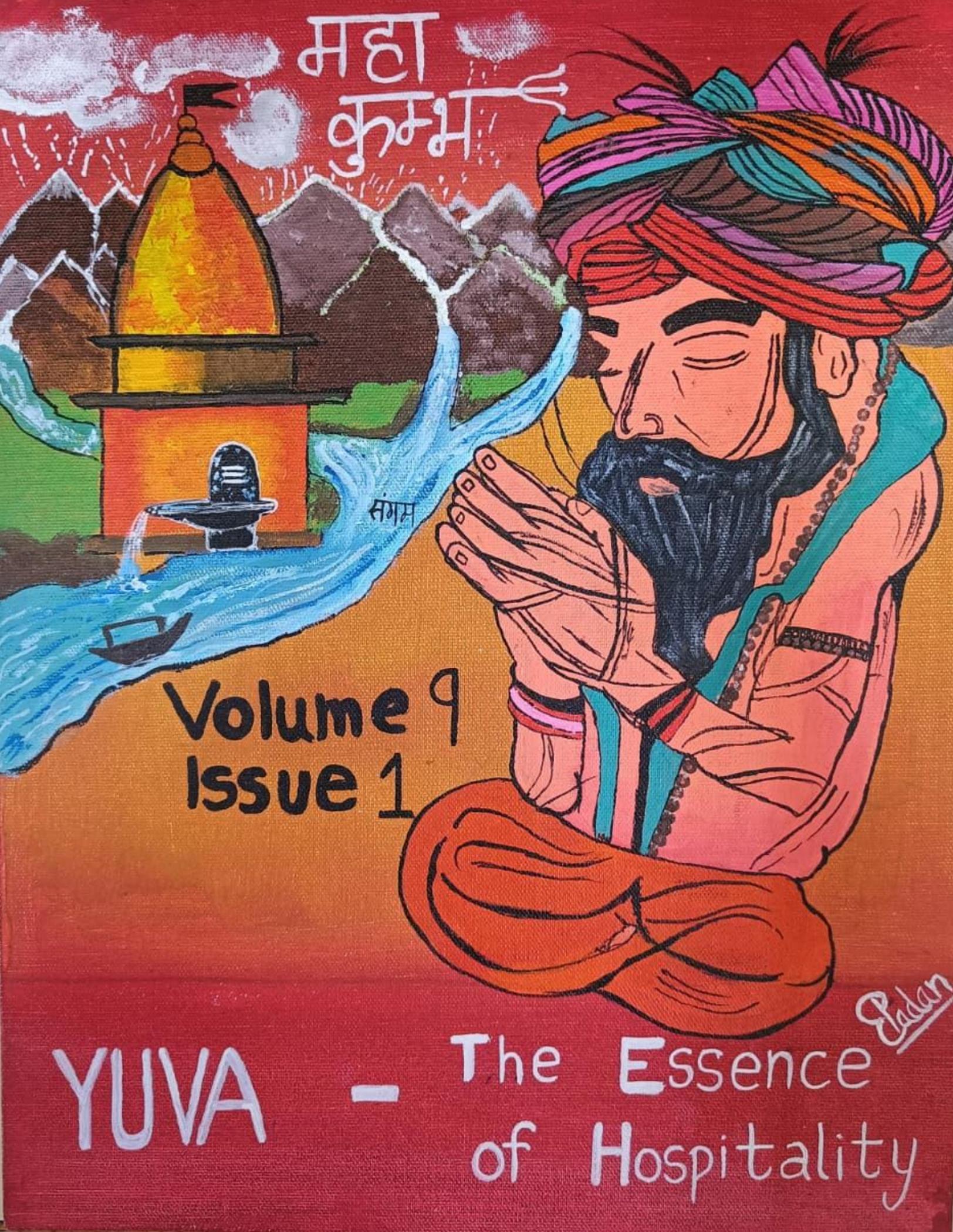


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The artwork symbolizes how hotels, hospitality providers, and tourism organizations prepare tirelessly to offer safe, sustainable, and memorable experiences. It highlights the fusion of tradition and modern hospitality practices—managing accommodation, sanitation, transport, and food services on an unparalleled scale. This creative expression celebrates the roadmap to success for India’s hospitality and tourism sector in making Mahakumbh not just a sacred event, but also a model of cultural unity and sustainable event management.”

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief



Dear Reader,

The Mahakumbh is not just a religious gathering—it is the world’s largest human congregation, a spiritual, cultural, and tourism phenomenon that captures global attention. As we reflect on the magnificence of the Mahakumbh, we also recognize the immense responsibility and opportunities it presents to the hospitality and tourism industry.

This special issue highlights the preparations and innovations that ensured seamless management of millions of pilgrims and visitors. From eco-friendly lodging and large-scale food services to sanitation, transportation, and safety, the Mahakumbh showcases how India’s hospitality sector rises to the occasion with resilience and creativity.

Our contributors also explore the role of tourism promotion, sustainable practices, and digital outreach in enhancing the experience for both domestic and international visitors. The Mahakumbh becomes not only a spiritual journey but also a case study in large-scale hospitality management and cultural tourism.

Whether you are a hospitality professional, a tourism enthusiast, or someone fascinated by India’s cultural heritage, this issue offers insights into how tradition and modern hospitality merge to create unforgettable experiences.

I invite you to join us as we celebrate the hospitality industry’s pivotal role in shaping the Mahakumbh and envision the future of sustainable spiritual tourism in India

Best Wishes,

Prof. R. K. Bhandari
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Hospitality: The Silent Force behind the MahaKumbh

By Lokesh Rajput, 1st Year

Organizing an event of this magnitude demands meticulous planning, coordination, and compassion. The hospitality industry takes centre stage in ensuring that every visitor, from saints to tourists, experiences the best in comfort and care.

Accommodation: Tent Cities of All Comforts

Temporary tent cities emerge like mini metropolises, offering everything from budget lodgings to luxury stays. These facilities are thoughtfully designed with clean bedding, sanitation units, medical assistance, and round-the-clock security.

“IRCTC unveils ‘MahaKumbh Gram Tent City’—a landmark initiative welcoming pilgrims in 2025.”

Food & Beverage Management: Feeding the Soul and Body

With lakhs of people dining daily, the F&B sector ensures nutritious, hygienic, and culturally appropriate meals. From Langars (community kitchens) to curated food stalls, the system runs on a mix of devotion, planning, and modern food safety standards.

“Monks and devotees sit side-by-side for communal meals, reflecting unity in diversity.”

Cultural Tourism: A Global Experience

International tourists experience firsthand the rituals, traditions, and mythologies of India. Hospitality professionals guide them through temple visits, rituals like the *Shahi Snan*, and local crafts—making it not just a trip, but a transformational journey.

Sustainability & Cleanliness: Keeping the Faith Clean

Managing waste and hygiene in such a vast gathering is no small task. The industry promotes eco-friendly setups, bio-toilets, waste segregation, and awareness campaigns to protect the sacredness of the site.

Challenges & Innovations: Managing the Incomparable

Handling millions of guests in real time requires smart solutions:

1. Mobile apps for real-time information, booking, and navigation.
2. Drone surveillance and AI-powered crowd control.
3. Training programs that equip staff with empathy and cultural sensitivity.
4. 24/7 helpdesks and multilingual support systems.

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MahaKumbh 2025: A Divine Confluence of Culture, Economy & Hospitality

By Harman Kaur, 4th Year

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025, held in Prayagraj, is not just another religious gathering—it is the largest, holiest, and most technologically advanced spiritual event in human history. While all Kumbh Melas—be it the Kumbh, Ardh Kumbh, or Mahakumbh—hold immense cultural and religious importance, the Mahakumbh stands above them all due to its scale, sanctity, and spiritual significance.

Held once every twelve years, the Mahakumbh is aligned with a rare celestial movement of Jupiter through the zodiac, which makes this event a highly auspicious moment for spiritual renewal and salvation. In contrast, Ardh Kumbh is celebrated every six years, and the Kumbh Mela rotates between the cities of Haridwar, Nashik, Ujjain, and Prayagraj.

A Gathering of Unimaginable Proportions

What makes Mahakumbh 2025 truly extraordinary is its unprecedented scale. An estimated 150–200 million people are expected to gather over 45 days, making it the largest peaceful congregation of human beings on the planet. Pilgrims from every corner of India, and increasingly from across the world, arrive to bathe in the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati, believing it to cleanse sins and lead to moksha (liberation).

Smart Technologies Redefine the Sacred Experience

While the Mahakumbh is deeply rooted in tradition, 2025 marks a technological transformation of the event. The government and local authorities have introduced cutting-edge systems to ensure smooth, safe, and organized management of the vast crowds.

Key Innovations include:

1. AI-based surveillance systems to monitor crowd density in real time
2. GIS mapping for effective zone planning and logistics
3. Face recognition technology for safety and tracking missing persons
4. A digital lost-and-found platform with QR-enabled identification

These solutions have helped transform Mahakumbh 2025 from a manual operation into an international standard event, blending faith with innovation.

Infrastructure like never before

This year's Mahakumbh has seen a remarkable improvement in infrastructure. Unlike earlier editions like Kumbh 2013 or Ardh Kumbh 2019, the 2025 edition features:

1. Luxurious tent cities with star-category amenities
2. Over 1.25 lakh bio-toilets ensuring hygienic sanitation
3. Enhanced connectivity and public services
4. Eco-friendly practices promoting sustainability and river cleanliness

This massive transformation has turned the festival into a model for urban planning under extreme pressure—creating a temporary but fully functional city.

An Inclusive, Accessible Spiritual Celebration

Inclusivity has been a major focus at Mahakumbh 2025. Authorities have made special provisions for:

1. Women pilgrims, with dedicated sanitation, safety, and accommodation spaces
2. Senior citizens and differently-abled persons, with mobility aids and accessible pathways
3. Akhara saints and ascetics, with reserved corridors and safe lodging options

inclusive approach has ensured that the festival remains equally welcoming for all, regardless of age, gender, or physical ability.

Culture beyond Borders

Mahakumbh 2025 is not limited to religious ceremonies. It has become a global cultural festival, featuring:

1. Daily yoga sessions, Vedic seminars, and spiritual discourses
2. Cultural exhibitions and performances from around the world
3. International tourist programs and escorted spiritual tours
4. Widespread international media coverage and documentation

This rich programming has attracted not only devotees but also scholars, tourists, and cultural ambassadors, making Mahakumbh a symbol of India's soft power and spiritual leadership.

Faith, Discipline, and Development in Harmony

At its core, Mahakumbh 2025 is a reflection of modern India's potential—an example of how tradition can coexist with transformation. It blends bhakti (devotion) with viddhi (ritual discipline) and vikas (development). From river conservation to real-time crowd management, and from spiritual awakening to global diplomacy, Mahakumbh 2025 has shown how a religious gathering can serve as a platform for social change, technological innovation, and cultural unity.

Conclusion

Mahakumbh 2025 is more than just a religious congregation—it is a civilizational statement. As crores of pilgrims gather at the Triveni Sangam, India is not only honoring its ancient traditions but also showcasing its ability to manage the largest human gathering with grace, technology, and purpose. In doing so, Mahakumbh 2025 has set a new global benchmark for religious tourism, urban planning, inclusivity, and spiritual celebration—an event that will be remembered for generations.

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Government Preparations & Smart Solutions

By Naman Gupta, 4th Year

The sacred city of Prayagraj is once again preparing to welcome millions of devotees, saints, and seekers from across the globe for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025—a spiritual spectacle rooted in centuries of Hindu tradition. With over 150 million visitors expected to participate over 45 days, this edition of the Mahakumbh is poised to be the most massive, organized, and technologically advanced Kumbh Mela ever witnessed.

A Historic Convergence of Faith and Humanity

The Mahakumbh Mela, held every twelve years in Prayagraj, is one of the largest peaceful human gatherings in the world. It is celebrated at the Triveni Sangam, the holy confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers. Devotees believe that a dip in these sacred waters during the Mela absolves sins and grants spiritual liberation.

The scale of Mahakumbh 2025 demands meticulous planning, and the Uttar Pradesh Government, with the support of central agencies, has left no stone unturned. Their preparations span across crowd management, safety, sanitation, infrastructure, and accessibility, making this Kumbh not just a festival, but a model of modern event management.

Smart Security and Crowd Management

In a historic first, technology is playing a central role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of the Mahakumbh. Authorities have incorporated:

1. AI-powered surveillance cameras to monitor crowd behavior in real time
2. Facial recognition systems to help locate missing persons swiftly
3. Drone monitoring for crowd density and traffic regulation
4. A centralized Command-and-Control Center to track and respond to emergencies instantly

This robust system will significantly reduce the risk of stampedes and overcrowding, and offer peace of mind to the millions expected to arrive.

Ground Forces and Movement Facilitation

Over 20,000 police personnel and volunteers will be stationed across the Mela grounds to assist, guide, and secure the pilgrims. Movement around the city has been streamlined with:

1. Special trains and shuttle services
2. Wider roads and improved transport networks
3. QR-coded wristbands for children and senior citizens to track and protect vulnerable individuals

For saints and akharas, designated zones have been set up with necessary amenities including water, sanitation, food services, and healthcare facilities.

A Temporary City Built for Millions

The Mahakumbh site has been divided into organized sectors, each functioning like a mini-city. These sectors are equipped with:

1. Temporary hospitals and fire stations

2. Public announcement systems
3. Drinking water stations
4. Emergency help booths

Over 300 kilometers of roads have been constructed or upgraded to ensure smooth mobility within and around the Mela grounds.

Sanitation and the Swachh Kumbh Abhiyan

Hygiene and cleanliness are top priorities for the organizers. As part of the Swachh Kumbh Abhiyan, the following measures have been implemented:

1. Installation of over 125,000 mobile toilets
2. Deployment of round-the-clock cleaning teams
3. Establishment of waste segregation units throughout the site
4. Launch of awareness campaigns promoting public hygiene

Special provisions have been made for women, elderly pilgrims, and persons with disabilities. These include reserved bathing areas, help kiosks, accessible toilets, and emergency medical units.

Respecting Saints, Embracing Spiritual Leadership

Recognizing the spiritual importance of akharas and saints, the government has created separate entry points, camp zones, and dedicated sanitation services to respect their sacred spaces and ensure their comfort and dignity throughout the event.

Conclusion: A Spiritual Spectacle of Global Proportions

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025 is more than a spiritual event—it is a monumental demonstration of India’s ability to blend ancient heritage with modern infrastructure and innovation. Through careful planning, cutting-edge technology, and inclusive design, this Mahakumbh is set to leave a lasting legacy. In bringing together faith, administration, and innovation, the Mahakumbh 2025 is not only a celebration of devotion but a blueprint for managing global-scale religious congregations safely, sustainably, and spiritually.

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Feeding Millions: A Culinary Marvel

By Pranali Sakhare, 4th Year

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj, celebrated as the world's largest religious congregation, is not only a spiritual gathering but also an extraordinary logistical and hospitality marvel. While its spiritual magnitude is often in the spotlight, what happens behind the scenes - especially in feeding millions daily—is equally remarkable. This article explores the culinary management, operations strategy, and hospitality insights that make it possible to nourish millions of devotees with devotion, discipline, and efficiency.

Feeding Faith: An Unimaginable Task

Prayagraj is witnessing a daily influx of lakhs of pilgrims, who arrive to take the holy dip at the Triveni Sangam. As part of the Kumbh tradition, no devotee should go hungry—and thanks to a network of community kitchens (Bhandaras) and religious trusts, this age-old principle is honored with modern precision.

At the heart of this operation lies the high-tech kitchen at Baba Satyapal Maharaj's pandal, known for its seamless food production system. This mega-kitchen prepares everything from chapatis and puris to rice, vegetables, and sweets like halwa—feeding thousands within hours, without compromising on cleanliness or taste.

Mass Catering on a Mega Scale

With an estimated footfall of over 100 million people, food preparation becomes not just a religious duty but a logistical triumph.

1. Community-run kitchens operate 24x7, offering free meals to all.
2. Meals are nutritious, vegetarian, and served with love as *prasad*.
3. Religious groups, NGOs, and temple trusts lead the operations, managing both food and lodging efficiently.

One female administrator proudly shared that "meals for lakhs are cooked and served under one roof," making it not just a hospitality effort, but a shared spiritual experience. Devotees echoed this sentiment, calling the food divine and the service selfless.

Inside the Mahakumbh Mega Kitchens

If there's a place where hospitality meets engineering, it's in the massive Annakshetras (feeding areas) of Mahakumbh 2025. Here are a few staggering highlights from the kitchens:

1. 40,000 rotis per hour from chapati-making machines
2. 40 quintals of curry prepared in one go using massive bhagonas
3. Dough kneading machines capable of handling 50 kg in 15–20 minutes
4. Kitchens run on 15 gas stoves and 15 traditional chulhas, with four dedicated stoves for instant rice preparation
5. Giant vessels moved via pulley and track systems, saving time and labor

Every step of the process is streamlined, allowing the teams to maintain hygiene, minimize waste, and serve hot meals around the clock.

Survey Snapshot: Pilgrim Perceptions

To gain insights into the experience of pilgrims, a Google Form survey was conducted among Mahakumbh attendees. The responses reflect a mix of satisfaction and suggestions for improvement.

Feedback Highlights:

“A proper seating arrangement is not there for a large crowd. We had to eat food while standing, and the crowd was huge. Hygiene and water facilities could be improved.”
— *Sania Bhola, DU Student, New Delhi*

“Good crowd management, drinking water was available, and dustbins were placed in most areas.”
— *Karan Saxena, Lucknow Resident*

While some raised concerns regarding seating, hygiene, and handwashing, the overall response was positive, with most praising the quality of food and timely service even under such extreme pressure.

Conclusion: An Epic Lesson in Hospitality

The Mahakumbh 2025 food operations exemplify the fusion of tradition, devotion, and cutting-edge hospitality management. It is a shining example of how mass catering can be executed with precision, compassion, and cultural relevance.

For students and professionals in hotel and hospitality management, this event offers a real-world case study in:

1. Large-scale event planning
2. Crisis-ready food systems
3. Sustainable community service
4. Integrating culture into culinary operations

In Mahakumbh, food is not merely nourishment—it is prasad, a sacred offering. It is a reflection of India’s soul, its service ethic, and its ability to organize the impossible into the extraordinary.

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Economic Impact & Employment Generation

By Lokesh Rajput, 1st Year

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025, held in the ancient city of Prayagraj, is far more than a religious congregation—it is a massive economic catalyst that fuels regional development, tourism, infrastructure, and employment on an unprecedented scale. With over 150 million visitors expected across a span of 45 days, this spiritual gathering serves as a compelling example of how faith-driven tourism can transform a local economy and stimulate long-term progress.

Tourism & Hospitality: A Multi-Crore Opportunity

The economic heartbeat of Mahakumbh lies in the tourism and hospitality sector, which experiences unmatched activity during the festival. With over 500 hotels, homestays, and luxury tent cities operating at full capacity, the sector is expected to generate over ₹11,000 crore in revenue.

This surge benefits not only hotel operators but also:

1. Local transport providers
2. Religious tour guides
3. Food vendors and hawkers
4. Craftsmen, artisans, and temple trusts

For many small businesses and service providers, Mahakumbh represents a year's worth of earnings condensed into 45 days.

Employment: Jobs for Lakhs across Sectors

One of the most significant outcomes of Mahakumbh 2025 is its impact on employment. The event is projected to generate over 6 lakh jobs, both temporary and permanent, across a wide spectrum:

1. Security and police forces
2. Event and crowd management professionals
3. Sanitation workers and cleaning personnel
4. Artisans, performers, and religious service providers

This employment wave also encourages migration from rural areas, giving villagers, craftsmen, and self-employed professionals a chance to earn and participate in a national-scale event.

Infrastructure Investment: Legacy that Lasts

Mahakumbh is also an opportunity for civic development. The Uttar Pradesh government, along with central agencies, has invested over ₹4,200 crore in infrastructure projects, including:

1. Smart and widened roads
2. Improved sewage and drainage systems
3. 24/7 water and electricity supply
4. Public toilet complexes and sanitation grids
5. Digital surveillance and emergency response centers

These civic upgrades do not vanish after the festival. They become part of the city's permanent infrastructure, benefiting citizens for years to come.

Local Markets: Revival of Traditional Livelihoods

During Mahakumbh, domestic trade and rural markets thrive. Items like:

1. Handicrafts and textiles
2. Religious souvenirs and idols
3. Sweets and fresh fruits
4. Locally grown produce

This boom supports weavers, artisans, farmers, and village vendors, offering them a golden opportunity to market their traditional goods to a national—and increasingly global—audience. It is both a cultural revival and a rural economic boost.

Global Exposure: India on the World Stage

Mahakumbh 2025 is not just a national event—it's a global spectacle. With over 5,000 foreign tourists, scholars, and media professionals in attendance, the festival garners extensive international media coverage.

Leading outlets like BBC, CNN, National Geographic, and global travel bloggers document the event, showcasing:

1. India's spiritual depth
2. The organizational scale of the mela
3. Opportunities for investment in religious tourism

Such global visibility enhances India's profile and opens up new avenues for international partnerships, tourism growth, and heritage promotion.

Conclusion: A Perfect Confluence of Faith and Finance

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025 is a powerful demonstration of how religion, culture, and economy can intersect to create profound and lasting impact. It shows that spiritual gatherings, when well-managed, can serve as engines of development.

From job creation and tourism revenue to infrastructure upgrades and rural empowerment, Mahakumbh is not just a festival—it is a model for sustainable cultural economics.

As millions dip into the holy waters seeking spiritual liberation, they also fuel a cycle of economic growth and regional pride, proving that in India, devotion and development can walk hand in hand.

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Tourism Boom & Cultural Promotion

By Arush Dutta, 1st Year

When one thinks of India, images of diverse traditions, ancient spirituality, and vibrant festivals often come to mind. And standing tall among these cultural pillars is the Mahakumbh Mela—the largest congregation of humanity on Earth. In 2025, hosted once again in the sacred city of Prayagraj, this religious phenomenon has evolved into a global tourism magnet, drawing over 150 million domestic visitors and more than 5,000 foreign tourists into its powerful orbit. But Mahakumbh 2025 is not merely a religious gathering—it is a celebration of India’s spiritual heritage, cultural dynamism, and tourism potential.

From Pilgrimage to Global Tourism Phenomenon

At the heart of Mahakumbh is the spiritual ritual of bathing at the holy Triveni Sangam, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers converge. But alongside the pilgrims who come to seek moksha (liberation), are international travelers, cultural explorers, researchers, and artists, eager to witness India’s grand narrative of tradition, community, and divinity in motion.

The festival has transformed Prayagraj, and by extension nearby cultural hubs like Varanasi, Ayodhya, Chitrakoot, and Lucknow, into thriving destinations of religious and heritage tourism. These cities have become part of a spiritual tourism circuit, drawing curious visitors to explore India's rich mythology, sacred architecture, and living traditions.

Government Support: A Tourism-Driven Vision

Recognizing the festival’s tourism potential, the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with state and central departments, launched robust campaigns under “Dekho Apna Desh” and “Incredible India”—both nationally and abroad. These promotions amplified global curiosity about the Kumbh, attracting:

1. Travel vloggers and spiritual influencers
2. Pilgrimage planners and international tour operators
3. Cultural scholars and photographers

Packaged Kumbh tours emerged as a major trend, featuring guided Kumbh walks, Sangam boat rides, spiritual discourses, yoga sessions, and cultural evenings. These curated experiences gave tourists a unique opportunity to explore not just the festival, but the soul of India.

Tent Cities and Tourism Infrastructure: Tradition Meets Comfort

One of the most striking symbols of Mahakumbh 2025’s evolution is the emergence of well-equipped tent cities. Designed with both comfort and sustainability in mind, these temporary townships offered:

1. Hygienic accommodations
2. Clean water and sanitation
3. Food courts and Ayurvedic wellness
4. Meditation zones and cultural stages

This fusion of tradition and technology redefined the way India hosts religious tourism—ensuring safety, accessibility, and memorable experiences for all.

Cultural Spectacles: A Feast for the Senses

Beyond the sacred bath, Mahakumbh became a cultural carnival. Tourists could witness or participate in:

1. Yoga demonstrations by masters on the ghats
2. Classical dance and devotional music concerts
3. Craft bazaars showcasing regional art and textiles
4. Local cuisine stalls bringing flavors from all over Uttar Pradesh
5. Interactive storytelling sessions and religious documentaries

This integration of culture into the spiritual fabric made Mahakumbh 2025 a multi-dimensional event, appealing to every kind of traveler—from the devout seeker to the curious wanderer.

Global Spotlight: India's Heritage Goes International

International media outlets like BBC, CNN, Al Jazeera, and National Geographic have covered Mahakumbh 2025 extensively, producing documentaries, photo essays, and travel features. The festival's sheer scale and authenticity have captivated global audiences, reinforcing India's identity as a spiritual superpower and cultural treasure trove. This attention has brought new investments, research collaborations, and tourism projects, turning Mahakumbh into a launchpad for India's heritage diplomacy.

Conclusion: A Model for Sustainable and Spiritual Tourism

The Mahakumbh Mela 2025 is more than a festival; it is a living ecosystem of culture, commerce, and consciousness. It has successfully created a blueprint for how religious gatherings can contribute to sustainable tourism, drive economic growth, and promote cultural preservation—all while honoring sacred traditions. By balancing spirituality with hospitality, and infrastructure with identity, Mahakumbh 2025 has made history not only in the hearts of devotees but also in the annals of global tourism.

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MahaKumbh vs Other Kumbhs

By Samarth Singh Rawat, 1st Year

The Kumbh Melas—be it Ardh Kumbh, Kumbh, or the rare and revered Mahakumbh—have always been milestones of India’s spiritual and cultural identity. But in 2025, Prayagraj’s Mahakumbh Mela has redefined what a religious congregation can be. Held once every 12 years, Mahakumbh is the grandest of all, aligning with the rare astronomical positioning of Jupiter’s zodiac cycle, and drawing more than 150 to 200 million devotees over 45 days—making it the largest human gathering on Earth.

While past Kumbhs have held deep religious importance, Mahakumbh 2025 stands out as the most modern, inclusive, and globally recognized edition ever held.

A Spiritual Event Engineered with Smart Technology

Unlike its predecessors—Kumbh 2013 or Ardh Kumbh 2019—the 2025 Mela has embraced cutting-edge innovations to manage this massive spiritual wave. For the first time, the Kumbh has been orchestrated with the help of:

1. AI-powered crowd surveillance
2. GIS mapping for site planning
3. Face recognition for safety and identification
4. Digital lost-and-found portals
5. Real-time crowd flow monitoring

These smart technologies have turned a deeply religious gathering into an internationally admired model of event management. Authorities no longer rely solely on manual intervention; they operate on predictive models and rapid response systems—matching global standards for mega-event planning.

Star-Level Facilities in Tent Cities & Sanitation Uplift

The tent cities of Mahakumbh 2025 are no less than three-star hotels in the desert. With star-category amenities, 24/7 security, sanitation staff, and cultural spaces, pilgrims are treated with dignity and comfort. More than 1.25 lakh bio-toilets, clean drinking water systems, waste management solutions, and eco-friendly materials have added a sustainable dimension to the Mela. This massive focus on hygiene and comfort has significantly elevated the visitor experience—making it not just about spiritual gain but quality of life, even amidst millions.

Inclusivity: A Kumbh for Every Devotee

A major highlight of Mahakumbh 2025 is its inclusivity. Special efforts have been made to cater:

1. Women travelers
2. Senior citizens
3. Differently-abled devotees
4. Saints and seers from Akharas

Dedicated access routes, wheelchair zones, reserved resting areas, and women-led security teams are just some of the initiatives launched to ensure universal accessibility and safety. This shows a progressive shift from traditional, male-dominated religious spaces to inclusive, equitable spiritual gatherings.

Cultural Diplomacy: From Vedic Seminars to Global Showcases

Beyond the spiritual core, Mahakumbh 2025 has expanded its cultural and intellectual footprint. The festival includes:

1. Daily yoga sessions on the ghats
2. Vedic knowledge seminars and discussions
3. Cross-cultural events with foreign spiritual organizations
4. Live exhibitions of Indian music, dance, and folklore

These efforts have not only enhanced the experience for visitors but also positioned Mahakumbh as a living museum of India's intangible heritage, drawing international delegations, academicians, and cultural attachés.

A Harmonious Blend of Bhakti, Viddhi & Vikas

At its heart, Mahakumbh 2025 has emerged as a remarkable balance of faith (bhakti), rituals (viddhi), and development (vikas). It symbolizes India's unmatched ability to preserve ancient traditions while embracing future-forward management techniques.

This edition has not just upheld a sacred legacy, it has also set a global benchmark for safe, spiritual, and sustainable mega-events. As the holy waters of the Sangam cleanse the souls of millions, the Mahakumbh of 2025 has also washed India in a new light—that of innovation, inclusion, and international admiration.

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a blend of hospitality



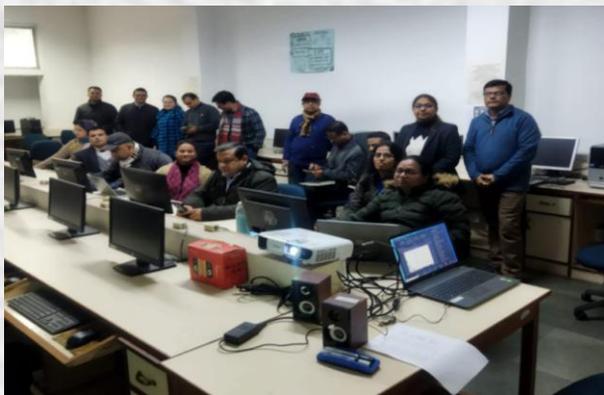
Co-Scholastic Activities



The one-day Itinerary to Central Delhi on January 17, 2025 for First-Year Students (batch 2024-28)



The Food Production Department organized an Enriching Educational Trip to Khari Baoli.



The IQA cell, in coordination with BCRC, conducted a Faculty Development program for the faculty members, providing them with essential skills to apply Advanced Statistical Methods using SPSS 30.0



We are Delighted to Announce the Signing of an MOU between Global Education Management Overseas Ltd and Banarsidas Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (BCIHMCT)



BCIHMCT organized an enriching experiential learning visit for Batch 2023-27 on January 16th and 17th, 2024, to the renowned Ministry of Beer (MOB), located in Connaught Place, New Delhi.



On 27th Jan, 2025, BCIHMCT hosted an enlightening placement drive featuring distinguished guests Chef Anand Singh & Mr. Anurag Dixit



The Communication and Soft Skills Department of BCIHMCT organized an exhilarating extempore competition exclusively for first-year students on 31 January 2025.



On February 4th, 2025, Sarovar Hotel Group conducted campus placements at Banarsidas Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology



On 10th Feb, 2025, BCIHMCT recently hosted a successful placement drive, providing students with an invaluable opportunity to connect with industry leaders.



BCIHMCT students had the exciting opportunity to enhance their bar skills through a live session conducted by the EBS at the campus restaurant with Mr. Bharat Sial, Manager of EBS Kalkaji



The Food Production Department of BCIHMCT hosted a special workshop on Indian sweets. The session covered traditional techniques, modern adaptations, and nutritional aspects of Indian desserts, with hands-on experience for students.



Banarsidas Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology organized an educational visit to the 38th Surajkund International Crafts Mela



BCIHMCT Honors Prof. Sudhir Andrews with the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025



BCIHMCT Once Again Announces the Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship for the Year 2025



15th India International Hotel, Travel and Tourism Research Conference



Students from BCIHMCT participated in various culinary competitions held at CAI 2025 from March 4th to 8th.



Intercollege Debate Competition at BCIHMCT Marks Founder's Day Celebration



Women's Day Celebration at BCIHMCT



Pansari Group, in association with BCIHMCT, organized an internal chef competition



BCIHMCT Alumni Meet: Rekindling Memories of Batches 1999-2016



On 27th March 2025, a Flower Arrangement & Towel Origami Workshop was organized by BCIHMCT, New DELHI for the students of Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar Phase-II.



BCIHMCT Students Embark on a Transformative Internship in France!



A hands-on session on Data Analysis using Advanced Excel was conducted for final-year students, focusing on practical and research-based learning.



BCIHMCT, in collaboration with AB Mauri India, hosts an Exclusive Baking Workshop

BCIHMCT once again announces the Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship for the Year 2025

IXOCH News

DURING THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY of the 15th India International Hotel, Travel & Tourism Research Conference (IIHTTRC), held at the Bhatnagar Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology in New Delhi from February 27 to March 1, 2025, BCIHMCT reaffirmed its support for the Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship for aspiring hoteliers.

This year, the Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Aakshita Khanna, a student from the Batch of 2021-2025. The award was presented by Mrs. Francisca Joseph (Head of HR - The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL)). The Memorial Scholarship Fund will offer renewable scholarships for four years to students who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence.



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This scholarship aims to provide financial support to one of the deserving, meritorious and needy students every year. This Memorial Scholarship Fund will offer annual, four-year scholarships to students with financial needs who display academic achievement. Late Shri Rajindera Kumar was a guiding force and mentor within the hospitality industry, consistently offering invaluable support. In recent times, especially during the pandemic, the need for philanthropic initiatives has become increasingly evident. BCIHMCT highly appreciates Shri Shivendra Kumar and his family for their commitment to establishing the Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship, and we express our gratitude to the students who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence.



Shri Rajindera Kumar

Kumar family for entrusting BCIHMCT with this important responsibility.



BCIHMCT proudly hosted the Academic Partnership Summit, welcoming a prestigious five-member delegation from the Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management, Nepal.

BCIHMCT Awards Shri Rajindera Kumar Memorial Scholarship at IIHTTRC 2025



“Challenge Me” Quiz Organised by Front Office Team for Batch 2023–2027



BCIHMCT Elevates Its Strategic Relationship with IHCL Through a Distinguished Visit to the Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

Triple treat: Tresind Studio in Dubai becomes first Indian restaurant with 3 Michelin stars



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It is the ultimate gastronomic accolade. And yet when it came it took much of the global foodie community by surprise. On Thursday night, Tresind Studio, an Indian restaurant in Dubai, was awarded three stars by the Michelin guide.

This makes Tresind Studio the only Indian restaurant in the world to hold three stars. It is also the only restaurant in West

Asia, across all cuisines, to have won this culinary accolade. Michelin stars are highly valued by chefs because of the incorruptibility, expertise and credibility of the guide. One star means that a restaurant is very good. Two stars make it one of the finest in the region. Three stars are only given to restaurants regarded as being among the best in the world.

Tresind Studio's success is even more remarkable because its chef Himanshu Saini is under 40 and because it was

widely expected that the first restaurant in Dubai to win three stars would be one of the many hyper-expensive places that are run by famous European chefs. Very few people believed that an Indian restaurant had any hope of competing with the biggest names in the world.

Michelin clearly did not see it that way. Gwendal Poullennec, the head of Michelin, believes that the “time is right for the recognition of Indian food on the world stage.” In recent years

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Himanshu Saini, the chef at Tresind Studio.

BCIHMCT Alumnus Chef Himanshu Saini Puts India and its Cuisine on the Global Map with 3 Michelin Stars!



Congratulating our talented students, Ms. Nandini Gupta and Mr. Suhail Khan, who won First position and Runner-up position, respectively, at the prestigious Pansari National Level Chef Competition.



Our students have once again proven their mettle by bagging multiple medals at the recently held prestigious AHP Culinary Competition (3rd to 5th July 2025)



BCIHMCT commenced its Pre-Placement Session Series – “Developing Future Leaders of the Hospitality Industry” – from July 15, 2025, at its campus.



BCIHMCT continues its “Developing Future Leaders of the Hospitality Industry” series with a powerful lineup of sessions from July 17 to 25, 2025



We welcome our esteemed alumni of Batch 2014-18, Chef Manish Vats, Chef Trainer at CII Institute of Hospitality, and Chef Akash Rajput, Executive Chef at Food Craft, to conduct a motivational session



The Food Production Department organized a special workshop on (30/7/2027), Skill India, for students interested in participating in the upcoming national-level culinary competition



Under the visionary leadership of our Principal, the IQA Cell of the Institute, successfully conducted a three-day internal audit from 29th July to 31st July as part of its continuous quality enhancement process.



BCIHMCT Signs Landmark MOU with DLF Clubs & Hospitality, Launches Guest Lecture Series for Future Hoteliers



BCIHMCT & DLF Clubs Unite to Deliver 2-Day Guest Lecture Series for Final-Year Students



We are incredibly proud to share that Prateek Dalaal, a talented student of BCIHMCT, New Delhi, has won the Silver Medal in the Culinary Challenge Competition.



Ms. Harman Kaur & Mr. Naman Gupta (Batch 2022–26) clinched 1st Position in the Sales Pitch Battle with their sharp minds and stellar presentation skills!



BCIHMCT celebrated Independence Day with a series of meaningful and patriotic activities.



Students from BCIHMCT participated in various culinary competitions held at CAI 2025



Ms. Nancy Mudhal & Ms. Shreya Chand (Batch 2023–27) secured the 2nd Runner-Up spot in the Bed Making & Towel Origami Competition.



BCIHMCT marked Janamashtami with vibrant celebrations, where our 4th-year students from Elective 2 curated engaging events and experiences themed around Janmashtami.



In a positive commemoration of BCIHMCT took the initiative to help the underprivileged section of society. Students of BCIHMCT enthusiastically contributed to Goonj, a well-known NGO based in Delhi.



Mr. Naman Gupta won the Silver Medal in the Art of Towel Folding competition held on July 9th, presenting a beautifully conceptualized display under the theme “Green Tourism”.

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