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Rift Valley Fever:

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- Rift Valley fever (RVF) is a **viral zoonosis that primarily affects animals but can also infect humans.**

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- RVF virus is a member of the Phlebovirus genus. The virus was first identified in 1931 in the Rift Valley of Kenya.

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- The incubation period for RVF varies from 2 to 6 days.

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- The majority of human infections results from contact with the blood or organs of infected animals and from the bites of infected mosquitoes

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- Till date, no human-to-human transmission of RVF virus has been documented.

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Elizabethkingia:

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- Elizabethkingia is a genus of bacteria commonly found in the environment worldwide.

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- It has been detected in soil, river water and reservoirs.

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- It has **caused meningitis in newborn babies** and meningitis or bloodstream and respiratory infections in people with weakened immune systems.

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Street Light Replacement Programme:

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- Under this Programme, Ministry of Power has undertaken steps to replace all the street lights with LED's to reduce the greenhouse gas emission.

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- It is the **World's Largest Street Light Replacement Programme.**

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- It is being implemented by the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

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- EESL has also employed Centralised Control and Monitoring System (CCMs) for real-time information on energy consumption and remote monitoring of the street lights.

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