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Important Facts for Prelims (11th December 2018)

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39th GCC Summit

- 39th Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- GCC summit took place amid a rift between member states due to the blockade of Qatar by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) since June 2017, the war in Yemen, diplomatic crisis over Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi's assassination.
- **Gulf Cooperation Council**
 - The GCC is a political and economic alliance of countries in the Arabian Peninsula.
 - It was established in 1981 to foster socioeconomic, security, and cultural cooperation.
 - Members of GCC: **United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait.**

Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant

- Karnataka's Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant has created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation for 941 days, thereby breaking the earlier record of 940 days by the United Kingdom.
- It is located in the surroundings of the Western Ghats at Kaiga in Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka.
- It is a cluster of four Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors of 220 MW each indigenously developed by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL).