



UP Fire Department Honored by Goa Government

Why in News?

On 1st April 2025, the Goa Government honored the **Uttar Pradesh Fire Department**.

Key Points

- **About the issue:**
 - The honour was presented by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services, Goa.
 - This felicitation ceremony was **organised in Panaji**, the capital of Goa.
 - This honour was given for excellent fire fighting and disaster management services in **Mahakumbh 2025**, Prayagraj.
- **Achievements of the Fire Department:**
 - Controlled 185 fire incidents in 45 days, of which 24 were major fire incidents.
 - Apart from this, about 86 small fire incidents were brought under control immediately.
 - Potential losses of approximately Rs 16.5 crore were averted.

Kumbh Mela

- In the year 2025 Maha Kumbh Mela was **held in Prayagraj from 13 January to 26 February 2025** attended by more than 66.30 crore devotees.
- The word 'Kumbh' is derived from the metal '**Kumbhaka**' (**sacred pot of the nectar of immortality**).
- **King Harshavardhana** of the **Pushyabhuti dynasty** started organizing the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj.
- It is the **largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims** during which the participants take a bath or dip in the holy river. This congregation takes place at 4 different places, namely:
 - On the banks of **the Ganga** at Haridwar .
 - On the banks of **the Shipra** River in Ujjain .
 - On the banks of **the Godavari** (South Ganga) at Nasik .
 - At the **confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical invisible Saraswati** in Prayagraj.