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## Important Facts for Prelims (6th December 2018)

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### Dr B R Ambedkar's 62<sup>nd</sup> Mahaparinirvan Diwas

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- Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed every year on **December, 6** to commemorate **death anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar**.
- Known as the **Father of the Indian Constitution** Dr Ambedkar was a jurist, economist, politician and a social reformer who campaigned against social discrimination of Dalits, women and labourers.
- **Chaitya Bhoomi** is a memorial to B. R. Ambedkar located in **Dadar, Mumbai**.

### Vrischikolsavam

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- Vrischikolsavam is an eight-day annual festival of Sree Poornathrayeesa temple, Tripunithura situated in **Kochi (Kerala)**.
- Sree Poornathrayeesa Temple is the **only temple in South India where an odd pose of Lord Vishnu can be seen, sitting under the shade of five royal hoods of the divine serpent, Ananthan**, whose folded body itself acts as the throne for the God.
- The festival hosts an array of traditional art forms and cultural programmes such as kathakali, ottanthullal (dance and poetic performance form of Kerala), thayambaka (renowned orchestra of Kerala), music concerts and dance.
- The festival also features a colorful procession of decorated elephants.

### Climate Risk Index (CRI): Germanwatch

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- The **Global Climate Risk Index 2019** analyses the extent to which countries and regions have been affected by impacts of **weather-related loss events (storms, floods, heat waves etc.)**.
- The report places **India 14th among countries** most affected by extreme weather events in the last 20 years.
- The neighbouring countries are worse hit than India. Myanmar is at rank 3, Bangladesh at 7, Pakistan at 8 and Nepal at 11.

- With a **29% increase in deaths in 2017 due to extreme climate events**, India accounted for the second highest fatalities in the world.
- **Puerto Rico, Honduras and Myanmar rank highest**, i.e. they are the worst hit countries by extreme weather events.
- The report was released at the ongoing **24th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-24), Katowice, Poland.**