



Important Facts for Prelims (19th December 2018)



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Farout

- Scientists have recently discovered the most distant object ever observed in our Solar System.
- The object is located at 120 astronomical units (AU) from the Sun (1 AU = distance between the Earth and the Sun).
- This object is nicknamed as “Farout” and provisionally titled 2018 VG18.
- Farout is also the first known Solar System object that has been detected at a distance that is more than 100 times farther than Earth is from the Sun.
- Farout was discovered as part of a search for extremely distant Solar System objects, including the suspected Planet X, which is sometimes also called Planet 9.

Bogibeel Road-Rail Bridge

- Bogibeel is India’s longest road-rail bridge connecting Dibrugarh in Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The bridge is 4.94 km long and 32 meters above the water level of the Brahmaputra.
- It has been fashioned on a bridge that links Sweden and Denmark.
- The bridge will be a major boost to improve logistical issues for the armed forces along the border in Arunachal Pradesh as India shares a nearly 4,000 km border with China.