Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh attends ‘Maitree Diwas’ in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh; says Govt planning to set up North East Industrial Corridor

Syllabus subtopic: Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

News: Government is planning to set up North East Industrial Corridor that will create numerous job opportunities for the people of the region. This was stated by Defence Minister during his address at the 11th Maitree Diwas Celebrations in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh today.

- He said, the Arunachal Corridor will act as a land bridge between India and South East Asia that will provide employment opportunities and give fillip to trade and tourism.

Prelims and Mains focus: about North East Industrial Corridor Significance of North Eastern region in India’s foreign Policy.

Context: The Defence Minister underlined the special emphasis of the Government on the development of the North East region under the Act East Policy. He said, “Road to ‘New India’ runs through ‘New North-East India’.”

Key highlights:

- Approval to construct a tunnel at Sela Pass to Tawang, operationalisation of Pasighat Airport, nod to set up Hollongi Airport near Itanagar and work to establish three strategic Railway lines in the region are some of the decisions taken.

- The projects will provide all-weather connectivity to the local population, facilitate the movement of the Armed Forces and give a boost to tourism. He also lauded the Five-Year Road Plan of Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu under which all the existing inter-state and inter-district roads will be upgraded to State highway specifications by 2024.

About Maitree Diwas:

- The two-day socio-military cultural extravaganza is jointly organised by the Indian Army, Tawang Civil Administration and volunteers at the High-Altitude Stadium, which stands as a testimony to the spirit of solidarity and patriotic fervour that runs deep amongst the locals of Tawang district.

- ‘Know Your Army’ is the theme of the event that is enlightening the youth about the Armed Forces and motivating them to adorn the uniform one day and serve the motherland. The inaugural event commenced with vibrant cultural programmes culminating in a scintillating performance by military pipe bands.
Note: More about North East India:
http://www.sightofindia.com/7-important-aspects-of-northeast-indian-states/