

## 24 Nov 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

### 1. Lachit Borphukan

#### Context:

24<sup>th</sup> November is observed as Lachit Diwas in Assam in honour of Lachit Borphukan to commemorate his heroism and the victory of the Assamese army at the Battle of Saraighat.

#### Who was Lachit Borphukan?

- Lachit Borphukan was a commander in the Ahom dynasty, located in present-day Assam.
- He showed exemplary leadership in the **Battle of Saraighat** (1671).
  - The Battle of Saraighat was a naval battle fought between the Mughal Empire and the Ahom Kingdom.
  - It was fought on the Brahmaputra river at Saraighat, in Guwahati.
  - This battle was the last major attempt by the Mughals to extend their empire into Assam.
  - The smaller Ahom force defeated the mighty Mughal Empire by the use of the terrain, diplomatic negotiations, guerrilla tactics, and also by exploiting the weak navy of the Mughals.
  - The Mughal forces were led by the Kachhwaha King Raja Ram Singh I while the Ahoms were led by Lachit Borphukan.

### 2. Sahakar Pragya

#### Context:

Union Minister unveiled Sahakar Pragya.

#### Details:

- The 45 new training modules of Sahakar Pragya of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country along with Lakshmanrao Inamdar National Cooperative Research and Development Academy (LINAC).
- Sahakar Pragya is the latest in the series of farmer-focused steps by NCDC.
- These 45 training modules of Sahakar Pragya to be delivered at LINAC and its countrywide network of Regional Training Centres will address the need for training of primary cooperatives, FPO-cooperatives and self-help groups.
- NCDC had earlier launched various initiatives and programmes like:
  - SAHAKAR-22 to develop cooperatives in Focus 222 districts, including aspirational districts
  - [SAHAKAR MITRA](#) – Scheme on internship programme
  - YUVA SAHAKAR – Start-up scheme in cooperatives
  - AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR - for the creation of healthcare infrastructure and services

For more on National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), check [PIB dated Sep 27, 2020](#).

### 3. Mega Food Park

**Context:**

Union Minister inaugurates a Mega Food Park (MFP) at Phagwara in Kapurthala district of Punjab.

**Details:**

- This Mega Food Park is built at a project cost of Rs 107.83 crores and spread over 55 acres of land.
- It is expected to benefit about 25000 farmers and likely to generate employment of about 5000 persons.

Learn more about [Mega Food Parks scheme](#) in the linked article.

### 4. India – Myanmar

**Context:**

7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Trade Committee between India and Myanmar.

**Details:**

- During the consultations, both sides reviewed various bilateral issues ranging from trade, investment, banking, connectivity, capacity building and upgradation of border infrastructure.
- Both sides reviewed their preparedness to meet the COVID-19 challenges and expanding cooperation in the pharma and health sectors including traditional medicines.

Read more about [India – Myanmar relations](#) in the linked article.

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