



Important Facts for Prelims (20th December 2018)

Black-necked Crane

- **Black-necked cranes** also known as '**Trung-Trung Karmo**' migrate every winter from Tibet and China's Xinjiang province to Arunachal Pradesh in India.
- **Sangti Valley** in West Kameng district and **Zemithang** of **Arunachal Pradesh** are the only wintering sites of the bird in India. The crane also breeds in Ladakh and Bhutan.
- The bird is revered by the 1 lakh-strong community of **Monpas** (major Buddhist ethnic group of Arunachal Pradesh) as an embodiment of the sixth **Dalai Lama (Tsangyang Gyatso)**.
- It is protected under Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - the highest legal protection given to birds and wildlife.
- It has been classified as 'vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in its Red List of Threatened Species.

World's First Drone-delivered Vaccine in Vanuatu

- A one-month-old baby in **Vanuatu** has become the first person in the world to be immunised using vaccines delivered by a commercial drone which has raised hopes that the method could save lives in other far-flung areas.
- Vaccines are difficult to transport as they need to be kept at specific temperatures. During the drone flight, they were kept in Styrofoam boxes with ice-packs and a temperature sensor.