Syllabus subtopic: India and its neighbourhood relations.

Prelims and Mains focus: about the Kalapani dispute between India and Nepal; about the Treaty of Sagauli

News: Nepal and India will resolve the Kalapani border issue through dialogue, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

Context:

- Nepal has raised objections after India released its new political map in November last year following the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir.

- Nepal claimed that Limpiyadhura, Lipulek, and Kalapani areas were shown under India’s territory even though they lie within the Nepalese territory.

- India has said the new map accurately depicts its sovereign territory and it has in no manner revised its boundary with Nepal.

Background

- Nepalese territories including Darjeeling were handed to the British East India Company as concessions under the Sugauli treaty which was signed in 1816 on the conclusion of the Anglo-Nepalese War.

- Under the treaty, the Nepalese-controlled territory that was ceded included all areas that the king of Nepal had won in earlier wars such as the kingdom of Sikkim in the east and Kumaon and Garhwal in the west.