PM Narendra Modi inaugurates World Information Technology Congress 2018.

What in news:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated World Information Technology Congress (WITC) 2018 in Hyderabad, Telangana via video conference.
- The theme of this edition of conference was 'Future Enterprises.'

About news:

- It was hosted by Telangana Government, in association with country's top IT body, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) and global IT organization World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA).
- This is for first time India is hosting WITC. It will second time that the event will be taking place in Asia after it was hosted inKualalumpur, Malaysia in 2008.
- Around 2500 delegates and top IT honchos from across the world participated in the mega IT eventRepresentatives from IT industries from around 80 countries took part in the conference.
- Moreover, at least 20 CEOs from Fortune 500 companies and 100 other top executives attended the conference

About World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA):

- It is a consortium of associations from the information and communications technology (ICT) industry around the world.
- The group claims that it represents over 90% of the world ICT market through its global membership, and has a goal of advancing the growth and development of the ICT industry
- WITSA was founded in 1978 as the World Computing Services Industry Association, and participates in advocacy in international public policy that affects the "global information infrastructure".
- It voices the concerns of the international IT industry in organisations such as the World Trade Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the G8.

Expected prelims question:

Consider the following statements

1. WITSA is a consortium of associations from the information and communications technology (ICT) industry in India
2. India is second time hosting WITSA

Which of above are/is correct?

a) Only 1
b) only 2
c) both 1 and 2
d) none of above

Ans – d

Expected mains question

As India is progressing towards information technological development, discuss the significance of organising WITSA in India