



UP-AGREES and AI Pragya Programme

Why in News?

The **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh** launched the '**UP-AGREES**' and '**AI Pragma**' programmes in **Lucknow** in the presence of the **World Bank** President.

Key Points

▪ About UP-AGREES:

- It will be implemented in **28 districts** of **Purvanchal and Bundelkhand** regions of Uttar Pradesh.
- Its **main objective** is to increase agricultural productivity, ensure **conservation of natural resources** and **increase the income of farmers**.
- The Rs 3,900 crore project includes a Rs 2,737 crore World Bank loan and RS 1,166 crore from the state government.
- The 6-year loan, repayable over **35 years at 1.23% interest**, will benefit 10 lakh farmers—30% of them women.
- The project will link **10,000 women producer groups** and send **500 farmers abroad for advanced training**.

▪ AI Pragma Program:

- **The main objective of the 'AI Pragma'** program is to establish Uttar Pradesh as a **leading state** in the field of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **digital technologies**.
- Under this program, **10 lakh youth** will be provided **training** and **certification** in cutting-edge technologies like **AI, machine learning, data analytics** and **cyber security**.
- This initiative will promote **AI based startups in the state, increase employment opportunities** and create a **digitally skilled workforce**.
- The programme will be conducted in **collaboration with** various state departments like **Education, Health, Agriculture, Revenue, Secretariat Administration**.

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World Bank

▪ About:

- It was **established in 1944** as the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)** along with the IMF. The IBRD later became the World Bank.
- The World Bank Group is a **unique global partnership of five institutions working** to advance lasting solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.
- The World Bank is one of the specialized agencies of **the United Nations**.
- **Member:**
 - **189 countries** are its members.
 - **India** is also its **member**.
- **Five Development Institutions:**
 - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 - International Development Association (IDA)
 - International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 - Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
 - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
 - India is not a member of ICSID.

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