

March 2019

1. Bihar Divas (22nd March): 107th foundation day of Bihar

- To commemorate Bihar's separation from Bengal Presidency in 1912.

2. Investment approval for 1320MW Buxar Thermal Power Project in Bihar got Cabinet approval

- Cabinet approved the Investment approval for 2X660MW Buxar Thermal Power Project in Buxar, Bihar with an estimated cost of Rs.10439.09 cr.
- The project will be implemented by SJVN Thermal Private Limited.

3. Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018

- India's poverty rate has shown a drastic decrease in 10 years, from 55% to 28% in accordance with the 2018 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- The index has shown that, in the years between 2005-06 and 2015-16, 271 million people are moved out of poverty in India.

Highlights of the Report

- Apart from the huge progress, India is still home to the highest number of MPI poor comprising 364 million poor in 2015-16.
- According to the report Bihar was the poorest state in 2015-16, with more than half its population in poverty.
- The four poorest states of India according to the report are Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Across the 640 districts in India, the poorest district is Alirajpur in Madhya Pradesh, where 76.5 Percent of people are MPI poor.
- Among states, Jharkhand had the greatest improvement.

Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018

- The index is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.
- MPI uses three dimensions and ten indicators which are:
 - (a) Education: Years of schooling and child enrolment (1/6 weightage each, total 2/6);
 - (b) Health: Child mortality and nutrition (1/6 weightage each, total 2/6);
 - (c) Standard of living: Electricity, flooring, drinking water, sanitation, cooking fuel and assets (1/18 weightage each, total 2/6)

4. Indian Medical Association vows to make Bihar free from tuberculosis by 2025



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