



Kumbh Global Summit on Development and Sustainability

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Concept Note

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Kumbh Melas, the largest peaceful human congregation on Earth, have been celebrated as pilgrimage at four sacred sites of Bharat since centuries. Kumbh Mela is the rare occasion where the astounding range of Hindu life and practices, textual and folk, temporal and spatial, organic and cosmic, physical and spiritual come together. This time the Kumbh Mela is being organized in Prayagraj, the confluence of three rivers - Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. More than 400 million people from different walks of life are expected to participate and take a dip in the holy rivers.

The Kumbh Mela also provides an opportunity for scholars, thinkers, seekers and ascetics to contemplate on a diverse set of issues relevant to the society. India Foundation in collaboration with Government of Uttar Pradesh is organising the 'Kumbh Global Summit on Sustainability and Development' where leaders, scholars, and experts from different fields will come together to talk on various issues like net zero development, an energy neutral society, challenges of climate change, Sustainable Development Goals and solutions such as Life Style for Environment (LiFE). Irregular consumption patterns, rapid urbanisation, challenges of waste disposal and burgeoning population are some of the causes of a growing imbalance in the world. Challenges such as climate change are triggered by these factors and pose a challenge for human civilisation and an existential crisis for the planet as a whole.

The 'Kumbh Global Summit on Sustainability and Development' aims to address these contemporary developmental and environmental challenges by drawing from ancient wisdom and modern sustainable practices. It also intends to understand current trends and their implications on resources, development and social structures. The event will explore how modern technology can be harmonized with traditional knowledge to foster sustainable development. The 'Kumbh Global Summit on Sustainability and Development' will feature a series of seminars, workshops, and panel discussions led by eminent speakers from various fields. These sessions will be designed to facilitate in-depth exploration of topics, and encourage cross-disciplinary dialogue.



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Cultural programs will showcase the rich cultural heritage of India through performances, exhibitions, and demonstrations. The Summit also aims to generate a comprehensive set of actionable insights and recommendations that can be implemented at local, national, and global levels. These outcomes will be documented and shared with relevant stakeholders, including policymakers, academic institutions, and civil society organizations. By bridging ancient wisdom with contemporary knowledge, the 'Kumbh Global Summit on Sustainability and Development' aspires to contribute significantly to the discourse on global climate challenges and promote sustainable development rooted in cultural heritage.

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Sub Themes for Discussions:

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Climate Change
- Net Zero Emissions and Carbon Credit
- Non-conventional and Renewable Energy
- Clean and Green Technology
- Environment and Ecology Lifestyle 4 Environment
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Sustainable Future, Green and Inclusive society