



Kashi Tamil Sangamam

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister inaugurated **the third edition of [the Kashi Tamil Sangamam](#)** in **Varanasi**. The unique event highlights **India's cultural foundations** and emphasizes the **emotional and creative bond** shared **between Kashi and Tamil Nadu**.

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Key Points

- **Inspiration and Vision:**
 - The Sangamam is inspired by the vision of **[‘Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat \(One India, Excellent India\)’](#)**.
 - Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister highlighted that the event is part of a **grand spiritual and cultural initiative** aimed at advancing this vision.
 - The event is integrated with the grand **[Maha Kumbh 2025](#)** celebrations, elevating the centuries-old tradition and strengthening the vision of uniting India through the Kashi Tamil Sangamam.
- **Significance of Kashi, Kumbh, and Ayodhya:**
 - This edition holds special significance as the **first to be held after the construction of [the Ram Temple in Ayodhya](#)**.
 - Delegates will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the divinity of Kashi, Kumbh,

and Ayodhya.

- The CM emphasized **Kashi's** historical significance as a **centre of India's cultural heritage and spirituality** and praised the legacy of Tamil literature.
- The event reconnects participants with this invaluable heritage.
- **Theme of '4S':**
 - This year's Sangamam is centered around the theme of '4S', uniting **India's Saint tradition, Scientists, Social reformers, and Students.**
 - The theme draws inspiration from **Maharishi Agastya, believed to be the sage who bridged north and south India.**
 - The Kashi Tamil Sangamam has become an **effective platform for dialogue** between the people of north and south India.
- **Music, Heritage, and Devotion:**
 - The Union Education Minister stated that the **celebration weaves together music, heritage, and devotion** on the banks of **the Ganga.**
 - He emphasized that **development and heritage must go hand in hand.**
- **Union Government Initiatives:**
 - Initiatives such as the establishment of **the National Digital Repository of the Indian Knowledge System** to **digitize ancient texts** and use **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** for **research** were highlighted.
 - **The Bharatiya Bhasha Pustaka Yojana**, which will **translate textbooks into 22 Indian languages**, creating a "digital Maha Kumbh" for students.

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Kashi Tamil Sangamam Significance

- The ancient connection between **Kashi (Uttar Pradesh)** and Tamil Nadu dates back to the **15th century** when **King Parakrama Pandya**, ruler of the region around **Madurai**, traveled to Kashi to bring back the **lingam for his temple.**
 - While returning, he **stopped to rest under a tree** — but when he tried to continue his journey, **the cow carrying the lingam refused to move.**
- Parakrama Pandya **understood this to be the Lord's wish, and installed the lingam there**, a place that came to be known as **Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu.**
- For devotees **who could not visit Kashi**, the Pandyas had built **the Kasi Viswanathar Temple** in what is today **Tenkasi in southwestern Tamil Nadu**, close to the state's border with Kerala.