper functioning and production of Bio-E3 project like Numaligarh would enhance export to ASEAN nations
- ↳ Utilize market exposure through lower tariff comparatively - lead to exponential growth of forex for India

Thus with 'Act East Policy' on full swing operation increasing interest and investments on NE Region would lead to economic growth nationally.

Q7)

Women empowerment has been one of the core focus of Assam Budget 2025-26. Also Central budget highlights 'Nari' in its target group. thus emphasizing empowerment.



Promotion of Rural women entrepreneurship in Assam

↳ Seed Capital → Investment for local innovations of SHG

↳ Promote formalization of SUGs - Increased cooperative ventures

(eg) Pickle making; Lijjat Papad

↳ Skill adjusted opportunities - Absorption of rural women usually unskilled

Challenges to be addressed -

- ↳ Breaking stigmas around women in business - ensure greater participation
- ↳ Remove digital disparities - ensure equal accessibility
- ↳ Capacity Building - To show and guide through initiatives and implementation

Women empowerment and financial inclusion would strengthen rural base
strengthening the allied sectors of Agri.

Q8) Social Forestry is amalgamation of sustainable practices protecting forest and meeting local needs of fuel and fodder

ways to integrate citizen participation in the implementation of the Assam state Action Plan on climate change (SAPCC) -

↳ SAPCC plans for forest and biodiversity protection, energy efficiency, water resource sustainability, habitat resilience

↳ Civic participation

⇒ water in responsible manner - Reduce

wastages ⇒ use of posters and media for awareness.

- ↳ Local materials use for resilient building - (eg) Chang Ghan, Ghana
- ↳ Reducing temperature to default in Air Conditions - Reduce urban heat dome phenomena
- ↳ 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle should be promoted
- ↳ Traditional reverence of nature - would ensure balance between nature and development
- ↳ Aquod - Forestry - Enhance ecological justice
- ↳ Involve civilians in policy making - encourage right deed for nature

Civilians are the major stakeholders in munding the path for climate change and thus proactively engaged.

Q4) Given the diversity and demands from varied groups of North-East tensions between centre and state escalates very often.

Resurfacing tensions between Centre - state relations due to -

↳ Insurgency and militancy - APFSA

North-East especially Assam

faces rampant problems of

insurgency leading to APFSA

application and not revoked

though situations improved.

↳ Border Disputes - Questions of

sovereignty arises - eg Arunachal -

Meghalaya, Arunachal - Mizoram

that creates hassle for sovereign powers.

↳ Illegal Immigrants - The CAA evoked an air of protest and still no resolution properly cemented creating disturbances in state

Implications of such tensions for India's federal structure -

↳ Unitary Bias - The central hold tightening over states would loosen the compliance to the federal structure

↳ Increased Dissent → Flawed development → There would lead to disbalance of state and centre

Way forward → Proper utilization of North-eastern Council - negotiation.

↳ Disturbance of federal structure will internally dismantle United India. But states should get equal decision making power for dealing state matters.

Q(10) Gopinath Bordoloi was the first Chief Minister of Assam and played commendable role in India's struggle for independence.

His instrumental role in safeguarding Assam's political and cultural identity on the face of independence can be seen in -

↳ Abstaining centre from inclusion of Assam in East province -
saving Assam from being a part of present Bangladesh.

↳ Wrote letters to then Colonials -
Seeking Assam's reserved position with territorial sovereignty

- ↳ Retained Assamese culture - By preserving it from identified with Bengali language
- ↳ United political ideas on the adversity of clashes within - Made the first government in Assam
- ↳ Represented Assamese identity in National movement through participation - (Eg) Got arrested during Quit India movement

Thus Gopinath Bordoloi played immense role in shaping present day modern Assam and its cultural identity in fact.

Q11) Handloom sector in Assam employs the second largest labour and hosts more than 90% of handlooms of India as a whole.

Top-down policy interventions in preservation and promotion of handloom heritage of Assam:-

1. ↳ GI Tags:-

1.1. The GI tags authenticate quality and promotes demands

1.2. Ensures legitimacy thus creating trustable market exposure

1.3. Safety net from competitions

1.4. Heritage Identity upheld
encouraging production.

2.5. "Swa Nirbhas Nari" Procurement
of 11 items from handloom
directly by government.

2.1. Market security ensuring
basic price.

2.2. Integrating all the weavers
into a whole circle.

2.3. Increases social harmony

3. Koklabari Handloom - Model
village -

3.1. Inspires other villages on
same lines.

4.

4. Heritage Village tag to Sualkuchi -

4.1. Increases influx of interested
tourists

4.2. Disseminates traditional form of
weaving and rearing

4.3. Encourages future generation
of weavers to continue the
heritage.

Bottom-up approaches in promotion
of traditional craft and handloom.

↳ Workshops locally -

1.1. For maskmaking (craft) Sathras
often conducts lenom to the
Bhaktas

1.2. Bell metal artists passing down knowledge to present generations

1.3. Sustenance of competition from synthetic props

1.4. Use of Media to encourage and generate interest
(eg) Majuli by Nilotpal Bora

1.5. Representations in tourist spots - (eg) In orchid park
mere's handloom presented

All these together has been sustaining and contributing in preservation of the traditional craft and Heritage of Assam.

Q12) India's Panchamrit Climate

targets sets the path for balancing environmental affects and economic development and tries to build a green future.

The Panchamrit Goals includes

- ↳ Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2070
- ↳ 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030
- ↳ Reduce carbon emission intensity by 1 billion tons by 2030
- ↳ Reduction of carbon intensity of GDP by 45% by 2030
- ↳ 500 GW non-fossil fuel energy Capacity by 2030

Efforts of Assam government in
achieving these targets

↳ Assam Integrated Clean Energy

Policy :

⇒ solar lanterns

⇒ standalone solar pumps

⇒ solar lights to households

↳ Solar-hydro hybrid
projects - Utilization of
both water resource and sun

↳ Assam sauro shakti Prokhalpo-

250 kW of energy creation

↳ First floating solar water park
of Assam - Morigaon

- ↳ Assam e-vehicle policy - Transition of public and private vehicles to electric battery
- ↳ 99% pure hydrogen energy project in Jorhat
- ↳ Napier Ghar production for Bio-E3
- ↳ PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
Decentralised solar power generation

Role of decentralized renewable energy systems in supporting Assam's low carbon transition :

- ↳ Reduction of household energy emissions - Independent solar panels installations

↳ Cutting off transmission loss - Assam

faces severe transmission losses

due to power supply lines -

Assam nation - 4%

↳ Efficient use of energy - ensuring

inclusivity - Helps spread awareness

of energy efficiency to local

grassroot.

The Panchamrit Goal envisioned by

Wrisam's policy would ensure a

green economy in future where

environment and human coexist in

harmony.

Q13) Assam is rich in both tangible and non-tangible heritage given the diversity itself. Assam is a confluence of culture, tradition and spiritual movement making Assam unparalleled.

Intangible culture of Assam would include:

↳ Sattriya tradition

↳ Bhaona culture

↳ Folk songs

↳ Folk dances

↳ Naam Kirtan

↳ Festivals like Bihu

↳ Traditional Craft

significance of intangible cultural

heritage:

↳ Identity - Culture often provides a group of community with distinct relatable identity

(eg) Sattriya for Vaishnavs

↳ social coherency - Bonds people together with the thread of unity

(eg) Bhupen Hazarika's song
revered by all

↳ Cultural syncretism - Provides a common heritage for people to relate, strengthening fraternity

(eg) Bihu for Assamese

↳ Vouches uniqueness :- Cultural heritage upholds the diversity.

(eg) different festivals -

Bathow Puja - Bodo

Ali-Aye Ligang - Mishing

Challenges for conservation

↳ Homogeneity - At the face of globalization culture is getting homogenized reducing authenticity

↳ Commodification :- More market orientation turning culture into business

↳ Exploitation :- local traditions misinterpreted and mis represented outside

↳ Reduced interest of youth in continuance

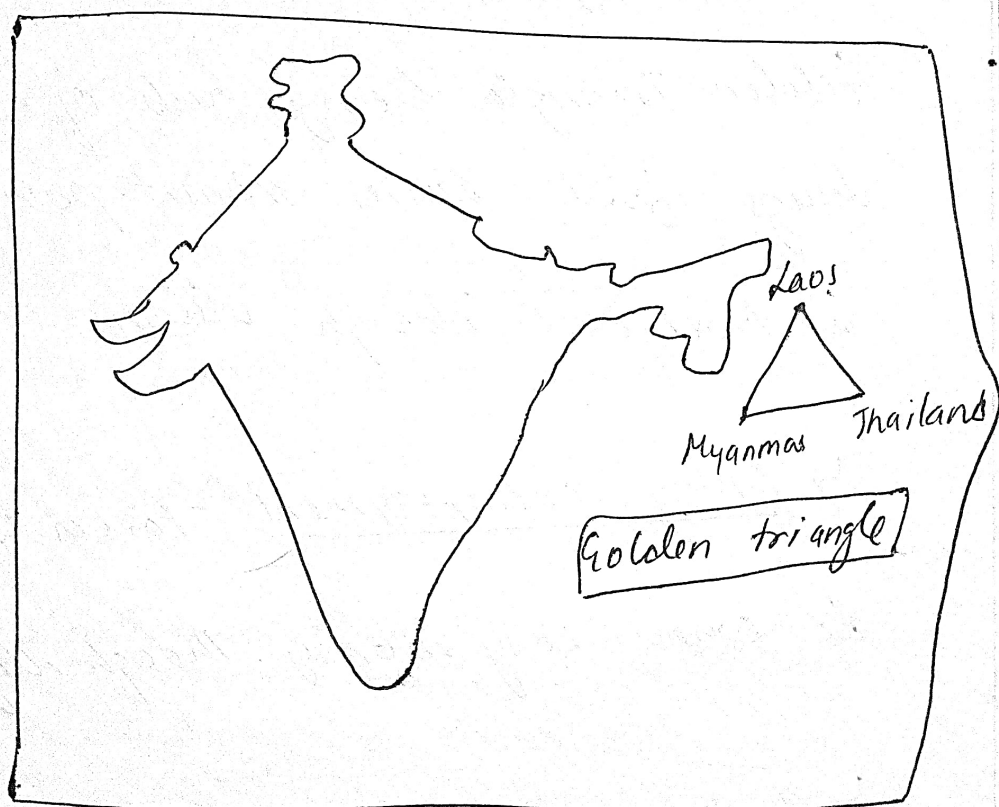
Strategies to safeguard at the face of
socio-economic changes -

- ↳ Penalty for GI Tag violations - would protect local heritage
- ↳ Institutes for training youths - (eg) Sathras for mask making
- ↳ Check competition from synthetics - (eg) silk duping
- ↳ International collaborations with state government - ensured authentic representation

Anam a part of Ushmalakshmi that PM Modi highlighted is endowed with ornamental heritage must be preserved and protected.

Q14) Around 3 lakhs out of all India 6 mores are from Assam.

The increasing drug menace have found links with organised crimes leveraging internal security threats.



Why drug trafficking is increase?

↳ Porous border - No proper cross border surveillance leading to easy smuggling

↳ Proximity to Golden triangle - Golden Triangle being hub of drugs finds easier transit point to Northeast through Assam.

↳ Rising unemployment - Forces youth to earn easy money though illegal

↳ Radicalisation - By insurgents.

Challenges posed for internal security

- ↳ Diverses funds from development to security leading to asymmetry in development
- ↳ Threat to sovereignty - Secession demands by insurgents often poses security threat
- ↳ Official agents kidnapping - Threat to the working personnels creating fear psychosis
- ↳ Radicalization of youth - Underutilization of demographic dividend
- ↳ Organised crime - money illegally transited. harming India's economy

Suggestions for ethical policing and intelligence led enforcement strengthening:

- ✓ CIBMS - Comprehensive Integrated border management through use of intelligence and technology.
- ✓ Operations - To cleanse targeted areas - eg Operation Bajrang
- ✓ Intelligence cadre for tracking drug peddling routes
- ✓ Rehabilitation centres and ethical policing of youths
- ✓ Media use to disseminate ethical behaviour of a citizen

Internal security is the foremost importance for country like India being surrounded by disturbed neighbourhood. Thus strengthening is a must for nation's sovereignty.

Q15 Sattriya dance one of the recognised classical dances of India has its roots in neo-vaishnavite tradition of Sankaradeva.

It is an amalgamation of Nritta, Nitya, Nanya.

Cultural Roots of Sattriya

↳ Sankaradeva is the pioneer of Sattriya

↳ Sankaradeva corroborated it from - Mahari dance and Ojapali dance

early influence - Devadasi dance

- ↳ Represents stories from Ramayana, Mahabharata, Purana.

Key Features of Sattriya

- ↳ Intricate Footwork - known as Mahakhara
- ↳ Dress - Pagusi, Ghuri, Dhuli
- ↳ Instruments - khol, taal
- ↳ Music - Accompanied by Borgeet
- ↳ Different types - Chalanar, Khamanas, Pravesha Naach
- ↳ Earlier performed by males, now by both male and female
- ↳ Often danced during Bhaona - Sattradhar

Role of cultural figures like Jatin Goswami
in its revival and canonical recognition

Jatin Goswami received Padma
 Bhushan for contribution to Sattriya
 tradition.

↳ Establishment of Sattriya Academy,

Guwahati - Teaches Sattriya to
 young generations and preserves,
 promote the authenticity of
 Sattriya.

↳ Authored Books - "Maab Akhova"

which worded the intricate
 details of the footworks and
 poses on to generation ahead

Clonical recognition

- ↳ Popularized sattriya - Jatin Goswami presented and performed all over India and in foreign platforms
- ↳ Member of Sangeet Natak Academy -
↳ push towards sattriya recognition
- ↳ workshops and research promoted to undertake and increase base of sattriya

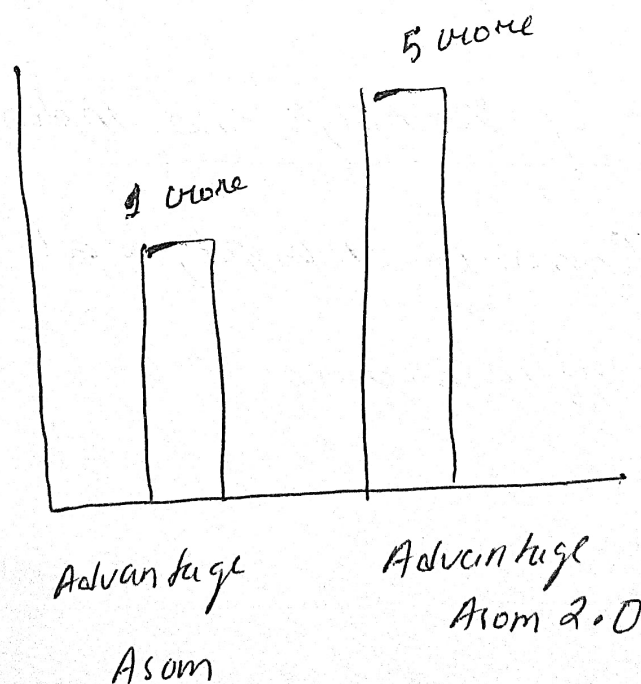
sattriya culture is close to every anamese and an identity.

Preserving, protecting and promoting sattriya is every anamese's duty.

Q16) Assam's trend of out migration is on rise due to confluence of factors like Lack of employment, policies unfavourable, work culture, industrial academia mismatch and Assam government has tried to address the issue.

Steps taken to reverse the trend

Advantage Assam 2.0



the increasing investment achieved would lead to —

- ↳ Increased industrialization - suitable ventures for various groups of employee
- ↳ Better incentives - given FDI investments on rise
- ↳ Infrastructure improvement - needed infrastructure would increase like Roads, transport
- ↳ Opening of Townships and industrial hub - Enhance market, health and public infrastructure

Scope for sustainable local employment -

↳ Employment for locals: The ventures that would open up would employ the local youth sustaining more job demands

(eg) Semiconductor plant -

around 27000 jobs

↳ Meet skilled worker demand

locally - For this reskilling and upskilling has to be undertaken

(eg) 1800 youth trained in

Bangalore for the semiconductor plant.

c) Many indirect jobs - small blue collared jobs would open opportunities.

Limitations

- ↳ scoops out the skilled youth -
Leaves behind the employment
needs for other backgrounds
- ↳ Very few matches the requirement
Given very limited technical
institute eg) Only one IIT in North-
East
- ↳ Seepical transition for Underemployed
population - Creating resistance for
absorption

Advantage Asem have been a
great success and would eventually
meet up the race for investment
and development for anam
with aim of \$125 mn economy
by 2030.

Q17) Assam with diversified communities thriving in the same soil often poses significant challenges for governance with regional identity assertion and balance for national integration.

Regional identity of Assam

- ↳ Bodo - The largest ethnic tribe were first to raise regional demands leading to carving out of Bodo Territorial Region (Presently 5 districts)
- ↳ Karbianglong - The North Cachar hill as previously known as have carved its Karbianglong Autonomous District

↳ Lima Narao, too had its designated autonomous power bifurcating itself from Karbianglong.

↳ Community councils - There are more than 15 autonomous development councils functioning for tribes and communities often raising demands.

↳ Languages - Bodo given associate status

Manipuri associate language for few districts

Assam Accord

→ The 1985 Lipakhte accord for Assam secured Assam's unity and integration by -

- Protecting, Preserving, Promoting indigenous anamese culture and people
- Quitting the illegal immigrants reducing strain on resources
- Indigenous benefits - land regulation and rights

Challenges → No implementation

- Indigenous definition controversy
- Government bottlenecks
- Lack of implementation

Way forward for national integration:

- ↳ Language integration - All the major tribal languages should be given equal importance
 - ↳ Anamse chauvinism reduction - Enhancing unity among diverse groups
 - ↳ Proactive implementation of Anam accord terms
 - ↳ Promoting statehood unity and fraternity - Soft power implementation like common gatherings and celebrations.
 - ↳ Peace accords to address demands
- Assam united a strength divided
 a full thus cooperative participation
 is the need of the hour.

Q18) The recent inauguration of sports infrastructure in Kamrup highlighted the push for youth empowerment and social inclusion for promoting sports culture in Assam.

Sports as tool for youth empowerment

- ↳ Focus on co-curriculum talents at schools - would later push pursue of sports as profession which is lagging now
- ↳ Better infrastructure would lead to better absorption of talented youth - It would work as means for talent enrichment

↳ more investments in sports - Motivate youth for participation by changing general view of sports as secondary.

Social inclusion

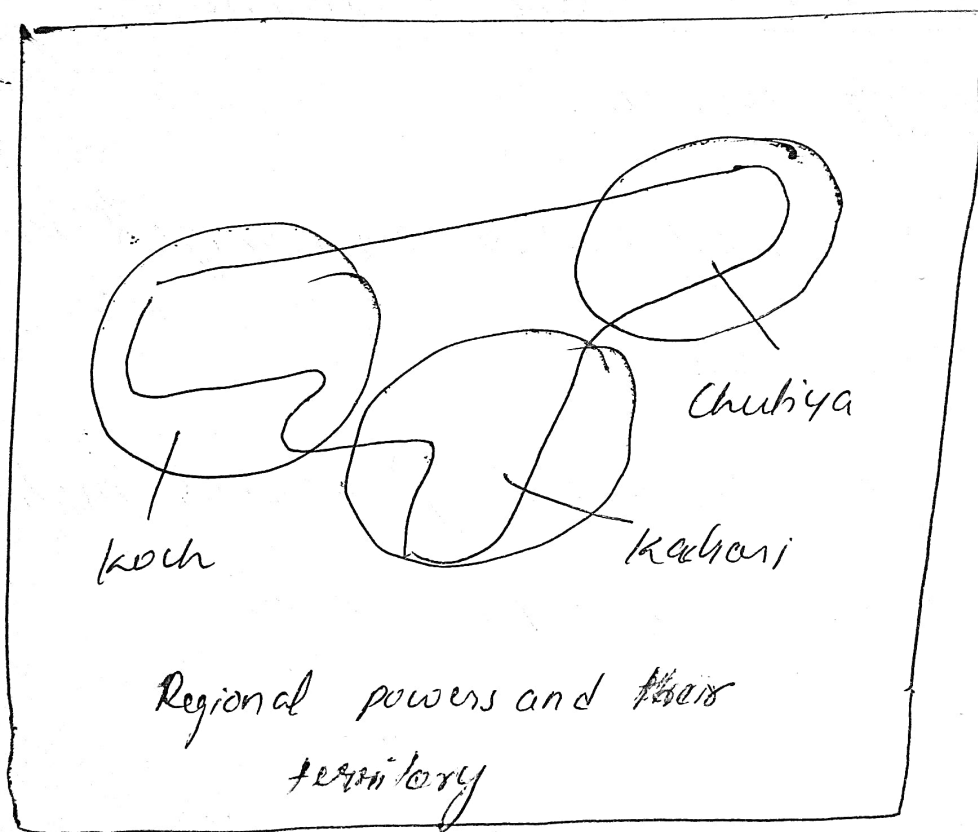
- ↳ Scope for disadvantaged - visible training and infrastructure
- ↳ Targeted para sports infrastructure - would encourage para-sports and sportsmanship
- ↳ Pool out talents from backward regions - More talents like Nina Das.

Role of initiatives of Khelo India and regional sports academies in promoting sports culture in Amam -

- ↳ Give platforms for pursue of sports as career
- ↳ Proper channeling of talent through competitions like Khelo India
- ↳ Integrated sports development through academies
- ↳ Women participation encouraged in Khelo India
- ↳ Competition (healthy) would motivate for chances of improvement

Sports is a understated sector of importance as seen, but should be encouraged to enlarge choices for youth and also enhance soft power of India and India.

Q19) The medieval Assam was prospering with coexistence of many regional kingdoms before getting engulfed by Ahom under one.



The Chutias :

Political landscape - Hetal Sadiya
as their capital

- ↳ Ahoms conflicted with Nihpal
- ↳ Sadhani's resilience and sacrifice is an code of courage

Cultural → Kesai Khati - Godden
 → Malini Ghan, architectural heights

Koch Dynasty

- ↳ The Koch was founded by Biswa Singha
- ↳ Narayanayan and Chilarai are the most well known

Cultural

- ↳ gave shelter to Sankaradeva
- ↳ Vhindavani Vastu made during Koch reign
- ↳ Gunamala also written by Sankaradeva under Koch patronage.

Kachari dynasty

- ↳ Earliest capital → Dimapur
- ↳ Conflict with Ahoms and shifted capital to Maibong
- ↳ Known as Thapita Sanchita

Cultural

- ↳ Hindu practices were followed
- ↳ Architectural remains found in Dimapur
- ↳ Tribal culture prospered.

Aftermath

As the Kachari dynasty later lost power to Ahom rulers

given situations of internal dissent,
incompetent rulers, inferior tactics.

With Ahoms, all these were
emulated under the banner of
Assamese retaining certain unique
features.

Q20) The 21st century is known as the "Age of technology" thus revolutionizing the AI use and thus the digital space as whole. Assam is no less behind.

Recent innovations

↳ AI Moni - First AI influencer for Anam

↳ AI Xopun - Shares local Assamese tradition and culture.

Digital influencers

↳ Harpal Saikia : Narrates local anamese concerns through his

eg) Recent video on eviction and problem created by landless in degenious people

↳ Nimee Banuah - Often through her raw videos tells about local anamese culture and homely traditions.

Impact on Youth

↳ Aspirational lifestyle - leading to influence over personal way of living bringing both positive and negative effect

↳ Awareness generation - of recent on going events and problems.

- ↳ Pressure for meeting standards -
often leads to illegal means
of earning, catfishing
- ↳ Mental pressure created by
FOMO

Impact on soft power -

- ↳ Highlights local anamese
culture - enhancing the
reach among population
- ↳ Benefits for economy - Revenue
creation through revenue.
- ↳ Promotes soft power diplomacy
(eg) CM of Anam welcomed
with Bihu dance in Bhittan visit

Challenges for society and governance

- ↳ Fluid line between fake and real (truth based) news - This might create chaos and anxiety among populous
- ↳ Circulation regulation hard - Given broad user base and anonymity
- ↳ Can be used for propaganda by political parties influencing mass consensus

Thus AI with inherent challenges and influencers with freedom should be sourced properly ensuring safety and security of larger society.