

Ahoms



Why in News?

Due to ongoing India-China border tension Chaolung Sukapha has been repeatedly referred to as a Chinese invader in Assam.

Chaolung Sukapha who founded the Ahom kingdom.

About Ahoms

- ✓ The Ahom live in India and are descendants of Tai people who came to live in the Brahmaputra Valley in the early thirteenth century.
- ✓ They were in power for about six hundred years. Most live in Assam and speak Assamese. Some live in the Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The custom regarding the Ahom with their dead is to not burn them but keep them in a box.
- ✓ They have inter-married, some with the Tibeto Burmans who gave them the name of Ahom
- ✓ Most of the Ahom are Hindus but some are Buddhists. There are a few who follow Christianity.
- ✓ Their worship also involved sacrifice and, as per some historians, human sacrifice was also something intrinsic to their culture.
- ✓ Traditionally they are known to eat many types of animal meat such as pig, duck, chicken, goat and buffalo.
- ✓ As they belong to the Mongolian race, they are known to eat almost everything though they practise some restrictions based on the culture of Hinduism.
- ✓ These are the same animals they also sacrificed for ritual purposes in the past.