



Kumbh Summit 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the UP government has launched a series of cultural events across the state for the preparation of [Maha Kumbh](#) 2025.

Key Points

- **Kumbh Summit Events:**
 - Launched across 18 tehsils of U.P. as a prelude to [Maha Kumbh](#) 2025.
 - Events include "**Kumbh Abhinandan**" road show, **Bal-Yuva Kumbh, Kala-Sanskriti Kumbh, Kavi Kumbh, and Bhakti Kumbh.**
 - Universities and educational institutions will take part in these cultural celebrations.
 - Various cultural academies, including [Lalit Kala Academy](#) and [Sangeet Natak Academy](#), are responsible for organizing competitions.
 - Focus on eco-friendly practices like '[zero plastic usage](#)' and [AI](#) tools for security.
 - Ensuring transport via 700 electric buses and enhancing accessibility for devotees during peak festival days.
 - Deadline of December 15, 2024 is set for all facilities to be ready for Maha Kumbh.

Maha Kumbh

- Kumbh Mela comes under [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)'s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- It is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a **sacred river**.
- It takes place on the banks of the [Godavari river in Nashik](#), the [Shipra river in Ujjain](#), the [Ganges in Haridwar](#), and the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and the mythical [Saraswati river in Prayagraj](#). The confluence is referred to as the 'Sangam'.
- As it is held in four different cities in India, it involves different social and cultural activities, making this a culturally diverse festival.
- The over month-long fair is marked by the construction of a massive tented township, complete with cottages, huts, platforms, civic facilities, administrative and security measures.
- It is organized immaculately by the government, the local authorities and the police.
- The mela is especially **renowned for the presence of an extraordinary array of religious ascetics** enticed from remote hideaways in forests, mountains and caves