Asom Diwas or Assam Day

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Why in news?

The Prime Minister of India has extended his best wishes to people of Assam on Asom Diwas.

Asom Divas *– It is celebrated on* ***December 2*** *every year.*

- **Commemorate –** It is celebrated to commemorate the arrival of the ***1st king of Ahom kingdom Sukapha*** in Assam.
  - Also known as ***Sukapha Divas*** in honour of the founder of the Ahom kingdom that existed for nearly 600 years.
- The Tai Ahom Development Council (TADC) organized the unveiling of a ***statue of Swargadeo Sukapha in Nazira***, Sivasagar district.

Swargadeo Chaolung Sukapha

- He established the Ahom kingdom in ***1228 AD.***
- **Origin –** Sukapha was a ***Tai prince*** who migrated from Mong Mao, crossed the Patkai Hills, and founded the Ahom kingdom in Assam, shaping the region's history for nearly 6 centuries, until 1826.
- **Clan –** Belonged to the Su (Tiger) clan of the Mao-Shan sub-tribe.
- **Title –** "Chaolung" Sukapha means "Great Lord."
- **Legacy –** He is remembered as the ***architect of "Bor Asom"*** (Greater Assam), symbolizing unity, harmony, and inclusivity.
  - He unified various ethnic groups of Assam by treating them as equals.
- **Death –** Passed away in 1268 at Charaideo, where his burial site (maidam) remains a cultural landmark.
- The Ahom rule is hailed as golden rule in the history of Assam, also credited for keeping the Mughal rulers away.

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