

# Glory of the Kumbha Parva

## (Includes special features of Kumbha Kshetras)

### Preface

Kumbha Mela is the world's largest religious fair. It is not only a display of supremacy of the Bharatiya culture, but is also a spiritual congregation that provides satsang. The Kumbha Mela held every 12 years at Prayag, Haridwar, Ujjain and Tryambakeshwar-Nashik on the occasion of the Kumbha Parva has an important place in the Hindu civilization. The spiritual glory and cultural importance of the Kumbha Parva is unique. Since Jupiter takes 12 years to cross the zodiac, Kumbhayoga (Conjunction of Planets) takes place every 12 years. Three important occasions - 'Kanyagat' when Jupiter is in the Virgo sign of the zodiac, 'Simhastha' when Jupiter is in Leo sign of the zodiac and 'Kumbha Mela' when Jupiter is in Aquarius sign of the zodiac are considered religiously important from the perspective of Hindu Dharma. During these occasions, crores of devotees congregate to perform religious rituals such as bathing in River Ganga, performing spiritual practice, donating, Pitrutarpan, ritual of shraddha, darshan of Saints, debates on Dharma etc. This is a congregation of those who have faith in Dharma. It is a unique occasion when not only devotees, but Deities, Sages, Saints and thirty-three crore tirthas too come to the Kumbha Parva. 'Unity of Hindus' is the main objective of the Kumbha Mela. Religious and cultural immortality of Hindus is experienced through the Kumbha Mela. The Kumbha Mela exhibits the in-depth features of Hindu Dharma to foreigners too. In this Holy text, the significance of the Kumbha Mela and glory of places of the Kumbha Parva have been elucidated.

It is our prayer unto the Holy feet of the Deities present during

the Kumbha Parva that may the devotees be able to obtain spiritual benefits from the Kumbha Parva. - **Compilers**

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