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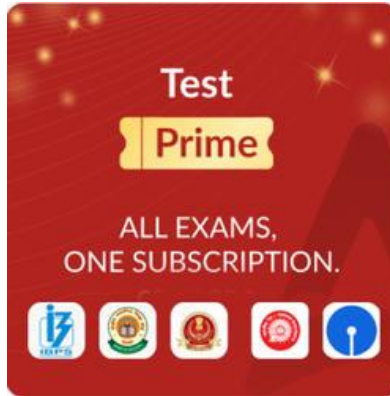|	

Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)	**Why in news?**
	● As of now, no cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), which has been reported in large numbers in China, have been reported in Telangana, according to the Director of Public Health (DPH), Telangana.
	
	Key Points:
	● Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is an **RNA virus belonging to the Metapneumovirus genus in the Pneumoviridae family.**
	● It was **first identified in 2001** by Dutch scientists studying respiratory illnesses in children.
	● **HMPV primarily spreads through:**
	  ○ Respiratory droplets during coughing or sneezing.
	  ○ Direct contact with infected individuals.
	  ○ Contaminated surfaces in shared environments
	● **Symptoms:**
	  ○ Cough
	  ○ Fever
	  ○ Nasal congestion
	  ○ Fatigue

Polavaram project	**Why in news?**
	● Telangana Government has decided to assess the impact of the Polavaram project's backwater on the state. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has instructed the Irrigation Department to collaborate with IIT-Hyderabad experts and prepare a comprehensive report within a month.
	
	Key Points:
	● It is an under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.
	● The project has been accorded National project status by the Union Government of India.
	● **Objectives:**
	  ○ Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.
	  ○ The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages
	  ○ The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368 lakh ha.
	  ○ The project implements the Godavari-Krishna link under

	the Interlinking of Rivers project.
Blockchain city	**Why in news?** ● IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu has declared that a blockchain city will be established in the state. **Key Points:** ● The company will provide employment to about 1800 people in the field of drone technology and robotics. ● Steps are being taken to provide employment to the youth of Telangana in these fields by training them in collaboration with Skills University and industries. ● Blockchain is an emerging digital infrastructure enabling the decentralized storage and transfer of information without requiring third-party verification.

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