

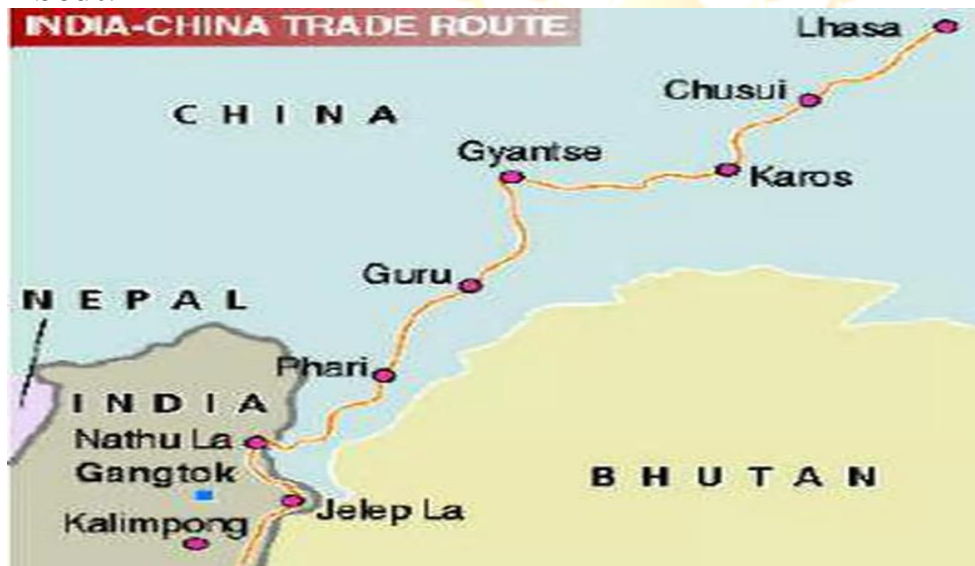


SOUTHERN SILK ROUTE - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS /HISTORY

Why in news?

Recently Botanical survey of India published the flora & Landscapes of one of the oldest Trading routes of south Asia - the silk route.

About:



Silk route: Kalimpong (West Bengal) & Sikkim to Lhasa (Tibet)

Flowering species: Windamere palm (*Trachycarpus latisectus*), *Rhododendron niveum*, balsam species, *Impatiens sikkimensis*, and *Daphne ludlowii*,

State tree of Sikkim: *Rhododendron*

Wildlife Sanctuary: Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary found in this silk route.