An independent panel of the World Bank is considering a plea by residents of Haat village, Chamoli district, Uttarakhand to investigate environmental damage from the under-construction Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project (VPHEP) in the district.

Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Project (VPHEP)-

- The **444-MW VPHEP is being built by the Tehri Hydropower Development Corporation (THDC)**, a partially State-owned enterprise.
- The project is **primarily funded by the World Bank and was sanctioned in 2011**.
- It is proposed **to be completed in June 2023**.
- **It is a 444 Megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river hydro generation project on the Alaknanda River**, which is a tributary of the Ganga.