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1. Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned

- What is it?
- Components of AGR

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Telecom Industry (GS III - Economy)

What needs to be Known:

- Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)
 - *Adjusted Gross Revenue is the share of revenue that telecom operators in India needed to pay to the Department of Telecommunications as part of their license agreement.*
- Components
 - **Telecom Service Revenues:** Includes earnings from call charges, SMS, data services, roaming, interconnection charges, and value-added services.
 - **Non-Telecom Revenues:** Covers interest income, dividend earnings, capital gains, rental income, foreign exchange gains, etc.
 - **Exclusions:** Certain items, such as GST (if already part of gross revenue) and revenue shared with other service providers (like roaming charges), are excluded.



2. Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned

- What is it?
- Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Tourism Industry (GS III- Economy)

What needs to be Known:

- PRASHAD Scheme

- **Launch:** Launched by Ministry of Tourism in 2014 - 15.
- **Aim:** Integrated development of pilgrimage and heritage destinations.
- **Features**
 - ★ Upgrade last-mile civic infrastructure at pilgrimage sites
 - ★ Improve tourist experience (amenities, safety, interpretation)
 - ★ Promote inclusive local development (jobs, MSMEs, crafts)
 - ★ Ensure sustainability & heritage conservation
 - ★ Public-Private Partnership (PPP) encouraged as part of development.
 - ★ Implementation by state government
- **Funding:** It is a central sector scheme.

- Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes

- **Central Sector Schemes**

- ★ Fully funded by the Union Government (100%)
- ★ Implemented by Central Agencies
- ★ Example: PRASHAD, PM-JAY, PM-KISAN

- **Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

- ★ Cost-sharing between Centre and States
- ★ Ratio usually 60:40, 90:10 (NE & Himalayan states)
- ★ Example: PMGSY, PM-POSHAN, National Health Mission



3. Bomb Cyclone

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned

- Bomb Cyclone
- Tropical Cyclone

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Climatology (GS I- Geography)
- Classification of Disaster (GS III – Disaster Management)

What needs to be Known:

- Bomb Cyclone

→ What is it?:

★ *A bomb cyclone is a large, intense midlatitude storm that has low pressure at its center, weather fronts and an array of associated weather, from blizzards to severe thunderstorms to heavy precipitation.*

★ This process is called explosive cyclogenesis or bombogenesis.

→ Conditions for Formation

- ★ Strong temperature contrast (cold polar air meets warm tropical air)
- ★ Upper-level jet stream support (divergence aloft)
- ★ Warm ocean currents (e.g., Gulf Stream, Kuroshio) providing latent heat
- ★ Pre-existing low-pressure system

→ Areas of Formations

- ★ North Atlantic Ocean (eastern coast of USA, Europe)
- ★ North Pacific Ocean (Japan, Alaska)
- ★ Southern Ocean (around Antarctica)

- Tropical Cyclone

→ What is it?: A cyclone is a large-scale air system rotating around a low-pressure centre, accompanied by high winds and rainfall.



→ Conditions for Formation

- ★ Sea surface temperature $> 26^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ★ High humidity in the troposphere
- ★ Low vertical wind shear
- ★ Pre-existing low-pressure area

→ Direction

- ★ Anticlockwise in the Northern Hemisphere.
- ★ Clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

→ Areas of Formations

- ★ Hurricanes (Atlantic and Northeast Pacific),
- ★ Typhoons (Northwest Pacific),
- ★ Tropical Cyclones (Indian Ocean & South Pacific).