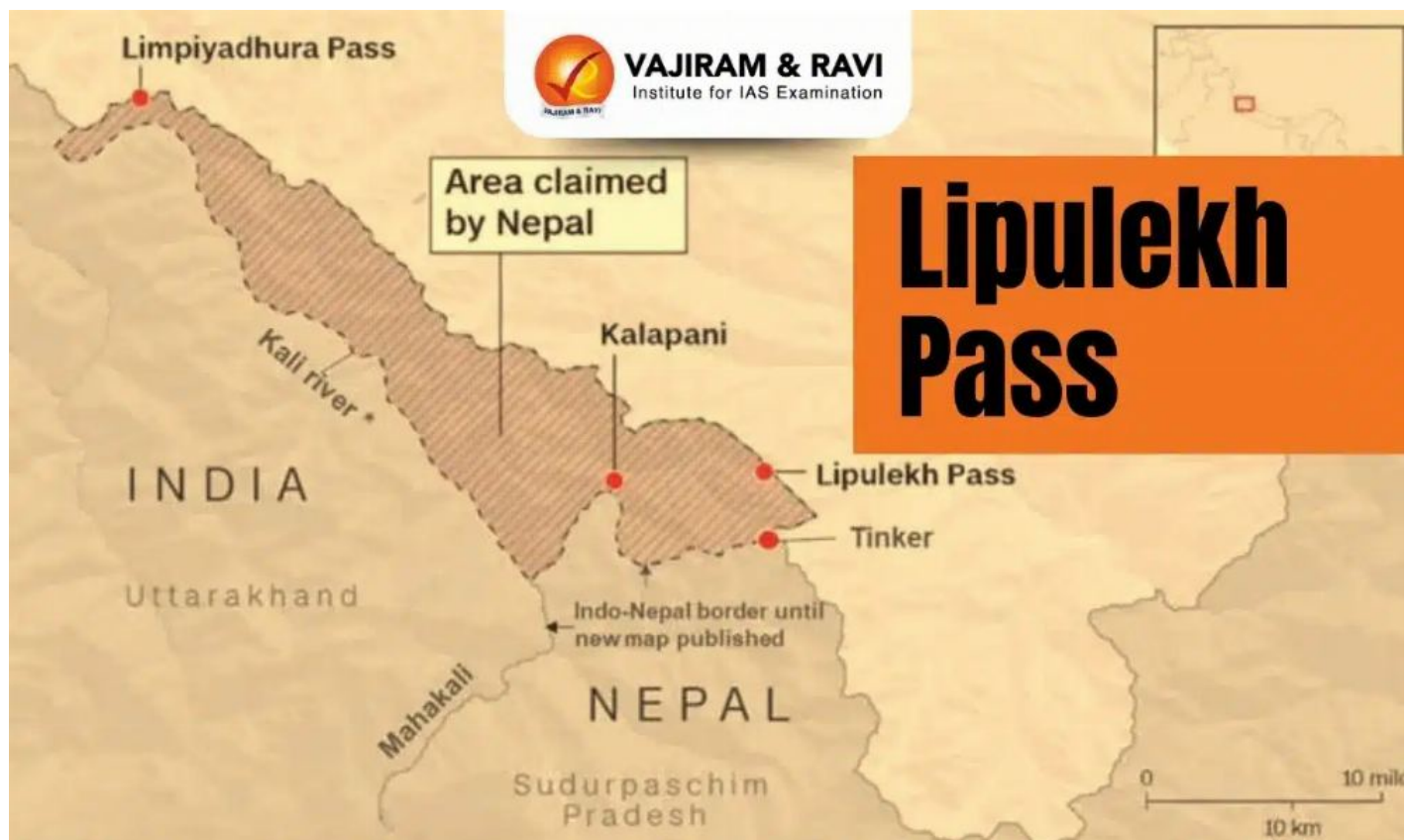


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The historic cross-border trade between India and China through the Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district is set to resume this June.

About Lipulekh Pass

- **Location:** It is a **high-altitude mountain pass** located in **the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand**, near the **trijunction of India, Nepal, and China**.
- It links the Indian state of **Uttarakhand with the Tibet region of China**.
- **Altitude:** It lies at an altitude of **approximately 5,334 meters** (17,500 feet).
- Its elevation and strategic location make it a gateway to the higher reaches of the Himalayas.
- It is the first Indian border post opened for **trade with China in 1992**.
- **Other passes:** This was followed by the opening of **Shipki La Pass**, Himachal Pradesh in 1994 and **Nathu La Pass**, Sikkim in 2006.

Significance of Lipulekh Pass

- **Ancient Trade Route:** Lipulekh Pass has been utilized for centuries as a trade route, connecting the Indian subcontinent with the Tibetan plateau.
- **Religious Significance:** It is a **key corridor for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra** and plays an important role in connecting border communities, especially tribal groups such as the Bhotiyas who depend on cross-border trade.

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