Assumption Island - Seychelles

Assumption Island is one of the 115 islands constituting Seychelles archipelago. India signed a pact to develop Assumption Island, during PM Modi’s visit to Seychelles in 2015.

- Ironing out the earlier differences, India has now signed a revised agreement with Seychelles.
- Assumption Island is leased to India for the operation of a naval base and air strip by the Indian navy.
- The agreement will enable India to help Seychelles build military infrastructure for the Seychelles People’s Defence Forces.
- Seychelles has said it would “suspend” the use of military facilities on Assumption Island in case if India is at war. This is because it is not a military base.
- Also, other “international partners” can also use the facilities being developed by India on the island. It is being financed entirely by India; but Seychelles retains full ownership of the facilities and sovereign rights over the island.