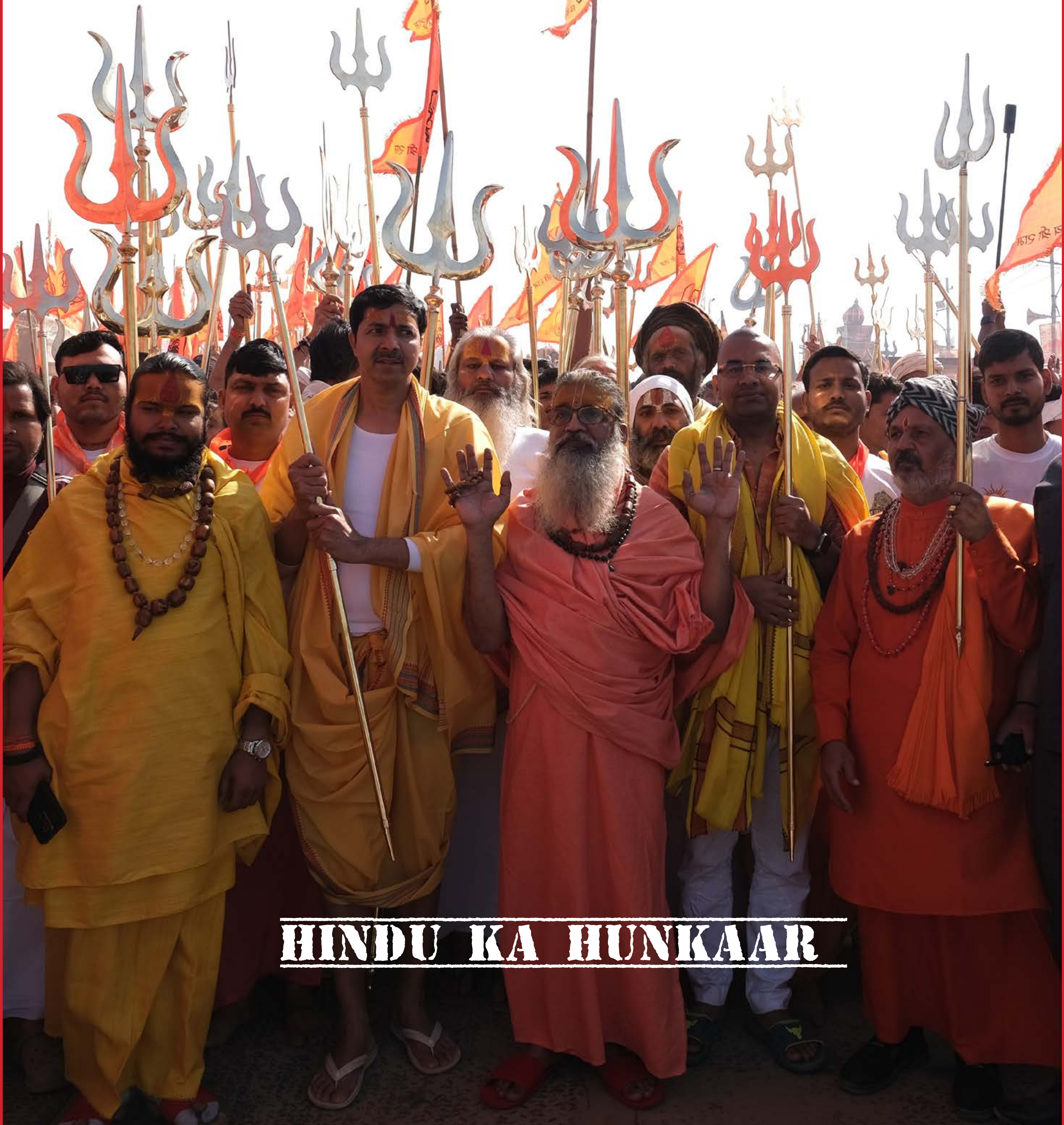


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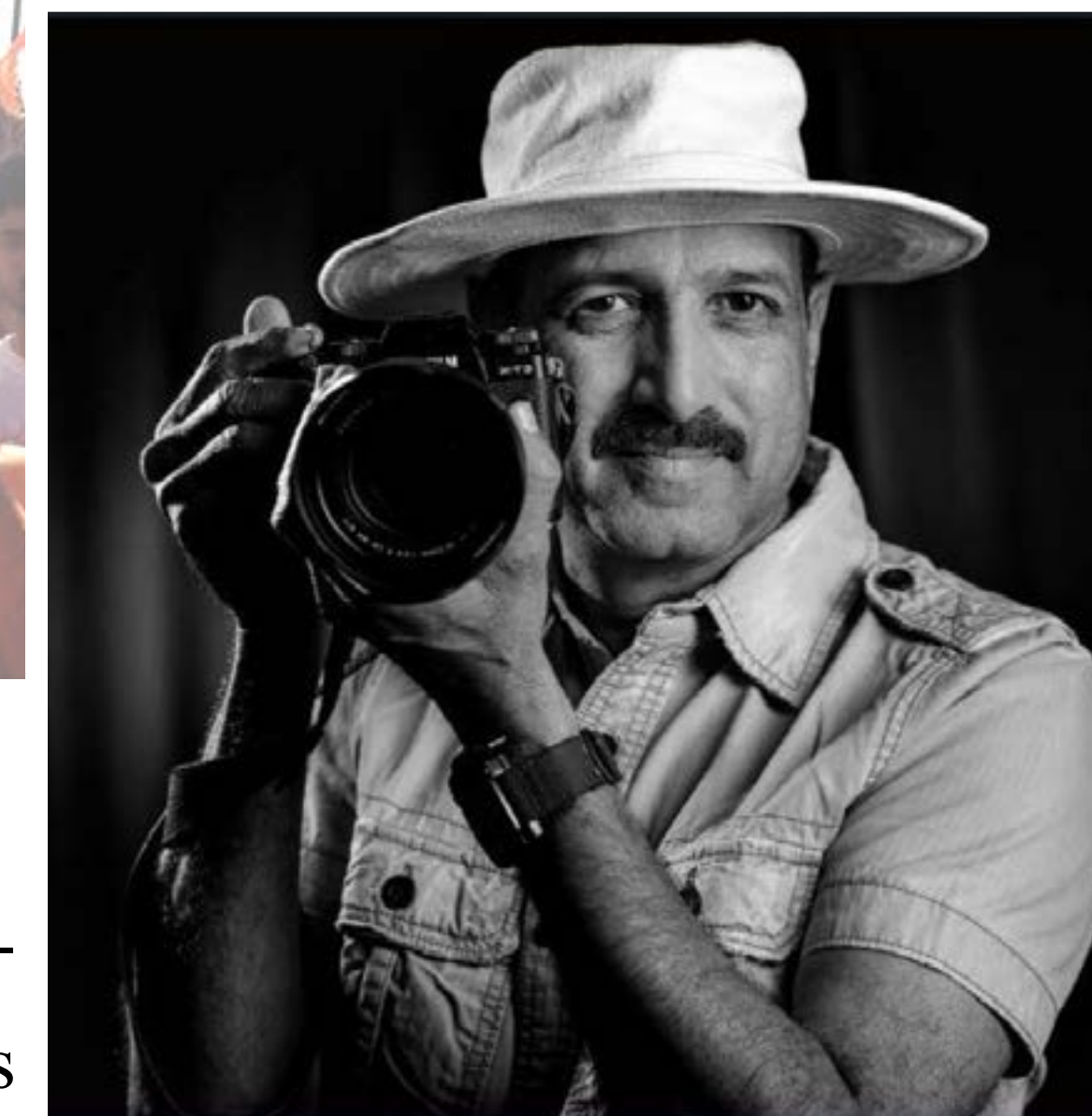
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In a world rapidly advancing towards modernity, where technology shapes life and urban landscapes define progress, there remains an ancient tradition that stands untouched by time the Maha Kumbh. The 2025 Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj was not just a religious event; it was a powerful reminder of India's cultural depth, spiritual resilience, and the extraordinary ability of faith to bring millions together in peace.

Every twelve years, Prayagraj transforms into a living canvas of devotion, where the rivers Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati converge, not just geographically but spiritually. This confluence, known as the 'Sangam,' becomes the heart of the world's largest peaceful gathering, recognized by UNESCO. In 2025, over millions of pilgrims, saints, and seekers arrived, walking miles, driven by an invisible yet undeniable force unwavering belief.

But beyond the holy dips and sacred chants, the Maha Kumbh is a reflection of something far deeper unity in diversity. It is a place where ash-smeared Naga Sadhus share space with urban professionals, where Aghoris, wrapped in mystery, walk beside families carrying their hopes and prayers. It is a place where every individual, regardless of social status, becomes equal under the vast sky, united by the river's eternal flow.

The 2025 Maha Kumbh was also a testament to human endurance and the power of community. In an age where digital connections often outweigh human ones, the Kumbh became a space where people connected at the most fundamental level through shared rituals, communal

meals, and collective prayers. It was a living, breathing ecosystem of faith, where millions coexisted in harmony, despite the challenges of scale. Yet, the Maha Kumbh is not without its contradictions. In the midst of spiritual purity lies the struggle to balance tradition with sustainability. With millions converging on the riverbanks, the need for environmental mindfulness has never been more critical. The 2025 Maha Kumbh made significant strides, with initiatives promoting clean water practices and waste management, but it also served as a stark reminder of the responsibility that comes with faith.

The true power of the Maha Kumbh lies not just in its scale but in its symbolism. It is a testament to humanity's timeless quest for meaning, for connection, and for something greater than the self. In a fragmented world, where divisions often define identities, the Maha Kumbh offers a simple yet profound message that faith has the power to unite, heal, and transcend.

As the last pilgrims leave Prayagraj, and the riverbanks return to their calm flow, the spirit of the Maha Kumbh lingers. It leaves behind stories of devotion, resilience, and the timeless human desire to seek the divine. And in that, it continues to be one of humanity's most powerful gatherings not just of bodies, but of souls.


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Mahakumbh 2025

The Grand Celebration of Faith and Devotion

Mahakumbh 2025, one of the largest human gatherings in the world, is being celebrated with immense devotion in Prayagraj. This sacred event, held once every 12 years, attracts millions of devotees, saints, Naga sadhus, and spiritual seekers from across the globe. The atmosphere is filled with divine energy as the banks of the holy Sangam the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati resonate with Vedic chants, devotional songs, and the ringing of temple bells.





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The grand spectacle of the Shahi Snan (royal bath) is the highlight, where Naga sadhus, draped in ashes, take the first dip in the holy waters, followed by thousands of devotees who believe that this act cleanses their sins and grants them salvation. Akharas, spiritual discourses, and vibrant processions make the event a mesmerizing experience. The presence of Kinnars, performing rituals and blessings, adds to the uniqueness of Mahakumbh.



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KUMBIH
A DIVINE CON
FLUENCE OF
FAITH, CULTURE,
AND TRADITION.

Pilgrims travel from distant lands, enduring hardships to witness this divine congregation, strengthening their faith. With colorful tents, massive kitchens serving free meals, and an air of spirituality, Mahakumbh 2025 stands as a symbol of devotion, unity, and the timeless traditions of Sanatan Dharma.



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INDIA EGYPT POWER SHOW



**TO BE REL ON 23 FEB AND
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Jaipur 23 Feb 2025

The India-Egypt Joint Special Force Exercise Cyclone-III culminated on 23 Feb 2025 after 14 days of intense joint training exhibiting their combat power and dominance. The exercise provided opportunity to both the Special Forces to train in Counter Terrorism operations, Combat Medical skills, Demolition skills and Special Heliborne Operations (SHBO) in joint environment.





The exercise was conducted in three phases. The first phase included military exhibitions and tactical interaction, second phase included IED / CIED, fast roping, combat first aid and the third phase included joint tactical exercise based on conduct of raid and hostage rescue scenarios. During the entire duration of exercise, Indian Special Forces displayed the highest standards of professional conduct, tactical acumen and military discipline which was highly appreciated and commended by Egyptian Army.





Photo By: Defence Pro

Both the contingents expressed immense satisfaction at the conclusion of the exercise, in terms of the standards achieved during the conduct of exercise. The exercise was a great

milestone in the traditional bond of friendship between India and Egypt and further strengthened the pledge of both the countries towards deepening the strategic partnership.



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76 Years of India, A New Dawn for Kashmir.

As India celebrates its 76th Republic Day, the picturesque region of Kashmir stands as a testament to resilience and growth. Once marred by conflict, Kashmir has undergone significant development, especially in tourism, attracting visitors from across India and the world. In 2024, Kashmir witnessed a record-breaking influx of

approximately 2.95 million tourists, surpassing previous years' figures. This surge is attributed to improved infrastructure, enhanced security, and concerted promotional efforts. The government has been proactive, developing 75 new tourist destinations, heritage sites, and religious locations, enriching the travel experience.



Photo By: Diksha Banga

Iconic landmarks like Lal Chowk in Srinagar have been revitalized, symbolizing the region's blend of tradition and modernity. Dal Lake, with its serene waters and houseboats, remains a major attraction. Innovative services, such as

Uber's boat-hailing on Dal Lake, have modernized the tourist experience, allowing visitors to book traditional Shikara rides through a mobile app. The Indian Army has played a crucial role in Kashmir's transformation. Beyond ensuring security, initiatives like Operation Sadbhavana focus on infrastructure development, medical care, and educational programs, fostering goodwill and trust among locals. While challenges persist, the collaborative efforts of the government, local communities, and the army have set Kashmir on a path of continuous development. The region's natural beauty, combined with these initiatives, promises a bright future for Kashmir as a premier tourist destination.



Photo By: Kuhelika Das

Republic Day Parade

Rehearsal Spotlights Women's Empowerment

As India gears up to celebrate its 75th Republic Day, the ongoing parade rehearsals at Kartavya Path in New Delhi are a testament to the nation's rich cultural heritage and military might. Among the many highlights of this year's parade, the participation of women in various roles stands out as a powerful symbol of progress and empowerment.

For the first time, an all-women contingent of the Delhi Police will march down Kartavya Path, led by IPS officer Shweta K Sugathan. This historic moment underscores the growing presence of women in law enforcement and their commitment to serving the nation. The contingent comprises 194 female head constables and constables, many of whom hail from the north-eastern states, highlighting the inclusive nature of this initiative.

In addition to the Delhi Police contingent, two all-women contingents from the defense forces will also participate in the parade. These contingents, comprising 144 personnel from the Army, Air Force, and Navy, showcase the increasing role of women in the armed forces and their dedication to protecting the country.

Photo By: Vidushi Mehrotra



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The Republic Day parade rehearsals also feature women in other significant roles. Constable Ruyangunuo Kense will lead the women's pipe band, which includes 135 head constables and constables. This is a significant increase in female participation compared to previous years, where the band was led by a male inspector.

The participation of women in the Republic Day parade is not just a symbolic gesture. It reflects the changing attitudes towards women in India and their growing contributions to various fields. These women, through their hard work and dedication, are inspiring generations of young girls to pursue their dreams and break barriers. As the nation celebrates its 75th Republic Day, the sight of women marching proudly down Kartavya Path will be a powerful reminder of the progress made and the journey ahead. Their presence in the parade is a testament to their strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the nation.



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DESERT AND DEVELOPMENT

Barmer, one of Rajasthan's largest districts, lies in the Thar Desert and was historically known for its harsh climate and limited resources, earning the nickname "Kala Pani." However, a major transformation began in 2009 with the discovery of India's largest oil reserves in over two decades. Cairn Oil and Gas, in partnership with ONGC, developed the Mangala, Bhagyam, and Aishwariya oil fields, turning Barmer into a significant energy hub and boosting the local economy.

This discovery not only attracted investment but also led to improved infrastructure, employment opportunities, and better living conditions for the region's residents. Cairn Oil and Gas has played a vital role in community development, focusing on sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and healthcare.



Photo By: Shruti Jain

In agriculture, Cairn introduced innovative solutions to enhance productivity and sustainability. The company has developed pasturelands using the Miyawaki model and farm forestry techniques to provide fodder for livestock. Managed by local communities, these pasturelands help maintain ecological balance while supporting rural livelihoods. Additionally, Cairn has introduced spineless cactus farming, a drought-resistant crop that serves as nutritious fodder for livestock. Over 245 farmers have adopted this practice, improving animal health and generating additional income.

Renewable energy initiatives have further contributed to Barmer's progress. Cairn has collaborated with the Government of Rajasthan and the Department of Agriculture to install solar panels with a capacity of 10 horsepower, providing

clean energy to households and farming communities. This initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 7, promoting access to affordable and sustainable energy.

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The company has also supported the installation of biogas units, offering a clean cooking alternative to firewood and kerosene, thereby improving indoor air quality and reducing health risks.

Healthcare improvements have also been a key focus. Cairn's mobile health van project brings medical services to over 200 villages, providing checkups, maternal care, and health awareness campaigns. In difficult-to-reach areas, doctors even travel on camels to ensure accessibility. Additionally, Cairn has

partnered with the District Hospital Barmer to enhance hygiene and healthcare services, employing cleaning staff and introducing specialized care such as ENT and dental services. Barmer's transformation from an isolated desert region to a thriving economic and sustainable development hub showcases the impact of corporate responsibility and innovation. Cairn's continued efforts in energy, agriculture, and healthcare are shaping a brighter future for the district, contributing to India's broader economic and social progress.



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आस्था और साधना का संगम महाकुंभ

महाकुंभ का आयोजन भारत की धार्मिक परंपरा का एक अहम हिस्सा है और प्रयागराज में आयोजित महाकुंभ 2025 में लाखों श्रद्धालुओं ने भाग लिया। इस बार के महाकुंभ में लगभग 10 लाख श्रद्धालुओं ने कल्पवास किया। कल्पवास हिंदू धर्म में एक अत्यंत पवित्र और महत्वपूर्ण साधना मानी जाती है। यह सिर्फ एक धार्मिक अनुष्ठान नहीं, बल्कि आत्मषुद्धि, संयम और भक्ति का प्रतीक है। कल्पवास माघ मेले के दौरान संगम तट पर किया जाता है, जहां गंगा, यमुना और अदृश्य सरस्वती नदियों का संगम होता है।



कल्पवास करने वाले श्रद्धालु पूरे महीने संगम के किनारे तंबू में निवास करते हैं और कठिन नियमों का पालन करते हैं। वे प्रतिदिन ब्रह्म मुहूर्त में संगम में स्नान करते हैं, भगवान का ध्यान और जप करते हैं तथा सात्विक भोजन ग्रहण करते हैं। सांसारिक सुखों से दूर रहकर वे संयमित जीवन जीते हैं और जरूरतमंदों की सेवा तथा दान करते हैं। कल्पवास केवल शरीर को नहीं बल्कि आत्मा को भी शुद्ध करता है।

कल्पवास की जड़ें प्राचीन हिंदू परंपराओं में गहराई से जुड़ी हैं। महाकुंभ 2025 में प्रयागराज का संगम तट भक्ति, आस्था और साधना का केंद्र बना रहा। कल्पवास करने आए लाखों श्रद्धालुओं ने पूरे महीने संयमित जीवन जीते हुए भक्ति और सेवा का मार्ग अपनाया। कल्पवास वास्तव में एक ऐसा अनुभव है जो जीवन को नई दिशा और शांति प्रदान करता है और इसे हिंदू धर्म में विशेष महत्व प्राप्त है।

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इसे केवल एक धार्मिक प्रक्रिया मानना उचित नहीं होगा, क्या. 'कि यह साधना का एक ऐसा मार्ग है जो जीवन में स्थिरता, संयम और भक्ति का संदेश देता है। कल्पवास एक ऐसा अनुभव है, जो हर साल हजारों श्रद्धालुओं को आत्मिक शांति और आध्यात्मिक जागरूकता की ओर आकर्षित करता है। संगम तट पर कल्पवास केवल एक अनुष्ठान नहीं, बल्कि हिंदू संस्कृति की गहरी आस्था और परंपराओं का प्रमाण है। यह हिंदू धर्म की उस अटूट श्रद्धा और विश्वास का प्रतीक है, जो सदियों से लोगों के दिलों में रचा-बसा है।



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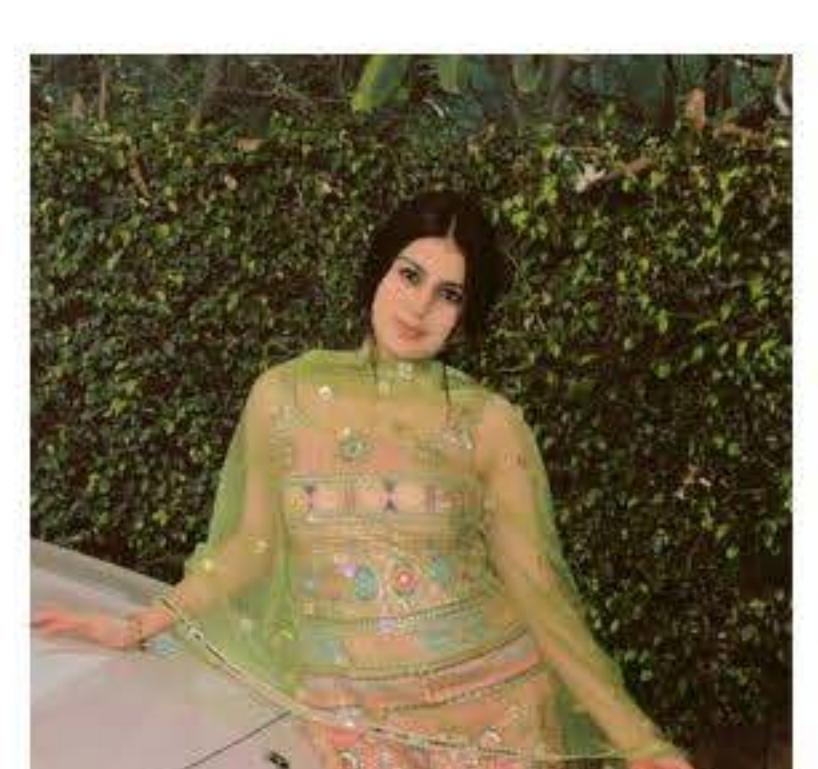
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