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1. **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)

2. **Agra, Kanpur metro rail projects approved by the Centre**
   - PM also laid foundation stone of Panki Thermal Power Plant in Kanpur.

3. **Implementation of 1320 MW Khurja Super Thermal Power Project**
   - Cabinet approved the Investment in 2X660MW Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (STPP) in Bulandahahar, Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs.11089.42 cr.

4. **Foundation stone of an Ordnance factory unit in Amethi**
   - Prime Minister visited Amethi in Uttar Pradesh to address a public meeting and lay the foundation stone of an Ordnance factory unit at Korwa in Amethi.
   - He also inaugurated an Indo-Russian joint venture (JV) IndoRussian Rifles Pvt Ltd, that will manufacture the new Kalashnikov AK-203 rifle in Korwa, near Amethi.

5. **Foundation stone of Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor laid by PM**
   - PM laid the foundation stone of Kashi Vishwanath Mandir Vistarikaran-Saundarayakaran Yojana (Kashi Vishwanath Temple Extension and Beautification Plan).
   - The work will be rolled out in four phases.

6. **Development projects inaugurated in Ghaziabad by PM**
   - Modi unveiled the plaque to mark the inauguration of Civil Terminal of Hindon Airport
   - He laid foundation stone of Delhi- Ghaziabad - Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System.
• He visited Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda) Metro station in Ghaziabad and flagged off Metro Rail.

7. **Development projects in Greater Noida**
   • PM inaugurated Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology and unveiled a statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the campus.
   • PM also inaugurated Noida City Centre - Noida Electronic City Section of the Delhi Metro.