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Important Facts for Prelims (20th September 2018)

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Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)

- The Government has approved the revised cost estimate of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP), along with a two-year time extension from 2018 to 2020, for the completion of the project.
- Project was started in 2012 and was scheduled to be completed in 2018.
- The Govt. has taken up DRIP for the **repair and rehabilitation of dam projects across the seven states of India**, namely Jharkhand (Damodar Valley Corporation), Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Uttarakhand.
- It is an externally-aided project. **80% of the total project cost is provided by the World Bank** as loan/credit and remaining 20% is borne by the States / Central Government.
- The objectives of DRIP are to improve the safety and operational performance of selected existing dams and associated accessories in a sustainable manner, and **to strengthen the dam safety institutional setup of participating States / Implementing Agencies.**
- It also aims at ensuring the safety of downstream population and property that are affected in the case of a dam failure or operational failure.

H1N1 flu

- H1N1 flu is caused by a **influenza A virus**. The letters H and N in the subtype name stand for proteins found on the surface of the virus, which are used to distinguish between different influenza A subtypes.
- It's also called swine flu because in the past, the people who caught it had direct contact with pigs. That changed several years ago, when a new virus emerged that spread among people who hadn't been near pigs.
- The H1N1 flu virus is made up of genes from flu viruses that normally cause influenza in **pigs, birds, and humans.**

- In 2009, H1N1 was spreading fast around the world, so the World Health Organization called it a pandemic.
- Swine flu viruses may **mutate** (change) so that they are easily transmissible among humans.
- H1N1 flu virus is contagious. Person-to-person transmission of H1N1 flu virus occurs, and the virus is easily spread among people.

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna

- Taking cognizance of lack of long-term jobs, the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** has rolled out a scheme named “ATAL BIMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJNA” to **financially support those who lost their jobs** due to changing employment pattern.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), approved 'Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna' for insured persons covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- As the current scenario of employment in India which has transformed from a long-term employment to fixed short-term engagement in the form of contract and temporary jobs, this scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.