



Conclusion of the Maha Kumbh 2025

Why in News?

The [Maha Kumbh Mela](#), which began in **Prayagraj on 13th January 2024**, concluded 45 days later on 26th February 2025 with the **Mahashivratri holy bath**.

Note:

- Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 **became the largest fair in the world**, attracting over 66 crore devotees which is twice the population of the United States. Such a massive gathering has never been witnessed anywhere in the world.

Key Points

- **About the Closing Ceremony:**
 - The **closing ceremony was held at Sangam Ghat** on 27th February 2025, in which the Chief Minister officially declared the closing of the Mahakumbh Mela.
 - CM honored the **employees and institutions who contributed in making the Maha Kumbh historic**, divine, grand, clean, safe and digital.
- **Key Announcements:**
 - Under the [Kisan Aapda Yojana](#), **boat operators will receive disaster assistance similar to the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Bima Yojana**, offering financial aid of **Rs 5 lakh in case of an unfortunate event**.
 - People who do not have health insurance will be covered under [Ayushman Bharat Scheme](#).
 - An **additional bonus of Rs 10,000** for the sanitation and health workers deployed on Maha Kumbh duty was also announced.
 - The CM also announced that the state government is all set to form a corporation through which it will **provide Rs 16,000 per month to every sanitation worker**, health worker and all those workers who were not getting minimum wages.
 - This amount will be sent to their account **through [Direct Benefit Transfer \(DBT\)](#) from April 2025**.
- **Major Attractions of Kumbh Mela 2025:**
 - **Triveni Sangam:** The sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati.
 - **Ancient Temples:** Hanuman Temple, Alop Devi Temple, Mankameshwar Temple.
 - **Kalagram:** Cultural village set up by the Ministry of Culture, featuring crafts, cuisine and culture.
 - **Akhara Camp:** Centre for meditation, discussion and philosophical exchange of sadhus and seekers.
 - **International Bird Festival:** Over 200 migratory and local birds, including endangered species, were spotted during the festival **held from February 16 to 18, 2025**.
- **Important Initiatives Taken:**
 - **Medical Facilities:**

- 133 ambulances were deployed during the fair, including **seven water ambulances and one air ambulance.**
- Affordable medicines through **Jan Aushadhi Kendras.**
- **Green Initiative:**
 - Around 56,000 sq. meters of Dense Forests created in Prayagraj in **last two years using Miyawaki Technique.**
 - Baswar dumping yard **converted into green area.**
 - Cleaning of Rivers with trash skimmer machines.

Kumbh Mela

▪ About:

- The word '**Kumbh**' is **derived from the metal 'Kumbhaka'** (sacred pot of the nectar of immortality).
- **King Harshavardhana of the Pushyabhuti dynasty** started organizing the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj.
- It is the **largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims** during which the participants bathe or take a dip in the holy river. This congregation **takes place at 4 different places, namely:**
 - On the banks of the Ganga at Haridwar.
 - On the banks of [the Shipra River](#) in Ujjain.
 - On the banks of the [Godavari](#) (South Ganga) at Nasik.
 - At the confluence of **Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical invisible Saraswati** in Prayagraj.
- In 2017, **UNESCO** added the Kumbh Mela to its list of "[Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#)".

▪ Types of Kumbh:

- Kumbh Mela is **celebrated 4 times in 12 years.**
- The Ardh Kumbh Mela is **held every sixth year** in Haridwar and Prayagraj.
- The Maha Kumbh Mela is **celebrated in Prayagraj after every 144 years** (after 12 'Purna Kumbh Melas').
- Magh Kumbh is **celebrated every year in the month of Magh** (January-February) in Prayagraj