



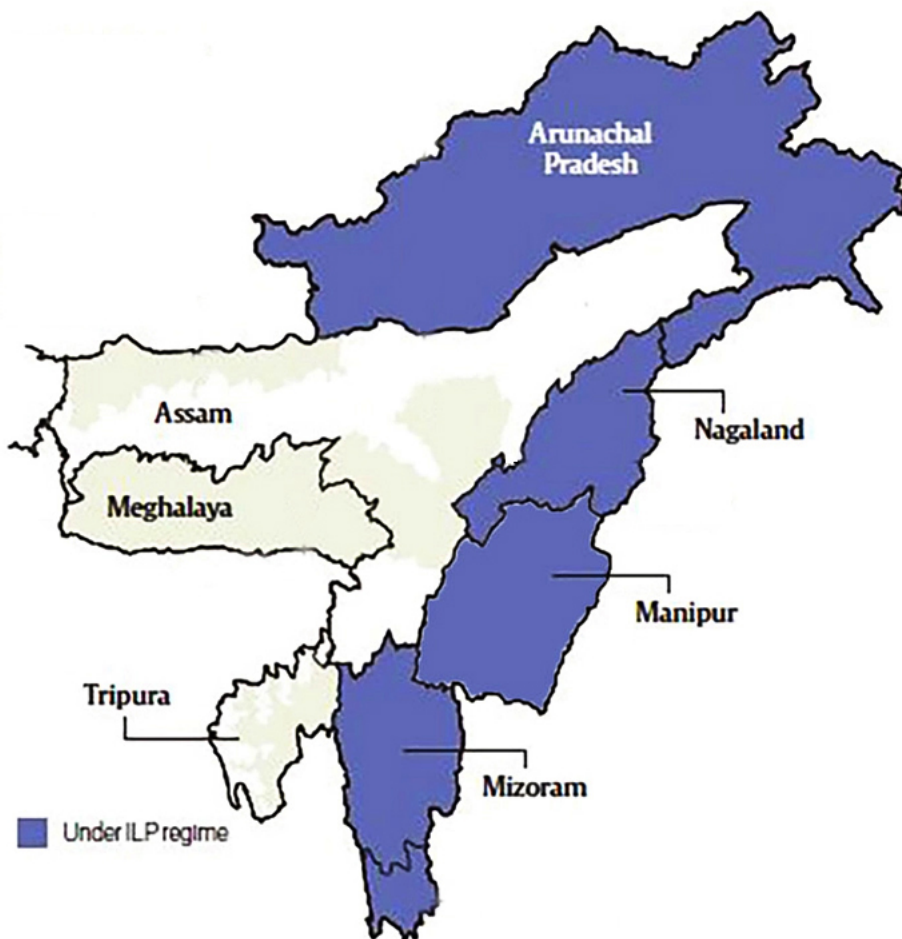
E-ILP Platform: Manipur

Why in News

Recently, the Chief Minister of **Manipur** virtually launched the **e-ILP platform for effective regulation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system** in the state.

- The ILP system came into **effect in Manipur on 1st January 2020**.
- In Manipur, four **types of permits are issued** - temporary, regular, special and labour permits.

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The Vision

Key Points

- **Background of ILP System:**
 - Under the **Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act, 1873**, the British framed regulations restricting the entry and regulating the stay of outsiders in designated areas.

- This was to **protect the Crown's own commercial interests** by preventing "British subjects" (Indians) from trading within these regions.
- In **1950**, the Indian government **replaced "British subjects" with "Citizen of India"**.
- This was to address local concerns about **protecting the interests of the indigenous people** from outsiders belonging to other Indian states.

▪ **About:**

- ILP is a document that **Indian citizens from other states are required to possess** in order to enter states like **Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur**.
- It is **issued by the concerned State Government** and can be **issued for travel purposes solely**.
- Such states are exempted from provisions of the **Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)**.
 - The CAA, which relaxes eligibility criteria for certain categories of migrants from three countries seeking Indian citizenship, exempts certain categories of areas, including those protected by the Inner Line system.

▪ **Rules for Foreigners:**

- Foreigners need a **Protected Area Permit (PAP)** to visit tourist places which are different from ILPs needed by domestic tourists.
 - Under the **Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order 1958**, all areas falling between the '**Inner Line**', as defined in the said order, and the International Border of the State have been declared as a Protected Area.
 - A **foreign national is normally not allowed** to visit a Protected/Restricted Area unless it is established to the satisfaction of the Government that there are extraordinary reasons to justify such a visit.

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