



Stampede at Maha Kumbh 2025

Why in News?

A tragic stampede took place at the [Triveni Sangam](#) (confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati) in **Prayagraj** as thousands of devotees gathered for the **Mauni Amavasya 'Amrit Snan'** at the [Maha Kumbh](#).

- The massive crowd surge created chaos, leading to a **stampede** that caused **multiple casualties** and **injuries**.

Key Points

▪ Significance of Amrit Snan:

- The **Amrit Snan on Mauni Amavasya** is the most significant ritual of the Maha Kumbh 2025, and event held even greater importance due to the **rare celestial alignment of 'Triveni Yog,'** which occurs once every **144 years**.
 - Nearly **five crore devotees** had already arrived a day before the Amrit Snan, with the number expected to reach **10 crore** on the day itself.

▪ Mauni Amavasya:

◦ About:

- **Mauni Amavasya**, also known as **Maghi Amavasya** or **Magh Amavasya**, is an important day that occurs during the **Magha month** on the **new moon (Amavasya)**.
- This spiritually significant day is deeply rooted in the traditions of the North Indian calendar.
- It is marked by **introspection, silence, and soul purification** through sacred rituals, with the **holy dip in the Ganges River** being one of its most prominent practices.

◦ Significance of Mauni Amavasya 2025:

- "**Mauni**" is derived from the **Sanskrit word "Mauna,"** meaning "**silence**".
- Observing a **vow of silence** on this day is a common practice among devotees, promoting **spiritual discipline** and **inner peace**.
- Silence is seen as a powerful tool for **self-purification** and **spiritual growth**.
- A **holy dip** in the **Triveni Sangam** during the **Kumbh Mela** is believed to cleanse devotees of past sins and lead them toward **salvation** or **Moksha**.
- Additionally, performing rituals to **honour ancestors** on **Mauni Amavasya** is thought to bring happiness and blessings, as well as help alleviate [Pitru Dosh](#), offering relief to those facing ancestral karmic imbalances.