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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **26th Uttarakhand Foundation Day**: CM made **13 announcements** at **Bhararisain, Gairsain (Chamoli)**.
- A **Youth Commission** will be set up; honoraria of **Anganwadi, ASHA, Bhojanmatas** rise from **1 Dec 2026**.
- **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman** (posthumous) for folk legends **Gopal Babu Goswami** and **Chandra Singh Rahi**.
- **Gangotri** portals closed at **12:05 PM** (Abhijit muhurat); winter seat **Mukhba**.
- **Kedarnath** and **Yamunotri** close on **11 Nov (Bhai Dooj)**; winter seats **Ukhimath** and **Kharsali**.
- **62 projects worth ₹1,475.31 crore** launched in Dehradun; GSDP up from **₹2.55 to ₹3.82 lakh crore** since 2022.
- Human-wildlife conflict: **leopards caused 548 of 954** big-animal deaths in the state (2000-2025).
- **1,364 anti-cancer formulations** cheaper from **9 Nov**; saving **₹3,540.38 crore/year**; cut of up to **96.45%**.
- **COP31** at **Antalya, Türkiye** (9-20 Nov); **Australia** holds the President of Negotiations role.
- **Naseem Al Bahr (15th edition)**: **INS Surat** in Muscat with the **Royal Navy of Oman**.

SECTION A — UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL: state schemes, policy, disaster/ecology, state economy

26th Foundation Day: 13 announcements at Bhararisain — Youth Commission, honorarium hikes

UTTARAKHAND | UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand polity & governance; **statehood movement**; welfare schemes; **summer capital Gairsain**. Prelims: formation date, 27th state, renaming.
Context	On **9 November 2026**, CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** marked the state's **26th Foundation Day** at the **Bhararisain Vidhan Bhavan complex, Gairsain (Chamoli)** and announced **13 measures** for youth, frontline workers, statehood agitators and remote areas.
Key Facts	■ A state **Youth Commission (Yuva Aayog)** will be formed; the honorarium of **guest teachers** will be raised. ■ Honorarium hike for **Anganwadi workers and helpers, ASHA workers and Bhojanmatas** from **1 December 2026**. ■ A **cabinet committee** will look at agitators' demands: easier identification, **dual pension**, certificates for dependents. ■ **Two digital libraries** per district (outside HQ towns); all **revenue villages** to be linked to the grid; **late-payment surcharge waiver** for small farmers. ■ Simpler land purchase for **migrants (pravasis)** who want to invest; a stronger **Apuni Sarkar** portal; extra aid for **wildlife-attack** victims.
Way Fwd	Notify timelines and budget lines for each announcement; give the Youth Commission a **statutory basis** and link it to **anti-migration** and skilling plans.
Concept	Uttarakhand was carved out of UP on **9 Nov 2000** as India's **27th state** under the **UP Reorganisation Act, 2000**; renamed from **Uttaranchal** in **2007**. **Gairsain (Bhararisain)** was declared the **summer capital** in **2020**.

26th FOUNDATION DAY: 13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

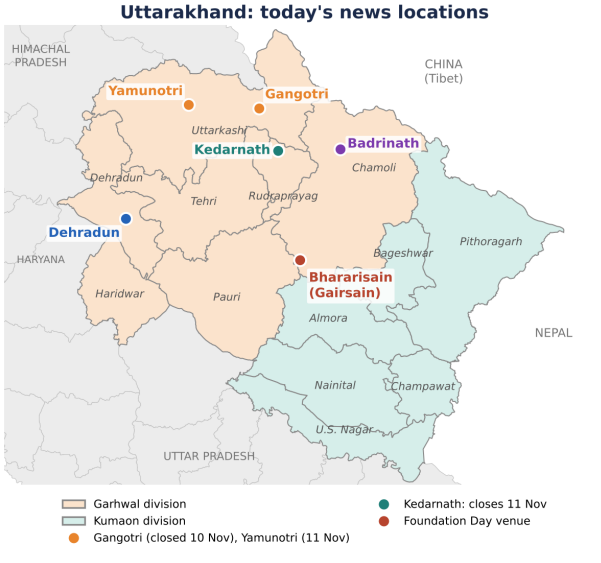
YOUTH	Youth Commission • guest-teacher honorarium • 2 digital libraries/district
FRONTLINE	Anganwadi, ASHA, Bhojanmata honorarium up from 1 Dec 2026
AGITATORS	Cabinet committee • easier identification • dual pension • dependent certificates
POWER & LAND	Revenue villages on grid • surcharge waiver • easy land purchase for migrants
CITIZENS	Apuni Sarkar portal • wildlife-attack aid • Gaurav Samman • Lakhpati Didi bonus

Gangotri portals close for winter; Kedarnath and Yamunotri shut on Bhai Dooj

UTTARAKHAND | UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (History & Culture — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand religious tourism; **Char Dham**; winter seats (**gaddi sthal**); pilgrimage management. Prelims: dham–district–river–winter seat matching.
Context	The **Gangotri** temple (Uttarkashi) closed at **12:05 PM** today in the **Abhijit muhurat** on **Annakut/Govardhan Puja**. The utsav doli of Maa Ganga left for **Mukhba** with an Army band, halting overnight at **Markandeyapuri**.
Key Facts	■ **Gangotri → Mukhba** (Mukhimath, Uttarkashi): winter darshan for about **six months**. ■ **Kedarnath** (Rudraprayag) closes on **11 Nov**; winter seat **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath**. ■ **Yamunotri** closes on **11 Nov (Bhai Dooj)**; winter seat **Kharsali** village. ■ **Badrinath** (Chamoli) closes last; winter worship at **Pandukeshwar** and **Jyotirmath**. ■ Forecast: light rain in **Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Bageshwar** and parts of **Pithoragarh**; **snow above 3,300 m**.
Way Fwd	Promote **winter Char Dham yatra** to the gaddi sthals to spread tourism income over the year and ease peak-season crowding.
Concept	**Gangotri** sits on the **Bhagirathi**, **Yamunotri** on the **Yamuna**, **Kedarnath** on the **Mandakini** (one of the **12 Jyotirlingas**), **Badrinath** on the **Alaknanda** (one of the **four dhams** set up by **Adi Shankaracharya**).

Uttarakhand: today's news locations

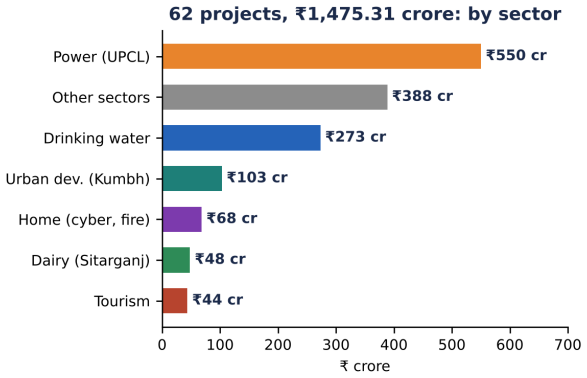


Schematic map - not to scale; locations indicative

62 projects worth ₹1,475 crore launched; state economy up about 50% since 2022

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand economy, **GSDP**, investment, infrastructure; **Global Investors Summit**; **Kumbh 2027** preparation.
Context	At the **Parade Ground, Dehradun**, Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** and CM Dhami launched **62 projects worth ₹1,475.31 crore** during the Foundation Day week: **44 foundation stones (₹1,073.11 crore)** and **18 inaugurations (₹402.20 crore)**.
Key Facts	■ **Power (UPCL)** got the largest share, about **₹550 crore**; then **drinking water (₹273 crore)** and urban works for **Haridwar Kumbh 2027**. ■ A **Cyber Excellence Centre, Dehradun (₹31.63 crore)**; a **milk-powder plant at Sitarganj (₹48.21 crore)**; power for the **Hemkund Sahib ropeway**. ■ Shah said **GSDP rose 50%** and **per-capita income 40%** compared with **2022**. ■ Global Investors Summit MoUs of **₹3.56 lakh crore**; over **₹1 lakh crore grounded**; about **3 lakh Lakhpati Didis**.
Way Fwd	Track MoU-to-grounding ratios district-wise and steer investment to **hill districts**, not just the plains belt of Dehradun–Haridwar–Udham Singh Nagar.
Concept	**GSDP** is the value of all final goods and services produced within a state in a year. **Grounding** of an MoU means the investment has actually started on the ground. The **Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit** was held in **December 2023**.

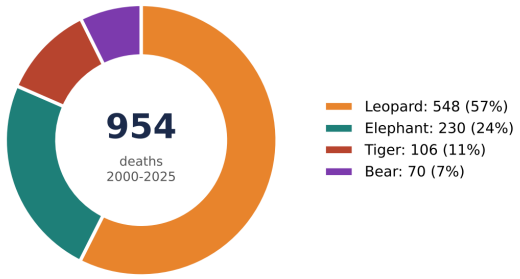


More aid for wildlife-attack victims as leopard conflict dominates the hills

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment & Ecology — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Himalayan ecology; **human-wildlife conflict**; forest policy; protected areas (**Corbett, Rajaji**). Prelims: Wildlife (Protection) Act schedules, compensation norms.
Context	Among the Foundation Day announcements, the state promised **additional financial help** for costly treatment such as **plastic surgery** for people injured by wild animals, as **leopard and bear attacks** keep rising in the hills.
Key Facts	■ Government data (**2000-2025**): **954 deaths** from big animals: **leopard 548**, **elephant 230**, **tiger 106**, **bear 70**. ■ Injuries: **leopard 2,127**, **bear 2,013**, **elephant 234**; snakebite caused another **260 deaths**. ■ Ex gratia of **₹10 lakh** for a death; the state bears the **full cost of treatment** for the injured. ■ Hotspots include **Pauri, Rudraprayag, Tehri, Almora**; elephant conflict is concentrated in the **Terai-Shivalik** belt.
Way Fwd	Clear **lantana and scrub** near villages, add street lighting and early-warning **SMS alerts**, set up **rapid response teams** in each range, and fill vacant fields with fodder crops to cut wildlife entry.
Concept	The **leopard** is in **Schedule I** of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** (as amended in **2022**). Abandoned farms caused by **palayan (out-migration)** let scrub spread close to homes and draw leopards into villages.

Human deaths from big animals in Uttarakhand



Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman for folk legends Gopal Babu Goswami and Chandra Singh Rahi

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (History & Culture — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Folk music and performing arts of **Kumaon and Garhwal**; personalities of Uttarakhand; state awards.
Context	The CM announced the **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman** (posthumous) for two pillars of Pahari folk music. Earlier in the week, **15 personalities** received the 2026 honour, with **Narendra Singh Negi** and **Hemant Pandey** getting **Lifetime Achievement** awards.
Key Facts	■ **Gopal Babu Goswami** (1941-1996), born in **Chandikhet, Chaukhutiya (Almora)**; Kumaoni voice of songs like **'Kailai Bajai Muruli'** and **'Ghughuti Na Basa'**. ■ **Chandra Singh Rahi** (1942-2016), born in **Giwali, Pauri**; called the **'Bhishma Pitamah'** of Uttarakhand folk music; songs like **'Fyonladiya'**. ■ Rahi could play nearly all folk instruments: **dhol-damau, hudka, daunr-thali**. ■ First **CM State Bravery Awards** went to **6 children** (**₹51,000** each).
Way Fwd	Digitise folk archives, add **Kumaoni-Garhwali** music to school curricula and support young **jagar** and **hudka** artists through fellowships.
Concept	**Jagar** is a ritual ballad that invokes local deities; **Nyoli** and **Chhopati** are love songs; **Malushahi** is a Kumaoni folk epic. The **Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman** is the state's honour for eminent sons and daughters, conferred around **Foundation Day**.

Mushroom farming emerges as a hill livelihood; Dehradun model trains 2,000+ women and farmers

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy — Uttarakhand)

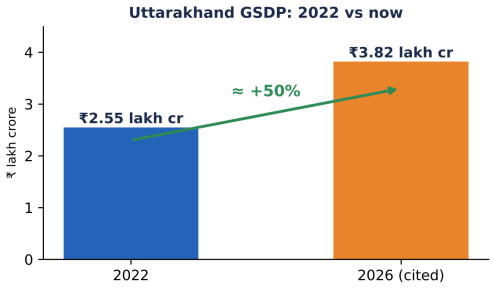
Syllabus Linkage	Hill agriculture and horticulture; **palayan (migration)**; women's self-employment (**Lakhpati Didi**); rural entrepreneurship.
Context	A central factsheet released today presents **mushroom cultivation** as a low-land, high-return livelihood. It cites a Dehradun case from **Charba village**, where an IT professional grew a 25-bag start-up (**2013**) into a unit producing about **1 tonne a day**.
Key Facts	■ Started with **₹2,000** and **oyster mushrooms**; scaled up using **bamboo huts** of **500 bags** each. ■ Employs **15 people**; has trained **more than 2,000 women and farmers** in hill areas. ■ Mushrooms need **little land**, use **paddy straw** waste and suit **cool hill climates**. ■ Matches the Foundation Day plan of a **two-instalment incentive** for **Lakhpati Didis**.
Way Fwd	Set up **spawn labs** and cold chains in hill blocks, and link SHG output to **cluster-based marketing** to keep young people in their villages.
Concept	**Palayan**: rising out-migration from the hills has left many **'ghost villages'**; the state's **Rural Development & Migration Prevention Commission** (Palayan Aayog) was set up in **2017**. **Button, oyster and milky** are India's main mushroom types.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

UTTARAKHAND'S ECONOMY (GSDP)

₹3.82 lakh crore

Up from about **₹2.55 lakh crore in 2022**, a rise of roughly **50%**, as cited on Foundation Day. The state budget has crossed **₹1.11 lakh crore**, and Uttarakhand ranked **1st** in the **NITI Aayog SDG India Index 2023-24**.



SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD: polity, economy, health, environment, defence

Revised MRPs of 1,364 anti-cancer formulations take effect; ₹3,540 crore yearly saving

HEALTH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity, Governance & Social Justice)

Syllabus Linkage	Health policy; **drug price regulation**; **NPPA**; **DPCO 2013**; out-of-pocket expenditure.
Context	The **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** capped **trade margins on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs**. From **9 November 2026**, revised MRPs of **1,364 formulations** (covering **121 drugs**) reported by **85 companies** came into force.
Key Facts	■ Estimated consumer saving: **₹3,540.38 crore per year**. ■ **679 brands** cut prices by **more than 50%**; the biggest cut was **96.45%**. ■ Drugs include **immunotherapy** agents, **Denosumab**, **Pegfilgrastim** and **Bevacizumab**. ■ Prices can be checked on the **Pharma Sahi Daam** app; complaints go to **Pharma Jan Samadhan** or helpline **1800-111-255**.
Way Fwd	Enforce pharmacy-level compliance, extend margin rationalisation to other **high-cost chronic-disease drugs**, and widen **Jan Aushadhi** cancer stocks in hill districts.
Concept	**NPPA** (set up **1997**) works under the **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers** and fixes ceiling prices under the **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**, issued under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**. **Trade margin** = gap between the price to the stockist and the MRP.

Retail inflation at 5.54% in September; October CPI due on 12 November

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Indian Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Inflation, **CPI** (new base **2024**), monetary policy, **forex reserves**, banking indicators.
Context	Ahead of this week's data, **CPI inflation** stood at **5.54% in September 2026** (up from **4.83%** in August), the **highest reading of 2026** on the **2024 base**. October CPI comes on **12 November**.
Key Facts	■ September CPI is above the **4% target**, but within the **2-6% tolerance band**. ■ **Forex reserves**: **$717.056 billion** (week ended **30 Oct**), down **$2.691 billion** in the week. ■ Bank **deposit growth** slowed to **16.7%** (fortnight to **16 Oct**) from **17.8%**.
Way Fwd	Watch food prices after the monsoon; supply-side steps (**buffer stock releases**) can help the **MPC** avoid premature tightening.
Concept	Flexible **inflation targeting** under **Section 45ZA of the RBI Act, 1934**: **4% ± 2%**, set by the Centre. The **MPC** has **6 members** (3 from RBI, 3 external). CPI is compiled by **NSO (MoSPI)**.

Firecracker ban back in Delhi-NCR from 9 November; SC balanced Article 25 with Article 21

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Fundamental Rights (**Art. 21, 25**); judicial activism; air pollution governance; **CAQM**, **GRAP**.
Context	In **Arjun Gopal v. Union of India**, the Supreme Court allowed **certified green crackers** in Delhi-NCR only on **7-8 November 2026**, with the ban restored from **9 November**. Delhi woke to smog in the **'Very Poor'** AQI band after Diwali.
Key Facts	■ Court held the right under **Article 25(1)** is subject to **public order, morality and health**. ■ Reiterated that **Article 21** includes the right to a **pollution-free environment**. ■ Punjab logged **1,152 stubble-burning fires** on Diwali, the biggest one-day rise this season. ■ Uttarakhand hospitals reported about **290 firecracker burn cases**, mostly eye injuries.
Way Fwd	Move from event-based bans to **year-round airshed management**, stronger crop-residue options and real-time **source apportionment**.
Concept	**Green crackers** (developed by **CSIR-NEERI**) cut particulate emissions by about **30%**. **GRAP** has **4 stages** keyed to AQI. **Art. 25** is subject to public order, morality, health and other Fundamental Rights.

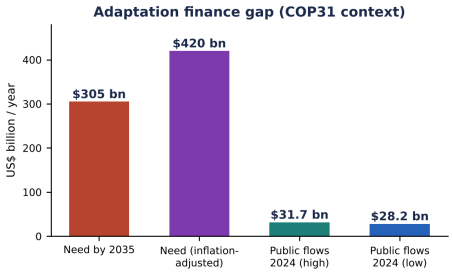
Cancer-drug price cut at a glance (NPPA, effective 9 Nov 2026)

1,364 formulations re-priced	**121** drugs covered	**85** companies reported
679 brands cut >50%	**96.45%** largest MRP cut	**₹3,540 cr** saving per year

COP31 opens in Antalya: India pushes climate finance, voluntary adaptation indicators

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Environment)

Syllabus Linkage	Climate change; **UNFCCC**, **Paris Agreement**; adaptation finance; Himalayan vulnerability (GLOF, cloudbursts).
Context	The **31st Conference of Parties (COP31)** opened in **Antalya, Türkiye** on **9 November** and runs till **20 November**, with **197 countries and the EU**. Under a compromise, **Türkiye hosts** while **Australia's Chris Bowen** is **President of Negotiations**.
Key Facts	■ India seeks a formal launch of a **Climate Finance Work Programme** under **Article 9.1** of the Paris Agreement. ■ India wants **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)** indicators to be **voluntary** and not tied to finance access. ■ Adaptation need of developing nations: about **$305 billion a year by 2035**; public flows in 2024 were only **$28.2-31.7 billion**. ■ **World Leaders' Summit** on **11-12 November**; India works with **BASIC**, **LMDC** and **G77 + China**.
Way Fwd	India should seek predictable, **grant-based adaptation finance** for mountain states and present Himalayan **early-warning** and glacial-lake monitoring as models.
Concept	**CBDR-RC** (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities) is a core **UNFCCC (1992)** principle. **Article 9.1**: developed countries **shall provide** financial resources to developing countries. India's updated **NDC**: **45% cut in emission intensity** by **2030** (vs 2005).



Naseem Al Bahr-2026 in Muscat and maiden India-Myanmar HADR drill 'Rahat Mitra'

DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations & Security)

Syllabus Linkage	Defence exercises; **India-Oman** and **India-Myanmar** ties; **MAHASAGAR**; **Neighbourhood First**; disaster diplomacy.
Context	**INS Surat** reached **Muscat** on **8 November** for the **15th edition** of **Naseem Al Bahr ('Sea Breeze')** with the **Royal Navy of Oman** (**8-11 Nov**). Separately, **Rahat Mitra**, the **first India-Myanmar tri-services HADR exercise**, ended in **Chennai** on **6 Nov**.
Key Facts	■ Naseem Al Bahr has **harbour and sea phases**, followed by a **Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)**. ■ **INS Surat** is the fourth **Project 15B (Visakhapatnam-class)** stealth guided-missile destroyer. ■ **Rahat Mitra** (**5-6 Nov**): over **300 personnel**; theme **'Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership'**. ■ Both exercises fit India's **MAHASAGAR** vision for the Indian Ocean Region.
Way Fwd	Institutionalise HADR drills with all neighbours and use **Duqm** port access to sustain a presence in the western Indian Ocean.
Concept	**MAHASAGAR** = **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions** (2025), which built on **SAGAR (2015)**. India-Oman exercises: **Naseem Al Bahr** (navy), **Eastern Bridge** (air force), **Al Najah** (army).

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. Anuj Shrivatri (Madhya Pradesh's first GM) became **India's 100th Grandmaster** at the ASEAN Plus Open, **Ozamiz, Philippines**.	**4.** Buddha's **Piprahwa relics** are on display at **Bomdila (8-13 Nov)** after Tawang; next stop **Namsai (14-20 Nov)**.
2. Viswanathan Anand was India's **first GM (1988)**.	**5.** The Navy's **largest-ever Agniveer batch** passes out at **INS Chilka (Odisha)** on **13 Nov**.
3. President **Droupadi Murmu** confers the **Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 (10th edition)** awards on **11 Nov**.	**6. Kainchi Dham (Nainital)** had **24.34 lakh visitors** in the first half of 2026; a **carrying-capacity** plan is under way.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER (UKPSC pattern)

Q1. Consider the following pairs of Char Dham shrines and their winter seats:
1. Gangotri – Mukhba
2. Yamunotri – Kharsali
3. Kedarnath – Ukhimath
How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
(a) Only one **(b)** Only two **(c)** All three **(d)** None

Answer: (c) — All three are correct. Maa Ganga's doli goes to **Mukhba**, Yamuna's to **Kharsali**, and Baba Kedar's to the **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath**. Badrinath's winter worship is held at **Pandukeshwar/Jyotirmath**.

Q2. With reference to the recent cut in cancer drug prices, consider the following statements:
1. The NPPA works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 is issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
3. The NPPA capped trade margins on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs.
Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only **(b)** 2 and 3 only **(c)** 1 and 3 only **(d)** 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) — Statement 1 is wrong: the NPPA works under the **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**. Statements 2 and 3 are correct.

Mains Practice: Human-wildlife conflict in Uttarakhand is as much a result of out-migration and land-use change as of wildlife behaviour. Discuss, and suggest measures. (UKPSC Mains, 250 words)

Hint: Use data (**548 of 954** deaths by leopards, 2000-2025); link **palayan**, abandoned farms, lantana, garbage. Measures: **rapid response teams**, early-warning alerts, scrub clearing, compensation reform, livelihood schemes, community **'Van Panchayat'** role.

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