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## 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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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 **13<sup>th</sup> 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**.

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