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TOPIC	KEY FACT
PRAGATI 50th	382 projects; ₹85L cr; 92% resolved; capex up 265%
AI Summit 2026	\$250B pledged; 5L delegates; 118 countries; MANAV ethics
India AI Mission	₹10,300 cr; 38,000 GPUs; 37 supercomputers (39 PF)
BAS Space Station	5-module; BAS-01 by 2028; ₹20,193 crore
PLFS 2025	LFPR 59.3%; UR 3.1%; women LFPR 40% vs men 79.1%
Bee Corridors	4M trees; 60% NHAI plantations; native species only
HPV Campaign	1.15 crore girls; 42,000 deaths/yr; U-WIN: 11.12 cr enrolled
EV Growth	1.74L → 19.68L EVs (FY20–25); PM E-DRIVE ₹10,900 cr
Jan Aushadhi	18,000+ kendras; 50–80% cheaper; ₹38,000 cr savings
NCP 2025	PACS computerisation ₹2,925 cr; 8.5L cooperatives

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