



Important Facts for Prelims (23rd October 2018)

Workshop on Health under Aspirational Districts Programme

- Recently the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Child Development, organized a National Workshop for Orientation of District Officials of Aspirational Districts on Health and Nutrition.
- NITI Aayog has identified 117 districts as 'Aspirational Districts'. These districts have been selected on the basis of composite index which includes published data of deprivation enumerated under Socio-Economic Caste Census, Health & Nutrition, Education and Basic Infrastructure.
- The Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) program is an important pillar which will be strengthened under Aspirational Districts Programme.
- The **e-Mitra (Mobile Integrated Toolkit RMNCH+A) app** was launched which has been designed to complement the Aspirational District Programme and offers one stop solution to access RMNCH+A related statistics from different sources through a combination of approaches.

Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty

- President Trump has announced the United States plans to withdraw from the U.S.-Russian Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.
- The treaty was signed in December 1987 by US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev.
- It prohibited the United States and the Soviet Union from possessing, testing and deploying ground-launched cruise and ballistic missiles of ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometers.
- It also covered all land-based missiles, including those carrying nuclear warheads but did not cover sea-launched missiles.
- The objective of this treaty was to end the arms race between the two superpowers US and USSR.