

## Mahaprasad Seva in Maha Kumbh | Uttar Pradesh | 11 Jan 2025

## Why in News?

• The Adani Group and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) have partnered to provide meals to devotees attending the <a href="Maha Kumbh Mela 2025">Maha Kumbh Mela 2025</a> in Prayagraj.

## **Key Points**

- Duration and Offering:
  - The Mahaprasad Seva will run throughout the Maha Kumbh Mela, from 13<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
  - Meals will be served to 50 lakh devotees during the event.



- Collaboration and Acknowledgment:
  - Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani met Guru Prasad Swami, Chairman of ISKCON Governing Body Commission (GBC) to express gratitude for ISKCON's support in the initiative.
- Meal Preparation and Distribution:
  - Meals will be prepared in two kitchens located in and outside the mela area.
  - The Mahaprasad will be distributed at 40 designated locations across the Maha Kumbh area.
  - Around 2,500 volunteers will actively participate in the distribution of meals.
- Additional Initiatives:
  - Golf carts have been arranged to assist differently-abled individuals, elderly devotees, and mothers with children.
  - Five lakh copies of <u>Geeta Saar</u> will be **distributed among the attendees** as part of the spiritual offerings.

## The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)

- The ISKCON, founded in 1966, is commonly known as the "Hare Krishna movement".
- ISKCON has translated the Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta and other Vedic literature in 89 languages, playing a stellar role in the dissemination of Vedic literature across the world.

 Members of the ISKCON movement view **Bhaktivedanta Swami** as a representative and messenger of **Krishna Chaitanya**.

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