



Preparations for Kumbh Mela 2025

Why in News?

Recently, UP CM announced measures to make the [Kumbh Mela](#) 2025 a safer, culturally rich event.

Key Points

- **Enhanced Safety Measures:**
 - Advanced security and surveillance systems, including [drones](#), will be deployed for crowd control and emergency response.
- **Cultural Showcases:**
 - Traditional performances and exhibitions will feature throughout the Mela, emphasizing India's diverse heritage.
- **Infrastructural Developments:**
 - Road expansion, improved sanitation, and upgraded facilities are prioritized to handle millions of pilgrims.
- **Environment-Friendly Initiatives:**
 - Steps to minimize waste and maintain the cleanliness of the Ganga River and surrounding areas.

Kumbh Mela

- Kumbh Mela is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
- Kumbh Mela comes under the [UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- The festival is held at **Prayagraj (at the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati), Haridwar (on the Ganges), Ujjain (on the Shipra) and Nasik (on the Godavari) every four years** by rotation and is attended by millions of people irrespective of caste, creed or gender.
- As it is held in four different cities in India, it involves different social and cultural activities, making this a culturally diverse festival.
- The event encapsulates the science of astronomy, astrology, spirituality, ritualistic traditions, and social and cultural customs and practices, making it extremely rich in knowledge.
- Knowledge and skills related to the tradition are transmitted through ancient religious manuscripts, oral traditions, historical travelogues and texts produced by eminent historians.
- The teacher-student relationship of the sadhus in the ashrams and akhadas remains the most important method of imparting and safeguarding knowledge and skills relating to Kumbh Mela.