



KUMBH

– Global Summit –

ON

DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



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Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India



➤ ABOUT THE SUMMIT ➤

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 the Government of Uttar Pradesh is organising the 'Kumbh Global Summit on Development and Sustainability' where leaders, scholars, and experts from different fields will come together to talk about 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 civilization and an existential crisis for the planet as a whole.

The 'Kumbh Global Summit on Development and Sustainability' 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 Development and Sustainability' will feature a series of thematic sessions, ministerial addresses, keynote addresses, exhibitions, 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. 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 Development and Sustainability' aspires to contribute significantly to the discourse on global climate challenges and promote sustainable development rooted in cultural heritage.



Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“Maha Kumbh 2025 commences in Prayagraj, bringing together countless people in a sacred confluence of faith, devotion and culture. The Maha Kumbh embodies India’s timeless spiritual heritage and celebrates faith and harmony.”

“Where there is a confluence of cultures, there is also a confluence of faith and harmony. Giving the message of ‘unity in diversity’, Maha Kumbh-2025, Prayagraj is providing an encounter with Sanatan along with the welfare of humanity.”



Shri Yogi Adityanath

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

» SUB THEMES «

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 FOR ENVIRONMENT (LIFE)

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, GREEN AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

» HIGHLIGHTS «

HOLY DIP

GUIDED TOUR

INAUGURAL SESSION

KEYNOTE SESSION

THEMATIC SESSION

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

WORKSHOPS

SPIRITUAL DISCOURSE

EXHIBITIONS

CUISINES OF INDIA

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