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Maha Kumbh 2025: Celebrating India's Eternal Spirit

Celebrating the Spirit of India: Spiritual, Digital, and Renewed

"The effect of the Triveni, the glory of Venimadhav, the blessings of Someshwar, the land of penance of Rishi Bhardwaj, the special place of Lord Nagaraj Vasu ji, the immortality of Akshayvat and the grace of God – This is what makes our Teertharaj Prayag."

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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The **Maha Kumbh Mela**, a sacred congregation that unfolds **every twelve years**, is more than just a vast gathering—it is a profound spiritual journey rooted in ancient Hindu mythology. This sacred festival, the **world's largest collective act of faith**, symbolizes self-realization, purification, and the eternal quest for enlightenment. Millions of ascetics, saints, sadhus, and pilgrims from diverse backgrounds unite in devotion, embodying the essence of human spirituality.

Celebrated **four** times over **12 years**, **the Kumbh Mela** rotates between **four sacred sites** in India: **Haridwar** on the banks of the Ganges, **Ujjain** along the Shipra, **Nashik** by the Godavari, and **Prayagraj** at the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and the mythical Sarasvati. Each event aligns with **specific astrological positions** of the Sun, Moon, and Jupiter, marking **the holiest time in Hinduism**. Blending astronomy, spirituality, rituals, and cultural traditions, the Kumbh Mela stands as a timeless testament to faith and knowledge.

The Maha Kumbh Mela







Tent City

Tent City for the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is a sprawling expanse, accommodating over 2000 tents, transforming into a temporary city that hosts millions of pilgrims and visitors during this auspicious Hindu festival. Set against the backdrop of sacred rivers and ghats, the tent city offers a unique experience, fostering spiritual connections and cultural exchanges.

Activities & Attractions at the Maha Kumbh Mela



Millions of pilgrims take part in the Kumbh bathing ritual at the Triveni Sangam. Performing this sacred ritual is in accordance with the belief that by submerging oneself in the holy waters, one is purged of all their sins, release themselves and their ancestors from the cycle of rebirth and ultimate attainment of Moksha.





Performances of classical music, dance, and exhibitions on India's spiritual heritage will highlight the state's cultural richness. The vibrant displays of India's diverse heritage are a visual and auditory feast.



The Akhara camps are where spiritual seekers, sadhus, and ascetics gather to discuss philosophy, engage in meditation, and share their wisdom. Pilgrims can explore these camps to engage in enlightening conversations and witness the ascetic lifestyle up close.



There will be activities like **Camel Rides** for children.



The Water Sports Arena and Floating Jetties are going to be a new addition to the Kumbh Mela this year. Designed to enhance pilgrim experience, this will provide a unique blend of spirituality and recreation.

City Decorations and Paintings at Prayagraj: Kalakriti



Kalakriti is a form of *artwork*, which is displayed in a community on its surrounding buildings, streets, and other publicly viewed surfaces. A distinguishing characteristic of Kalakriti is that the architectural elements of the given space are harmoniously incorporated into the picture.



The **Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran** is supporting the existing efforts of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to beautify the state prior to the arrival of large influx of pilgrims and tourists and is undertaking Kalakriti projects.

The Campaign will leave an **ever-lasting legacy** in the city of Prayagraj post the completion of the Kumbh Mela 2025 and would tremendously **add to the aesthetic value** of various sites and locations in Prayagraj.

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