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## ***Maha Kumbh 2025: A Seamless and Spiritually Enriching Journey Awaits Devotees***

**(Ministry of Culture)**

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*“The Maha Kumbh is going to be held in Prayagraj for 45 days from 13<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February. There are so many reasons to come to India together asking the Indian diaspora to come to India during this time. First the NRI Day, then the Maha Kumbh and after that the Republic Day, this is a kind of Triveni, a great opportunity to connect with the development and heritage of India.”*

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

Under the leadership of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, the Uttar Pradesh Government is making extensive preparations to ensure that **Mahakumbh 2025** in **Prayagraj** is a grand, safe, and spiritually enriching event. Expected to host over **40 crore devotees** from across the globe, this **45-day festival**, from **January 13** to **February 26** will showcase India's rich cultural heritage and spiritual traditions. Below are the detailed efforts undertaken:

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Details/Statistics</u></b>
<b>Duration</b>	45 days (January 13 - February 26, 2025)
<b>Expected Visitors</b>	Over 40 crore (400 million)
<b>Road Infrastructure</b>	Renovation of <b>92 roads</b> ; beautification of <b>17 roads</b>
<b>Pontoon Bridges</b>	Construction of 30 bridges using 3,308 pontoons; 28 are ready
<b>Signage Installation</b>	<b>800</b> multilingual signages planned; over <b>400</b> already installed
<b>Checkered Plates Laid</b>	<b>2,69,000</b> plates laid in the Mela area



## 1. Key Infrastructure Development

- **Temporary City Setup:** Mahakumbh Nagar is being transformed into a temporary city with thousands of tents and shelters, including **super deluxe accommodations** like the IRCTC's "Mahakumbh Gram" luxury tent city which offers deluxe tents and villas with modern amenities.
- **Roads and Bridges:**
  - Renovation of **92 roads** and beautification of **17 major roads** are nearing completion.
  - Construction of 30 pontoon bridges using **3,308 pontoons** is underway; **28** are already operational.
- **Signage for Navigation:** A total of **800 multi-language signages** (Hindi, English, and regional languages) are being installed to guide visitors. Over **400** have been completed, with the rest to be ready by December 31.
- **Public Utilities:** Over **2,69,000** checkered plates have been laid for pathways. Mobile toilets and robust waste management systems will ensure hygiene.

## 1. Security Arrangements:

- **Advanced Surveillance:**
  - **AI-powered crowd density** monitoring with over **340** experts at key locations.
  - **Thousands of CCTV cameras** and **drones** for aerial surveillance.

- **Facial recognition technology** at entry points for enhanced safety.
- **Fire Safety:** Deployment of four **Articulating Water Towers (AWTs)** capable of tackling fires up to **35 meters high, 30 metres wide**.
- Over **₹131** crores have been allocated for fire safety measures. The AWTs are equipped with advanced technologies, including **video and thermal imaging systems**, to prevent fire incidents and enhance safety.
- **Underwater Drones:** For the **first time**, underwater drones capable of diving up to **100 meters** will provide **round-the-clock surveillance** at the Sangam area.
- **Cybersecurity:** A team of **56** cyber warriors will monitor online threats. **Cyber help desks** are being set up in all police stations.
- Deployed **State-of-the-art Multi-Disaster Response** vehicle to enhance safety and disaster readiness. Capable of handling situations ranging from natural disasters to road accidents. Includes a lifting bag with a capacity of 10 to 20 tones, enabling the rescue of individuals buried under debris, and specialized machines to lift and move heavy objects weighing up to 1.5 tones.

<u>Security Measure</u>	<u>Details/Statistics</u>
<b>CCTV Cameras</b>	2700 cameras with AI capabilities deployed for real-time monitoring
<b>Facial Recognition Tech</b>	Used at entry points for enhanced safety
<b>Drones for Surveillance</b>	Deployed for aerial monitoring
<b>Underwater Drones</b>	Capable of diving up to 100 meters for round-the-clock surveillance
<b>Fire Safety Budget</b>	₹131.48 crore allocated for fire safety measures
<b>Police Deployment</b>	Over 50,000 personnel, including paramilitary forces

### 3. Health Services

- **Medical Infrastructure:**
  - Temporary hospitals equipped with surgical and diagnostic facilities.
  - Deployment of "**Bhishma Cube**," capable of treating up to **200 people** simultaneously.

- **Eye Care Initiative:** A "Netra Kumbh" camp aims to conduct eye tests for over **5 lakh pilgrims** and distribute more than **3 lakh** eyeglasses, towards setting a **Guinness World Record**.
  - An eye donation camp has been set up, where over **11,000 people donated their eyes in 2019**, and this year aims to further encourage donors to help reduce blindness among **1.5 crore** visually impaired individuals in India.
  - **Special Care for Vulnerable Groups:** Dedicated health camps for **elderly pilgrims** and **children** will focus on **mobility assistance, hydration support, and emergency care**.
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#### 4. Environmental Sustainability

- **River Protection:** **3 temporary sewage treatment plants (STPs)** are being installed to ensure clean water in the **Ganga and Yamuna rivers**.
- **Eco-Friendly Measures:** Use of **solar power for lighting, promotion of reusable materials**, and a **ban on single-use plastics**.

#### 5. Digital Innovations

- **Mobile App & Online Services:** A **dedicated app** provides **real-time updates on crowd density, emergency alerts, directions, and accommodation details**. Online registration and ticketing streamline visitor management.
  - **Wi-Fi Zones:** **Temporary Wi-Fi zones** will ensure connectivity for visitors.
  - **Integration with Google Maps** for navigation within Mahakumbh Nagar.
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#### 6. Tourism and Cultural Promotion

- **Uttar Pradesh Pavilion:**
  - Spanning **5 acres** near **Nagavasuki Temple**, it showcases **UP's tourism circuits** (e.g., **Ramayana Circuit, Krishna-Braj Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Bundelkhand Circuit**) and features a handicrafts market along with cultural programs.
- **Cultural Events:** Performances of **classical music, dance, and exhibitions** on India's spiritual heritage will highlight the state's cultural richness.
- **New Corridors & Temple Renovation :**

- Development of new corridors like **Akshayavat Corridor**, **Saraswati Koop Corridor** and **Patalpuri Corridor**.
  - **Renovation of Nagvasuki Temple and Hanuman Temple Corridor**.
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## **7. Economic Impact**

- The Mahakumbh is boosting local trade with a surge in demand for Mahakumbh-themed products like diaries, calendars, jute bags, and stationery. Sales have increased by up to 25% due to meticulous branding.
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## **8. Global Outreach**

- Special provisions have been made for international visitors with multilingual signages and cultural programs showcasing India's diversity. Through these comprehensive efforts, Mahakumbh 2025 aims to be not just a religious gathering but a global celebration of spirituality, culture, safety, sustainability, and modernity.

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