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Assam Accord

Signed on 15th August 1985

between the Central Govt., Assam Govt., AASU and All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP)

Clause 5 → Foreigners’ Issue

Foreigners who come to Assam on or after March 25, 1971 shall continue to be detected, deleted and expelled in accordance with law.

Immediate and practical steps shall be taken to expel such foreigners.

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Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance.
- Indian Polity and Governance—Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Economic and Social Development—Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies—II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- India and its neighborhood—relations.

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has been felt that clause 6 has not been fully implemented even after 35 years.

Home Ministry constituted a ‘High Level Committee (HLC)’ in January 2019 and July 2019.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee are as under:

(a) The Committee will examine the effectiveness of actions taken since 1985 to implement Clause 6 of the Assam Accord.

(b) The Committee will hold discussions with various stakeholders including social organizations, legal and constitutional experts, eminent persons from the field of art, culture and literature, conservationists, economists, linguists and sociologists.

(c) The Committee will assess the appropriate level of reservation of seats in Assam Legislative Assembly and local bodies for the Assamese people.

(d) The Committee will also suggest measures to be taken to protect Assamese and other indigenous languages of Assam.

(e) The Committee will recommend the appropriate level of reservations in employment under the Government of Assam for the Assamese people.

(f) The Committee may suggest any other measures as may be necessary to protect, preserve and promote cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people.

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**Assam Accord 1985 vs CAA 2019**

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Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. Assam accord was signed on the Independence day of 1985.

2. Clause 5 of the Accord provides for the constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, to protect, preserve and promote the culture, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2

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25. Functions of Vigilance Committee. —The functions of Vigilance Committee shall be—

(a) to advise the District Magistrate or, as the case may be, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, on the action which needs to be taken, to ensure that the provisions of this Act or of any rule made thereunder are properly implemented;

(b) to oversee the economic and social rehabilitation of manual scavengers;

(c) to co-ordinate the functions of all concerned agencies with a view to channelise adequate credit for the rehabilitation of manual scavengers;

(d) to monitor the registration of offences under this Act and their investigation and prosecution.

27. Functions of the State Monitoring Committee. —The functions of the State Monitoring Committee shall be—

(a) to monitor and advise the State Government and local authorities for effective implementation of this Act;

(b) to co-ordinate the functions of all concerned agencies;

(c) to look into any other matter incidental thereto or connected therewith for implementation of this Act.

30. Functions of the Central Monitoring Committee. —The functions of the Central Monitoring Committee shall be,

(a) to monitor and advise the Central Government and State Government for effective implementation of this Act and related laws and programmes;

(b) to co-ordinate the functions of all concerned agencies;

(c) to look into any other matter incidental to or connected with implementation of this Act.

National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

*Constituted on 12th August 1994, as a Statutory body under National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993 for three years

* Validity of the Act extended up to February 2004, by Amendment Acts

* W.e.f. 29.2.2004, the NCSK Act, 1993 lapsed

* Since then, the NCSK functions as Non-Statutory body under MoSJEE

* Tenure of the commission is extended from time to time through Govt. resolutions


(1) The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis shall perform the following functions, namely: —

(a) to monitor the implementation of this Act;

(b) to enquire into complaints regarding contravention of the provisions of this Act, and to convey its findings to the concerned authorities with recommendations requiring further action; and

(c) to advise the Central and the State Governments for effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

(d) to take suo motu notice of matter relating to non-implementation of this Act.
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis was a Statutory body.
2. Functions has been assigned to this Commission under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
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PM and world leaders to attend Raisina Dialogue

The theme this year is ‘Navigating the alpha century’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

At least 12 foreign Ministers, including Sergey Lavrov of Russia, Jozef Zajdel of Iran and Matteo Renzi of Italy, and seven former heads of state and government will attend the "Raisina Dialogue" organised by the Observer Research Foundation in Delhi from Tuesday.

They are

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the inaugural session where former leaders, including former US President Barak Obama and former Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand, will be present.
- Indian leaders,

Indias contribution

"The Dialogue has been an Indian contribution to global efforts to discover solutions, identify opportunities and provide stability to a world that has witnessed an eventful two decades," said an Indian statement, explaining the significance of the conference held every year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the inaugural session where former leaders, including former US President Barak Obama and former Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand, will be present.

To mark the 50th year of the conference, 121 speakers from more than 60 countries, a statement issued by the Ministry said, adding that at least 40% of the speakers would be women.

Australian PM pulls out

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was expected to address the conference on Thursday, pulled out due to the fire crisis in Australia, which means that unlike previous versions of the conference, this year will see no sitting head of government or state participating.

Bangladesh Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mahfuz Ahmad, who was supposed to participate on Saturday, will be replaced by the Information Minister Mohammad M. Shirnaw.

Another key feature of the event, a summit on the Indo-Pacific that includes military or naval commanders from the Quad (Australia, India, Japan, and the United States), will also have a French defence official on the panel this year.
Raisina Dialogue
* at New Delhi
* Multilateral conference committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing global community
* Representation from global leaders in policy, business, media and civil society
* Hosted by Ministry of External Affairs, GOI in partnership with Observer Research Foundation

* Theme: “21 @ 20 Navigating the alpha century”
* 5th Edition
  * 12 Foreign Ministers, 7 former Heads of States and Head of Governments
  * NSA of Afghanistan, U.S. Deputy NSA, several former PMs
  * 700 participants from more than 100 countries
  * 40% of Speakers will be women

Discussions around 5 pillars
1) Nationalist impulses challenging global institutions and collective action
2) On global trading architecture
3) Role of technologies in determining political, economic and military power
4) Global development agenda
5) State-individual relationship in the age of digital communities and cyberspace

Quadrilateral Dialogue (Quad)
* Informal grouping between India, U.S., Australia and Japan
* To keep sea routes in Indo-Pacific free of any influence, especially China
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Raisina Dialogue.

1. It is an India-led multilateral conference committed to address the most challenging issues facing the global community.

2. The dialogue is usually conducted in New Delhi.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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Apache, Chinook to make Republic Day debut

The helicopters were recently inducted into IAF

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Apache attack helicopters and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters, which were recently inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF), will make their debut over Rajpath during the Republic Day flypast on January 26.

“Three Chinook helicopters will fly in a ‘victor’ formation and five Apache helicopters in an ‘arrowhead’ formation,” Group Captain A.R. Tamta said briefing presspersons on Monday on the IAF’s participation in this year’s Republic Day parade.

In all, 41 aircraft of the Air Force and four helicopters of the Indian Army Aviation will join the flypast. The Indian Air Force fleet includes 10 fighters, 10 transport aircraft and 10 helicopters. The aircraft and helicopters will fly 60 metres to 300 metres above ground level, he stated.

Deal with Boeing

India has contracted 22 Apache helicopters and 15 Chinook helicopters from Boeing through the Foreign Military Sales programme of the U.S. government in September 2015 under a $3-billion deal.

So far, 17 Apache and 10 Chinook helicopters have been delivered.

The government has also cleared the acquisition of six additional Apaches for the Army.
2015: Govt. of India - Boeing USA agreement for 22 Apache and 15 Chinook helicopters

2019: Indian Air Force inducted both into service

**CH-47 Chinook**
- Advanced, heavy lift, multi-mission helicopter
- Fully integrated, digital flight and cockpit management system - Common Aviation Architecture Cockpit
- Advanced cargo handling capabilities

**AH-64 Apache Helicopter**
- Advanced multi-role combat helicopter
- Capable of delivering weapons including air to ground Hellfire missiles, 70mm Hydra rockets and air to air Stinger missiles
- Fire control radar with 360° coverage
- Nose mounted sensor suite
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Practice Questions
Answers
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Q1. Option – c
Q2. Option – a
Q3. Option - c