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Recently, India's first 'National Investment and Manufacturing Zone' was proposed to be set up in (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujarat (c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

India's first National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) was proposed in Andhra Pradesh (Prakasam district / the then undivided State's designated NIMZ) under the **National Manufacturing Policy**, 2011. **After the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act**, the Union continued to notify the first NIMZ there. That is why (a) is the official key.

(b)

Gujarat has large industrial estates and SEZs, and later NIMZ proposals, but it was not the first proposed NIMZ in the news cycle this question uses. This option is not the key.

(c)

Maharashtra is a major manufacturing State with **DMIC** nodes, but the first NIMZ proposal highlighted by the Government was not Maharashtra. This option is wrong.

(d)

Uttar Pradesh has industrial corridors and later NIMZ interest, but it was not the first proposed National Investment and Manufacturing Zone. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) Andhra Pradesh. NIMZs are integrated industrial townships under the **National Manufacturing Policy**, with simplified regulation and infrastructure for large manufacturing. The first such zone was proposed in Andhra Pradesh. Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are important industrial States but were not that first notification. The question is about the first proposed NIMZ, not about who has the most factories.

Related possible facts

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National Manufacturing Policy

2011; target of raising manufacturing's share in GDP

NIMZ size

Typically at least 5,000 hectares as an industrial township

DMIC

Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, a related but distinct industrial-corridor programme

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014

Special development provisions for the successor State

Make in India

2014 campaign that sits on the same manufacturing-policy plank

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