



Human metapneumovirus (HMPV) Outbreak in China

- ❖ A new virus has emerged in China. The common symptoms of HMPV are cough, fever, nasal congestion, shortness of breath.
- ❖ Lead to problems like Bronchiolitis, pneumonia, and wheezing.
- ❖ The incubation period for the infection is typically three to six days.
- ❖ No specific antiviral treatment; supportive care (oxygen therapy, hydration) is most important.
- ❖ HMPV is a respiratory virus that causes mild infections similar to that caused by a common cold; children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems are more susceptible to contracting it.
- ❖ Identified in 2001 in the Netherlands.

PM Modi to Inaugurate Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi.

The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 is a significant event inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 4, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- ❖ The Mahotsav aims to enhance rural infrastructure, create self-reliant economies, and foster innovation within rural communities.
- ❖ Theme: "Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047"
- ❖ The objective of this event includes promoting economic stability and financial security among rural populations
- ❖ The Mahotsav will have a special focus on North-East India.
- ❖ The Mahotsav will be empowering rural women by fostering entrepreneurship.
- ❖ The Mahotsav will showcase India's rich cultural heritage through vibrant performances and exhibitions.

IHF Trophy Men's Youth & Junior Handball Championship

The International Championship of Handball – IHF Trophy Men's Youth and Junior (Continental Phase – Asia) commenced for the first time at the KD Singh Babu Stadium in Lucknow.

- ❖ Four countries — Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and India—are taking part in the tournament.
- ❖ This is the first time Lucknow is hosting the prestigious handball championship.
- ❖ The event is conducted under the International Handball Federation (IHF), with support from the Handball Federation of India (HFI).

Pakistan join two-year tenure as non-permanent member of UNSC

Pakistan began its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the term 2025-2026.

- ❖ Pakistan will sit in the Security Council for the 2025-26 term as a non-permanent member - the eighth time that the country has had a seat on the 15-member body's horseshoe table.
- ❖ Pakistan succeeded Japan as the Asian representative in the Security

Council, which serves as the principal body for preserving global peace and security.

- ❖ During the General Assembly elections in June, Pakistan secured membership alongside Denmark, Greece, Panama and Somalia.
- ❖ These nations will replace Japan, Ecuador, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland.

About United Nations Security Council (UNSC):

- ❖ Established in 1945 under the United Nations Charter.
- ❖ Permanent Members: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ❖ Non-Permanent Members: 10 members elected for a 2-year term by the UN General Assembly.
- ❖ Maintains international peace and security.



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