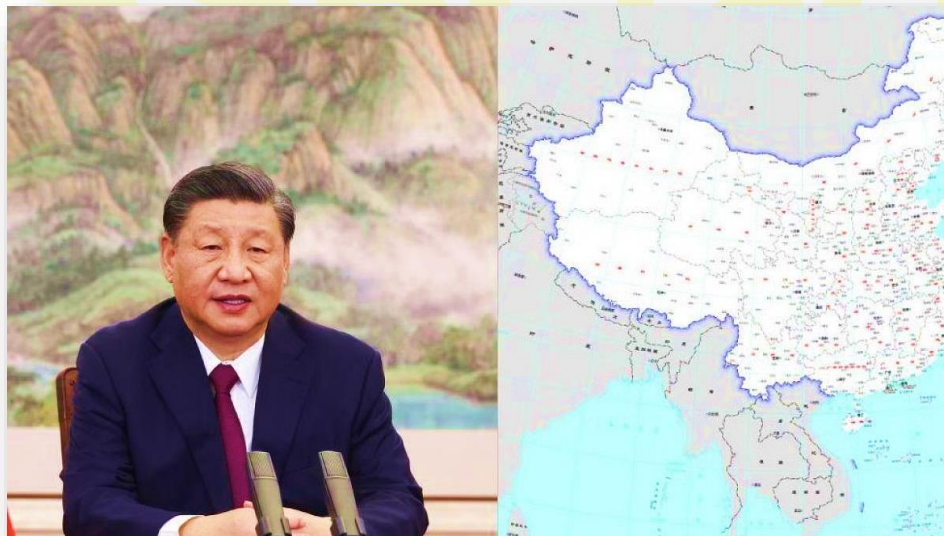


China Includes Arunachal Pradesh & Aksai Chin In Their New Official 'Standard Map'

Why In The News?

- China Has Released Its Official **"Standard Map,"** Including State Of **Arunachal Pradesh And The Aksai Chin Region** As Part Of Its Territory. **Taiwan** And The Disputed **South China Sea** Have Also Been Included Within The Chinese Territory In The New Map.
- The Map Was Released By **China's Ministry Of Natural Resources** During The Celebration Of **Surveying And Mapping Publicity Day** And The National Mapping Awareness Publicity Week On Monday In Deqing County, Zhejiang Province, As Per China Daily Newspaper.



What Do We Know?

- This Comes Months After **India Rejected Attempts By China To Rename 11 Places In Arunachal Pradesh** In The Month Of April. "This Is Not The First Time China Has Made Such An Attempt. We Reject This Outright," Arindam Bagchi, The External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson.

- "Arunachal Pradesh Is, Has Been And Will Always Be An Integral And Inalienable Part Of India. Attempts To Assign Invented Names Will Not Alter This Reality," Bagchi Had Said.
- Last Week, PM Narendra Modi Were Seen Engaging A Brief Interaction At The **15th BRICS Summit In Johannesburg**. Before The Conference Started In Earnest, The Prime Minister And The Chinese President Were Pictured Having A Brief Conversation Before Taking Their Designated Seats.



- Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra **Did Not Call It A Bilateral Meeting** But Said The Conversation Captured The Sense Of The Relationship As PM Highlighted India's Concerns Over The "**Unresolved Issues**" Along The LAC And Both Leaders Agreed To Work Towards Early Disengagement And De-escalation.
- India And China Have Been In A Stand-off Situation For The Last Three Years And Relations At All Levels Have Deteriorated Due To Tensions On The Line Of Actual Control (Lac). The Two Sides Have Held **19 Rounds Of Talks So Far To Address The Boundary Issues In Eastern Ladakh Since 2020**.