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Important Facts for Prelims (28th November 2018)

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Logix India

- Logix India 2019 is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from 31st January to 2nd February 2019.
- It is being organized by **Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** as an initiative to **improve logistics cost effectiveness and operational efficiencies for India's global trade.**
- Over 100 international delegates from more than 20 countries are expected to attend Logix India 2019.
- FIEO will also focus on **investment opportunities in infrastructure development, warehouse consolidation, technology integration and IT enablement and skilling of manpower at the three-day meet.**
- India ranked **44 in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2018.** Logistics sector will play a key role in enhancing the competitiveness of Indian goods in the global markets.

Indian Organ Donation Day

- The **9th Indian Organ Donation Day was organized on 27 November** by the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)** under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Tamil Nadu** was felicitated with an award for **best performing state** and **Maharashtra for promoting awareness** on organ donation.
- Tamil Nadu had been the first state in India for various initiatives like mandatory certification of Brain Stem Death and streamlining the organ distribution.
- In India organs are mainly donated by the living donors and only about 23% of the organ transplant is being done with organs obtained from the cadavers.
- There is a need to promote cadaver or deceased organ donation rather than relying on living donors in order to avoid the risk of commercial trading of organs and also to avoid the inherent risk to the health of the living donor.

- People's participation and people's awareness is the key for encouraging organ donation and to bridge certain gaps.

National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)

- NOTTO is set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, located in New Delhi.
- The National Human Organ and Tissue Removal & Storage Network and the National Biomaterial Centre, are two divisions under it.
- National Network division of NOTTO would function as apex centre for all India activities for procurement, distribution and registry of organs and tissues donation and transplantation in the country.

Mekedatu Project

- Mekedatu, meaning goat's leap, is a deep gorge situated at the confluence of the rivers Cauvery and Arkavathi, about 100 km from Bengaluru, at the Kanakapura taluk in Karnataka Ramanagara district.
- The aim of Mekedatu Project is to use the water for a hydro power station and supply drinking water to Bengaluru city.
- **Tamil Nadu Objections**
Tamil Nadu government has said that the proposal for the reservoir is not just for drinking water alone, but to increase the extent of irrigation, which is in clear violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Award .