

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
“MAHA KUMBH: TRANSFORMING HUMAN LIFE THROUGH SANATAN VALUES”
(ICMK)

महाकुंभ : सनातन मूल्यों के माध्यम से मानव जीवन में परिवर्तन
(18TH & 19TH FEBRUARY 2025)
ORGANISED BY
UTTAR PRADESH RAJARSHI TANDON OPEN UNIVERSITY
PRAYAGRAJ

The Maha Kumbh Mela (the festival of the sacred pitcher) is anchored in Hindu mythology. It is the world's largest public gathering and collective act of faith. This congregation primarily, includes Ascetics, Saints, Sadhus, Sadhvis, Kalpvasis and Pilgrims from all walks of life. Kumbh Mela, in Hinduism, is a religious pilgrimage celebrated four times over a course of 12 years. The geographical location of Kumbh Mela spans over four locations in India and the Mela site keeps rotating between one of the four pilgrimages along four sacred rivers as listed below:

- *In Haridwar, Uttarakhand, on banks of the Ganges*
- *In Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on banks of the Shipra*
- *In Nashik, Maharashtra on banks of the Godavari*
- *In Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, at the confluence of the Ganges, the Yamuna, and the mythical, invisible Sarasvati*

Each site's celebration is based on a distinct set of astrological positions of the Sun, the Moon, and the Jupiter. The celebrations occur at the exact moment when these positions are fully occupied, as it is considered to be the holiest time in Hinduism. The Kumbh Mela is an event that intrinsically encapsulates the science of astronomy, astrology, spirituality, ritualistic traditions, and socio-cultural customs and practices, making it extremely rich in knowledge. Pilgrims to the Kumbh Mela come from all sections of the religion ranging from sadhus (saints) and naga sadhus who practice 'sadhana' and keenly follow a strict path of spiritual discipline, to hermits who leave their seclusion and come to visit the civilization only during the Kumbh Mela, to seekers of spirituality, and to common people practicing Hinduism.

During the Kumbh Mela, a number of ceremonies take place; the traditional procession of Akharas called 'Peshwai' on elephant backs, horses and chariots, the shining swords and rituals of Naga Sadhus during 'Shahi Snaan', and many other cultural activities that attract millions of pilgrims to attend the Kumbh Mela. UPRTOU is organising a two days international conference exploring the various dimensions and its relevance for sanatan sankriti.

Theme

MahaKumbh and its impact on human life

Sub Themes

1. <i>Spiritual Awakening</i>	1. आध्यात्मिक जागरण
2. <i>Purity and Purification</i>	2. पवित्रता और शुद्धि
3. <i>Unity and Harmony</i>	3. एकता और सद्भाव
4. <i>Cultural Celebration</i>	4. सांस्कृतिक उत्सव
5. <i>Salvation and Self Liberation</i>	5. मोक्ष और आत्म-मुक्ति
6. <i>Environment Protection</i>	6. पर्यावरण संरक्षण
7. <i>Social Justice</i>	7. सामाजिक न्याय
8. <i>Peace and Harmony</i>	8. शांति एवं सौहार्द
9. <i>Event Management</i>	9. कुंभ मेला प्रशासन एवं प्रबंधन
10. <i>Geographical and Regional Dividend</i>	10. भौगोलिक एवं क्षेत्रीय लाभ
11. <i>Unity and Social Equality</i>	11. एकता एवं सामाजिक समरसता

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PARTICIPANTS/DELEGATES

The participants will include Industry professionals, faculty members and students from India and abroad.
Fee Per delegate

Industry professionals:	1000 Rs
Foreign delegates:	50 \$
Faculty members:	800 Rs
Research scholars & PG students:	500 Rs

- ✓ Fee includes high tea, working lunch and seminar kit
- ✓ No TA/DA will be provided to participants
- ✓ In case accommodation is required, The University has its own guest house. Participants will need to pay for accommodation. Rooms will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. Participants must inform the organisers by 5th Feb, 2025, if they require accommodation at the university guest house.

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- Last Date for abstract Submission 25th Jan ,2025
- Last Date for Full Paper Submission 30th Jan, 2025
- Registration starts from 12th Dec, 2024

NOTES

- ✓ ALL SELECTED FULL PAPERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WITH AN ISBN.
- ✓ PARTICIPANTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR FULL PAPERS BY 30TH JAN 2025 FOR PUBLICATION.



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About the U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University

U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University was established through the UP Act No. 10 of 1999 as passed by the Uttar Pradesh legislature. This University was named after Rajarshi Purushottam Das Tandon, an illustrious son of India from Prayagraj who made great sacrifices for the sake of our independence and dedicated himself to the cause of Hindi as the National Language. The jurisdiction of the University covers the whole state of Uttar Pradesh. The University has carved a niche for itself among the premier academic institutions for open learning and distance education. It has witnessed a very rapid expansion of its activities in various spheres of education. This University conducts its academic activities through a diversity of means of distance and continuing education, and functions in cooperation with the existing Universities, Colleges and Institutions of higher learning, and makes full use of the infrastructure of these organizations. The courses offered by UPRTOU are recognized by the joint committee of UGC-AICTE and DEB. The University offers wide range of educational programmes related to general education, training, research and extension work through open and distance learning. The University started functioning from the session 1999-2000 with 3344 distance learners. In the current session i.e. session 2024-2025 more than 65,000 distance learners are enrolled in 111 programmes at 1465 study centres. Since its inception, the cumulative strength has reached 4.20 lakh learners. There are twelve regional centres of university located at Lucknow, Varanasi, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Agra, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Jhansi, Kanpur, Faizabad, Azamgarh and Prayagraj . The headquarters of the University is located at Shantipuram Sector-F, Phaphamau, Prayagraj and is equipped with good infrastructure facilities such as buildings, a library, wi-fi network, guest house, media centre & campus etc.

About Prayagraj

It is situated in the North Indian State of Uttar Pradesh. Prayagraj is one of the fastest growing cities in India at present. It is located 205 kilometers south of the state capital, Lucknow. It is one of four sites of the mass Hindu Pilgrimage Kumbhmela, the others being Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik. Every year in the month of January Magh mela is organized at Sangam, while every six year Ardh Kumbh and every twelve year Maha Kumbh is organized. It has a position of importance in Hindu scriptures for it is situated at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the holy rivers Ganges, Yamuna and ancient Saraswati River. Allahabad district has a population of about 60 lakh while Prayagraj city has a population about 12 lakh as per the 2011 census. It has literacy rate is 72.3% and an area of about 70 km. and is 98 mt. (332ft) above sea level. Hindi, Urdu and English are the languages that are spoken in Prayagraj. The dialect of Hindi spoken in Prayagraj is Awadhi, although Khariboli is most commonly used in the city area. Bengali and Panjabi are also spoken in some areas of the city. All major religions are practiced in the city. Major tourist destinations are Anand Bhawan, Chandra Shekher Azad Park, Allahabad Meausem, Khusoro Bagh, Akhabar Fort, Nag Basuki Temple, All Saint Cathedral Church, High Court etc.