

WELCOME TO MAHA KUMBH 2025

Maha Kumbh, a grand confluence of faith and culture, draws millions of pilgrims worldwide. Revered as the world's largest spiritual festival, the mela symbolises the cosmic significance of the Triveni Sangam—the sacred union of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati at Prayagraj.



MAGH MELA

The Magh Mela serves as a precursor to the larger gatherings. Devotees assemble at the Triveni Sangam to take ritual dips and offer prayers to the Gods and Goddesses.

Every
Year

ARDH KUMBH

The Ardh Kumbh Mela is held every six years and is celebrated alternatively in Haridwar and Prayagraj. The term 'Ardh,' meaning half, signifies that this event occurs midway between two 'Purna Kumbh' Melas.

Every
6
Years

PURNA KUMBH

Occurs every 12 years, rotating sequentially between -

Haridwar: on the banks of the Ganga.

Ujjain: on the banks of the Shipra River.

Nashik: on the banks of the Godavari River.

Prayagraj: at the Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati Rivers.

Every
12
Years

MAHA KUMBH

The Maha Kumbh Mela is the most significant and rarest of all Kumbh gatherings. It is believed that the unique planetary alignment associated with the Maha Kumbh occurs only once every 144 years.

Every
144
Years

A Pocket Guide
to

Maha Kumbh

Prayagraj
2025



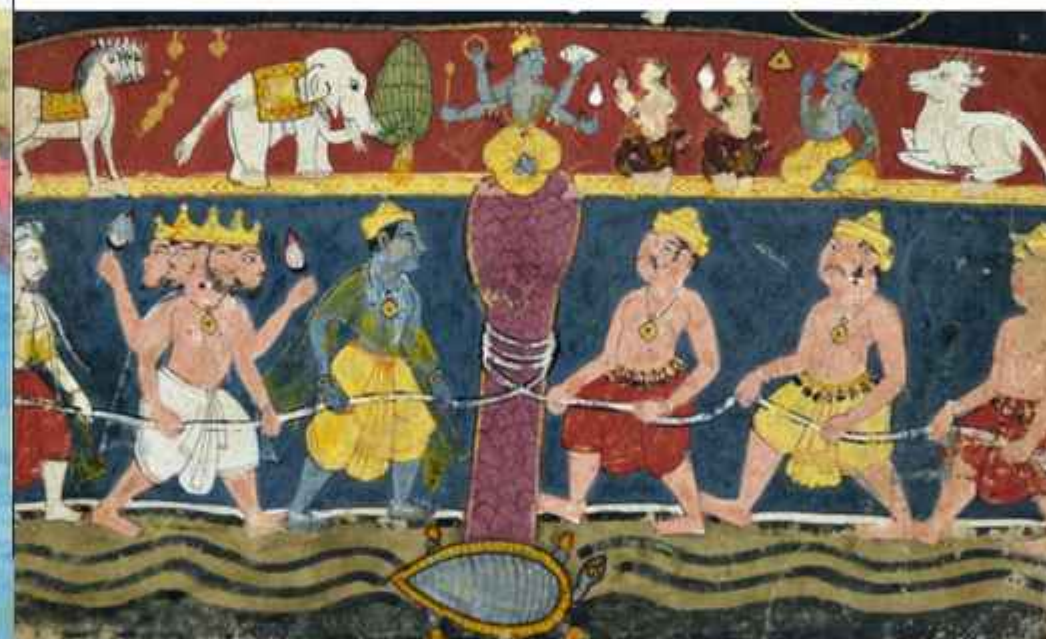
What is Kumbh?

The Sanskrit term '*Kumbh*', means 'pot' or 'pitcher'. It represents the elixir of immortality, *Amrit*, which was the coveted prize during the legendary *Samudra Manthan* (Churning of the Ocean).



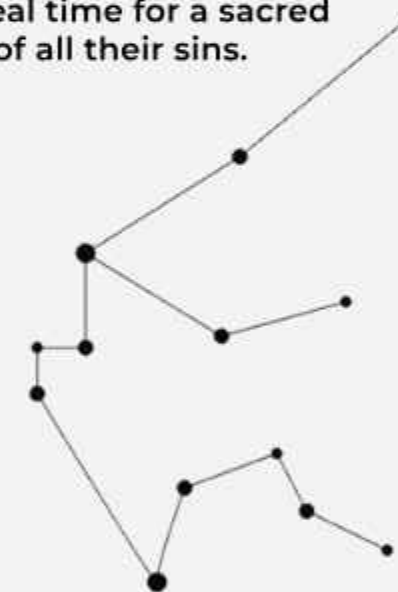
Mythology

The *Suras* (gods) and *Asuras* (demons) churned the Ocean of Milk for *Amrit*, the nectar of immortality. When the *Kumbh* emerged, the demons seized it, sparking a twelve-day battle during which, four drops of nectar fell on earth, sanctifying Prayagraj, Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik.



Astrological Significance

The term *Kumbh* is also associated with the zodiac sign *Kumbha* (Aquarius), which the planet Jupiter enters once every twelve years. This unique celestial alignment, known as *Kumbhayoga*, is considered highly auspicious. It is considered to mark the ideal time for a sacred bath, cleansing devotees of all their sins.



SACRED BATHING DATES

13.01.25

Paush Purnima

Paush Purnima, occurring on the 15th day of the *Shukla Paksha*, signifies the commencement of the grand event and marks the initiation of *Kalpavas*.



14.01.25

Makar Sankranti

Makar Sankranti marks the sun's astronomical transition to *Makar raashi* (Capricorn) in the Hindu calendar and signifies the auspicious beginning of charitable donations by pilgrims during the Maha Kumbh Mela.



29.01.25

Mauni Amavasya

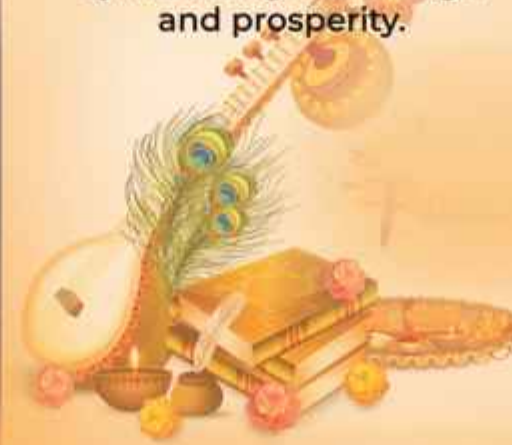
Mauni Amavasya, deemed highly auspicious for sacred bathing, honours Rishabh Dev, the revered sage, who broke his long vow of silence and bathed in the purifying waters of the Sangam.



03.02.25

Basant Panchami

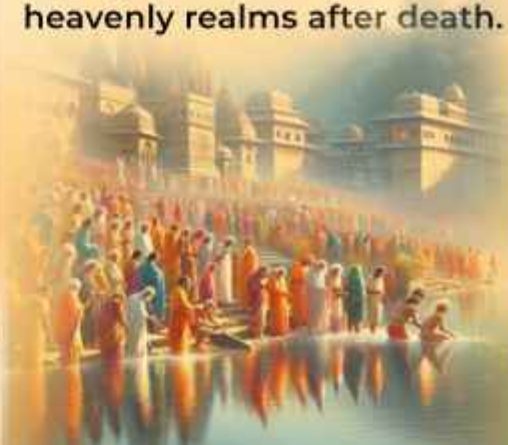
Basant Panchami marks the seasonal transition and honours Goddess Saraswati's arrival. *Kalpavasis* celebrate this auspicious day by wearing vibrant yellow attire, symbolising knowledge and prosperity.



12.02.25

Maghi Purnima

Maghi Purnima honours Guru Brihaspati and the belief that the *Gandharvas* (celestial beings) descend to Sangam. Pilgrims gather here on this day with the faith that bathing at Sangam will lead them to heavenly realms after death.















26.02.25

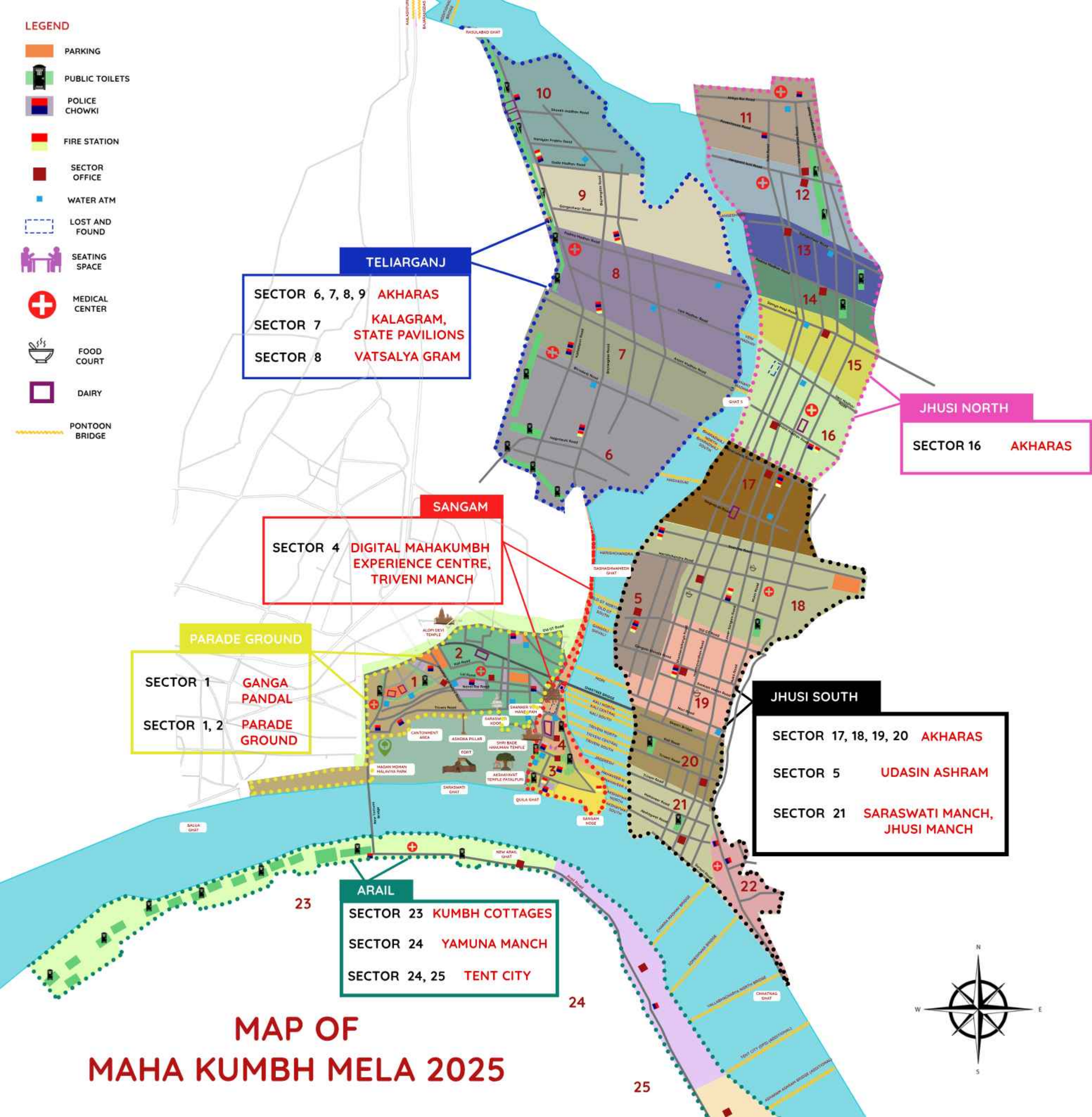
Maha Shivaratri

Maha Shivaratri holds deep symbolism as it marks the final holy bath of the *Kalpavasis* and is intrinsically connected to Lord Shiva.



LEGEND

-  PARKING
-  PUBLIC TOILETS
-  POLICE CHOWKI
-  FIRE STATION
-  SECTOR OFFICE
-  WATER ATM
-  LOST AND FOUND
-  SEATING SPACE
-  MEDICAL CENTER
-  FOOD COURT
-  DAIRY
-  PONTOON BRIDGE



MAP OF MAHA KUMBH MELA 2025

