

## Call for Paper

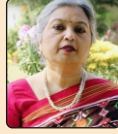
Our enthusiastic contributors are requested to send their paper on any one of the above mentioned sub-theme before 08 December 2024. After the seminar selected papers may be considered for publication. The abstract and full papers can be sent in English/Hindi in MS-Word : Times New Roman, 12 font using single space or in Hindi Kruti Dev : 14 font using single space. Soft copy has to be sent on kumbhseminar.isdc@gmail.com.

## Young Philosopher Award

A national level Young Philosopher Award will be given to the best 3 papers.

## Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/JpjiP27WuwiWNNfr8>



Chief Patron

**PROF. SANGITA SRIVASTAVA**

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Allahabad, Prayagraj



Patron

**SHRI AJAY SHANKAR** (Retd. IAS)

Hon'ble Chairman, Governing Body  
Iswar Saran PG College, Prayagraj



Chairperson

**PROF. ANAND SHANKER SINGH**

Principal, Iswar Saran PG College, Prayagraj



Seminar Convener

**PROF. AMITA PANDEY**

Department of Philosophy,  
Iswar Saran PG College, Prayagraj  
Mob.: 9451079329

## Executive Committee

- Prof. Indira Srivastava
- Prof. S.K. Nigam
- Prof. Pradeep Saxena
- Prof. Anand Singh
- Prof. Dharendra Dwivedi
- Prof. Dheeraj Kr. Chaudhary
- Prof. Anuja Saluja
- Prof. Sheo Harsh Singh
- Prof. Rachana Singh
- Prof. Man Singh

## Organizing Committee

- Dr. Manoj Kumar Dubey
- Dr. Akatmdev
- Dr. Rashmi Jain
- Dr. Ragini Rai
- Dr. Shikha Srivastava
- Dr. Krishna Singh
- Dr. Anjana Srivastava
- Dr. Shaista Irshad
- Ms. Ashwini Devi
- Dr. Vivekanand Tripathi
- Dr. Vijay Tiwari
- Dr. Arvind Kr. Mishra
- Dr. Vivek Kumar Rai
- Dr. Narendra Kr. Singh
- Dr. Kripa Kinjalkam
- Dr. Refaq Ahmad
- Dr. Amarjeet Ram
- Dr. Akhilesh Tripathi
- Dr. Gayatri Singh
- Dr. Alok Mishra
- Dr. Akhilesh Pal
- Dr. Vikash Kumar
- Dr. Jamil Ahmad
- Dr. Vivek Kumar Yadav
- Dr. Harsh Mani Singh
- Dr. Shiv Ji Verma
- Dr. Ruchi Gupta
- Dr. Manvendra Kr. Verma
- Dr. Shailesh Kr. Yadav
- Dr. Uday Pratap Singh
- Dr. Avinash Pandey
- Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra
- Dr. Mahesh Prasad Rai
- Dr. Mahendra Prasad
- Dr. Priyanka Singh
- Dr. Arvind Deo
- Dr. Ankit Pathak
- Sri Bhagat Narayan Mahto

National Seminar

on

# The Different Dimensions of Kumbh : Religious, Social and Philosophical Perspectives

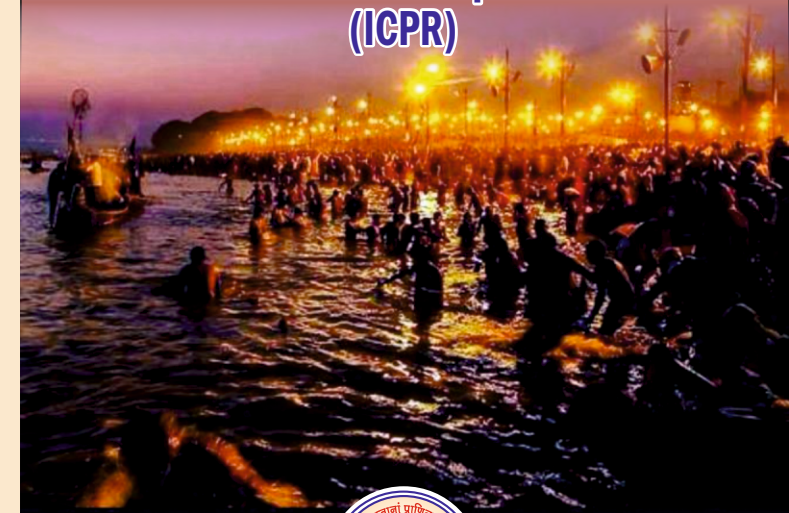
12.12.2024 to 14.12.2024

(In Hybrid Mode)



Sponsored by

**Indian Council of Philosophical Research  
(ICPR)**



Organized by

**Department of Philosophy  
Iswar Saran Post Graduate College  
(University of Allahabad)**

## About the College

Iswar Saran Degree College, a distinguished constituent PG College of the University of Allahabad, was established in 1970 under the auspices of Harijan Sewak Sangh. The college owes its inception to the visionary Munshi Iswar Saran, a close confidant of Mahatma Gandhi. The profound connection between Munshi Ji and Mahatma Gandhi is exemplified by the latter's two visits to the campus, bestowing upon the institution a heritage of great significance. In homage to its founder, the society was later renamed as Iswar Saran Ashram. Recognizing its academic excellence, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has conferred the esteemed "College with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) status upon Iswar Saran Degree College. The college is steadfast in its mission to impart knowledge, skills, values, and character to students, preparing them to confront the ever-evolving global challenges of life. Beyond conventional courses, the college offers a variety of certified programs that equip students to navigate life's challenges and contribute meaningfully to society. Iswar Saran Degree College stands as one of the 111 MMT Centres operating nationwide, with seven centers located in Uttar Pradesh. The MMTTC centers are actively engaged in conducting the NEP (National Education Policy) orientation and sensitization programs. This initiative carried out under the Malaviya Mission, aims to train 15 lakh faculty members over three years (2023-24 to 2025-26). Before the establishment of the MMTTC center, the College boasted the Faculty Development Centre (FDC, HRDC, MoE), established in 2018 under the Pandit Madan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching. This center was solely dedicated to the development and training of teachers, laying the foundation for the college's commitment to academic excellence.

## About Prayagraj

Prayagraj is a fascinating city with a blend of a rich cultural and historical heritage. It is a confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati. Prayagraj for years have been respected as a pious city and a modern city too with a perfect reflection of the celebration of the deep rooted culture in the modern. At an interval of 12 years Prayagraj witness the largest of homo-sapiens called as Kumbh. It is one of the most famous cities of Uttar Pradesh. It is known for being a good educational hub. This city is having a Central University, Government medical College, National Law University and IIT. The city has engraved its name the post-independence politics as it has given the largest number of prime ministers. Many tourist sites are also major attractions of the city.

## About the Seminar

To understand India in miniature one is compelled to witness Kumbh. The cycle of 12 years 'Kumbh', it is a timeless journey of faith for millions of people. Kumbh is the largest congregation in the world, it is an emotional and religious unity for millions of people as it is believed that a holy dip in the Sangam is a road to heavenly abode and their sole objective is to get blessings and salvation.

Few things cannot be defined it can only be experienced. 'Kumbh' of Prayagraj is one of them. Faith is an intangible thought that nestles in the deepest corners of the heart and in the realm of the subconscious. Kumbh takes place at an interval of 12 years and this festival/ fair is termed as 'Maha Kumbh' and the fair that happens at an interval of 6 years is termed as 'Ardh Kumbh'. Kumbh is celebrated at many parts India like Haridwar, Nasik, Ujjain and Prayagraj.

The Kumbh the confluence of Ganga, the Yamuna and the mythological Saraswati needs deeper understanding and evaluation. The two visible rivers are not merely physical but we call them 'Mother' and related ourselves to them as their offsprings. The Saraswati which flows invisible at Prayag incessantly becomes conspicuously visible in the form of socio-cultural and religio-spiritual discourses and discussions. Spirituality is the deepest characteristic of the Indian psyche and Kumbh offers an easy opportunity for its manifestation.

Kumbh is not only ostentatious ritual of unmindful masses but it is a means to connect to higher reality and to pay tribute to it. Its economic, material, social, religious, cultural, spiritual and philosophical parameters are to be fathomed and highlighted.

Every Kumbh creates a history as it is a sea of humanity, experiencing the bliss of salvation and immortality at the confluence of faith and conviction.

Kumbh is an ancient culture but the thrill and the experience it creates at a celestial chronometer of a cycle of 12 years is something worth the wait.. The event of Kumbh is associated with the fight between Gods and the Demons over the possession of urn

containing nectar following churning of the ocean of the ocean of milk. These memories are firmly engraved in the Vedic Literature and its significance is in the modern world.

The charm of Kumbh is the same but as our country has progressed massively technically and economically so at many stages the handling of crowds has become easy. The time when Kumbh starts the city has its own vibrancy which is unmatched. The interlink era of technology, good governance and progressive country is all personified in one "THE KUMBH". Millions respond to the invitation given thousands of years ago.

### Themes:

1. Moral dimensions of Kumbh rituals.
2. Collective benefits through utilitarianism at Kumbh.
3. Role of government in organizing Kumbh.
4. Kumbh as a pathway to moksha.
5. Kautilya's insights on societal order during Kumbh.
6. Manu's teachings on dharma at Kumbh.
7. Mahabharata lessons reflected in Kumbh.
8. Upanishadic quest for the soul at Kumbh.
9. Political philosophy's influence on Kumbh ethics.
10. Ethical discourse and community values at Kumbh.
11. Interplay between tradition and ethical governance at Kumbh.
12. Philosophical reflections on the nature of duty (dharma).
13. Collective identity and its ethical implications.
14. Kumbh as a reflection of societal values and ethics.
15. Spiritual equality transcending social hierarchies.
16. Ethical leadership in the context of Kumbh management.
17. The significance of communal harmony in spiritual practices.
18. Kumbh as a microcosm of ethical living and philosophy.