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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.



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- 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.

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