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**Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

<p><b>PM Surya Ghar scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced that the TDP-led NDA government will roll out every developmental initiative in Kuppam as a pilot project before extending it to the rest of the state.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a government scheme <b>launched on February 15, 2024, that aims to provide free electricity to households in India.</b></li> <li>Under the scheme, households will be provided with a subsidy to install solar panels on their roofs.</li> <li>The subsidy will cover up to 40% of the cost of the solar panels.</li> <li><b>The benefits of the scheme include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free electricity for households.</li> <li>Reduced electricity costs for the government.</li> <li>Increased use of renewable energy.</li> <li>Reduced carbon emissions.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Eligibility:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The household must be an Indian citizen.</li> <li>The household must own a house with a roof that is suitable for installing solar panels.</li> <li>The household must have a valid electricity connection.</li> <li>The household must not have availed any other subsidy for solar panels.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A panel of experts has been established to provide technical advice to the Andhra Pradesh government regarding HMPV.</li> <li>As per Central government guidelines, confirmatory testing will be conducted at the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, which will also supply testing kits to ICMR-recognised virology labs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is an <b>RNA virus belonging to the Metapneumovirus genus in the Pneumoviridae family.</b></li> <li>It was <b>first identified in 2001</b> by Dutch scientists studying respiratory illnesses in children.</li> <li><b>HMPV primarily spreads through:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory droplets during coughing or sneezing.</li> <li>Direct contact with infected individuals.</li> <li>Contaminated surfaces in shared environments</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Symptoms:</b></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cough</li> <li>○ Fever</li> <li>○ Nasal congestion</li> <li>○ Fatigue</li> </ul>
<b>Election Commission of India</b>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Andhra Pradesh has recorded 4.14 crore voters, with 19,512 new electors added. Voters are encouraged to verify their details in the final rolls available on the ECI portal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Election Commission of India (ECI) is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.</li> <li>● The body administers elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies in India, and the offices of the President and Vice President in the country.</li> <li>● It is not concerned with the elections to panchayats and municipalities in the states. For this, the Constitution of India provides for a separate State Election Commission.</li> </ul>





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