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<p>Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ravinder B. Nayak, the Director of Public Health and Family Welfare in Telangana, shed light on the measures taken and the state's preparedness to handle a possible surge in HMPV cases. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respiratory droplets during coughing or sneezing. ○ Direct contact with infected individuals. ○ Contaminated surfaces in shared environments • Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cough ○ Fever ○ Nasal congestion ○ Fatigue
<p>National Turmeric Board (NTB)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal stated that the formation of the National Turmeric Board (NTB) would tackle issues related to turmeric cultivation, aiming to boost farmers' income. • He also emphasized the significant potential for increasing turmeric productivity in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country. • It will especially focus on capacity building and skill development of turmeric growers for harnessing greater benefits out of value addition. • The Board will also promote quality and food safety standards and adherence to such standards. • Key facts about Turmeric (Curcuma longa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is a perennial herbaceous plant belonging to the ginger family (Zingiberaceae). ○ Climatic conditions required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Soil and climate: A friable well-drained red loamy soil in wet or garden lands under tropical conditions is ideal.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rain: Regions receiving an annual rainfall of 1500 mm can support its growth. ■ Temperature: range of 20 to 35 °C. ○ India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world. ○ The largest producing states of Turmeric are Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
Places in news: Srisailem Temple	Why in news?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thousands of devotees gathered for the Inavolu Jatara at the Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple in Telangana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Srisailem Temple, or Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, worshipped here in the form of Mallikarjuna Swamy. ● It is located at Srisailem in the state of Andhra Pradesh. ● It is surrounded by the forests of the Nallamala Hills, overlooking the pristine waters of the Krishna River. ● According to Hindu mythology, the temple is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas, divine manifestations of Lord Shiva spread across India. ● The Goddess Shakti is worshipped as Bramarambha in the temple and has a shrine dedicated to her. ● This ancient temple built in the Dravidian style with lofty towers and sprawling courtyards is one of the finest specimens of Vijayanagara architecture. ● The unique feature of this temple is the combination of Jyothirlingam and Mahasakthi (in the form of Bhramarambika) in one campus, which is very rare and only one of its kind.
Krishna Disputes (KWDT-II)	Water Tribunal-II	Why in news?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The long-standing water dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh is approaching a critical phase, with final arguments in the case set to begin soon. ● The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) is currently hearing the case, which was referred under Section 89 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (APRA) and the Further Terms of Reference, based on the complaint filed by the state under Section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II was constituted by the Centre in April 2004 under Section 3 of the ISRWD Act, 1956 to adjudicate and resolve water-sharing disputes related to the Krishna River. ● It was constituted to address the allocation of Krishna River



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	<p>waters among the riparian states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KWDT-II made recommendations and allocations of Krishna River waters based on the availability of water, the demands of the states, and other relevant factors. • It provided specific quantities of water to each state, outlining the share they were entitled to receive. <p>About Section 89 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of water resources - The term of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal shall be extended with the following terms of reference, namely :- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) shall make project-wise specific allocation, if such allocation have not been made by a Tribunal constituted under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 (33 of 1956); (i) shall determine an operational protocol for project-wise release of water in the event of deficit flows.
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