



Fire Broke Out at Maha Kumbh Mela | Uttar Pradesh | 20 Jan 2025

Why in News?

A fire broke out at the [Maha Kumbh Mela](#) in Prayagraj, UP, on **19th January, 2025**, due to a [Liquefied Petroleum Gas \(LPG\)](#) cylinder blast leading to the destruction of 18 tents.

- The **45-day Maha Kumbh Mela**, which began on [Paush Purnim](#) on **13th January, 2025**, is one of the **world's largest religious gatherings**.

Key Points

- The fire was **promptly extinguished**, and **no casualties or injuries** were reported.
 - The incident occurred near the **Shastri Bridge** in **Zone 19** of the Mela.
- **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG):**
 - LPG is a **flammable mixture of hydrocarbon gases**, primarily **propane** and **butane**, used as fuel for **heating, cooking**, and even in vehicles.
 - It is stored in **liquid form under pressure** in tanks or cylinders.
 - When the pressure is released, **LPG vaporizes** and can be used as a gas.
 - It is widely used in households and industries due to its **clean-burning properties** and **high energy content**.

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/statepcs/21-01-2025/uttar-pradesh/print>