



Gangasagar Mela

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The annual [Gangasagar Mela](#) is being organised in **West Bengal** and the state government has introduced several initiatives to enhance the Gangasagar Mela experience, including:

- **Bandhan Initiative:** Pilgrims receive a **certificate in three languages**.
- **e-Anushandhan:** System for **accessing mela facilities**.
- **e-Parichay:** **QR code-enabled identity bands** to prevent missing persons.

Additionally, the state has been advocating for "**national mela**" **status** for the Gangasagar Mela for several years.

About Gangasagar Mela:

- Gangasagar Mela is an annual religious festival held on **Sagar Island, West Bengal**, at the confluence of the **Ganga and Bay of Bengal**.
- The [Ganga river](#), originating from Gangotri, **completes its journey and merges** with the **Bay of Bengal**.
- The festival, which coincides with [Makar Sankranti](#), involves rituals like taking a holy dip in the Ganga, offering "**Arghya**" to the Sun God, and performing "**Deepdan**" (lighting lamps) to seek liberation and spiritual upliftment.
- It is considered the **second-largest religious gathering in India after the Kumbh Mela**.
- The fair is historically mentioned in the **Mahabharata's Vana Parva** and **Raghuvamsa (by Kalidasa)**, with evidence of the pilgrimage dating back to **1500-2000 BC**, and is associated with the sage **Kapilmuni** and the [Pala dynasty's King Devapala](#).



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