



Most frequently asked topics of APSC

Topic 1:

Rain-Shadow Zone in Central Assam

Location & Climate

Southern Nagaon district and adjoining Karbi Anglong form a rain-shadow zone in central Assam valley.

Annual rainfall is low (800-1200mm), leading to water scarcity.

Lumding shows a declining rainfall trend at 2.15 mm per year.

Challenges

Water scarcity affects agriculture and livelihoods.

Lack of irrigation systems and water harvesting practices increases vulnerability.

Potential Solutions

Rainwater harvesting and micro-irrigation techniques.

Drought-resistant crops and improved water management strategies.

Government intervention in irrigation infrastructure.



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Significance

Highlights climatic variations within Assam.

Shows the impact of changing rainfall patterns on rural communities.

Policy implications for sustainable water management and climate adaptation.

Topic 2

Bhupen Hazarika's Academic Contribution

PhD in Mass Communication from Columbia University (1952).

Thesis: "Proposals for Preparing India's Basic Education to use Audio-Visual Techniques in Adult Education."

Focus: Integrating audio-visual media for adult education in India.

Trivia:

He also received the Lisle Fellowship from Chicago University, US to study the use of educational project development through cinema.

Topic 3:

Assamese: Its Formation and Development – Banikanta Kakati



1. About the Book

A scientific and historical study of the Assamese language.

Originally a Ph.D. thesis approved by Calcutta University in 1935.

Examines the evolution, structure, and philological aspects of Assamese.

Establishes Assamese as an independent language, not a dialect of Bengali.

2. Key Themes

Linguistic Roots: Traces Assamese origins to Indo-Aryan languages.

Historical Development: Evolution from Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Apabhramsa.

Phonetics & Grammar: Studies the unique features of Assamese pronunciation, syntax, and script.

Literary Contributions: Discusses early texts, medieval influences, and modern Assamese literature.

Sociocultural Influence: Explores the impact of religion, mythology, and folklore on the language.