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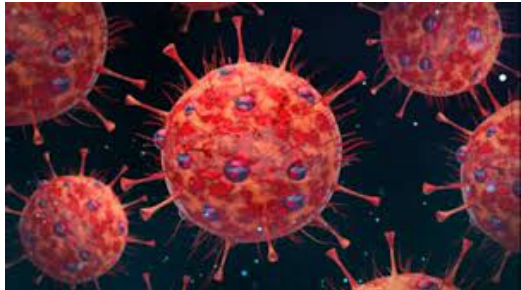
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Telangana State Regional News

<p>New Covid 19 variant JN.1</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JN.1, also known as BA.2.86 or Pirola, is a sub-variant of the Omicron BA.2 lineage of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. It emerged in the United States in September 2023 and has since been detected in several countries, including India. JN.1 appears to be more transmissible than previous Omicron sub-variants, potentially due to mutations in its spike protein. Recently COVID-19 cases are in surge in Kerala state.
<p>Kaddam project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kaddam Project, also known as the Kadem Adi Narayan Reddy Project, is a vital reservoir nestled near the Kadem River in Telangana It plays a crucial role in irrigating lands, generating hydropower, and supporting the surrounding ecosystem. This project was conceptualized in 1949 as part of the Godavari Valley Scheme, but a design flaw led to a breach in the dam soon after its completion.
<p>42 Constitutional Amendment act</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976 is also known as the "Mini-Constitution" It was enacted during the emergency rule imposed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi It introduced several notable changes to the structure and functioning of the Indian government. The Act strengthened the central government and the office of the Prime Minister by expanding the scope of Parliament's power to amend the Constitution through Article 368. It limits the judicial review of Parliament's legislative measures. The Act aimed to achieve social and economic goals by defining India as a "socialist, secular, democratic republic." It also added Fundamental rights like the right to work, right to education, and right to equality of opportunity.
<p>Kaleshwaram project</p>	<p>Context:</p>



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- The **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)** is a massive irrigation project currently under construction in **Telangana**
- It is an ambitious endeavor aimed at **harnessing the waters of the Godavari River** and diverting them to drought-prone areas in north and western Telangana.

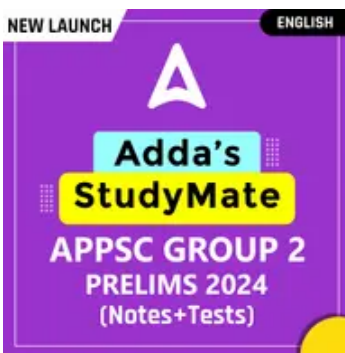
Key objectives:

1. **Irrigation:** To irrigate about **13 lakh hectares of land in 12 districts of Telangana**, primarily focusing on areas that lack sufficient water for agriculture.
2. **Drinking water:** To provide drinking water to **45 lakh people in Hyderabad** and surrounding areas.
3. **Hydropower generation:** To **generate 1863 MW** of hydropower through four pump-storage hydroelectricity stations.

DGCA approves Drone Academy at Telangana Agri University

Context:

- The **Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** has approved the **Drone Academy at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU)**.
- This paves way for establishing a **Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO)** to provide agri-drone pilot training to farmers, diploma holders, agri-graduates and unemployed rural youth with the collaboration of **Marut Dronetech Private Ltd** for a period of 10 years.



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