

Whenever there is a decline of virtue in the humanity and wrong and sin are in their ascension, Maha Kumbh Mela takes place and always at an interval of 12 years. Ardha (the half) Kumbha Mela takes place six years after the Maha Kumbh in each of the location where that was previously organized. How it lands up in every location varies according to what position the Sun, Moon and Jupiter hold in that period in the zodiac signs of Aquarius and Leo. It was proven by the ancient astronomers (the sages), as well as by the astronomers today that each time the Guru Brihaspati (Planet Jupiter) enters into the sign of Aquarius and Leo, the Kumbh Mela falls in the period of middle January until March.

Kumbh Mela is held periodically (every three years) in each of the four different locations (four holy places) of India:

1. Prayag Allahabad –Sangam, the meeting point of the three holy rivers: Ganges, Jamuna and the mythical Saraswati. It is the confluence of three of the holiest of India's rivers.
2. Ujjain – at the bank of the river Shipra
3. Haridwar – where Ganges flows
4. Nasik – at the bank of river Godavari

The legends say that long ago the Dev Guru Jupiter entered into the sign of Aquarius (or Leo) and turned himself impure (*asuddhi*) along with his disciples. In order to purify themselves, they entered to take a deep into the holy river. Symbolically, that period marks the beginning of the Zodiac – sign of Aquarius in Uttarayana, the ascending order in *muladhara chakra*, and in the same time it marks the beginning of Dakshinayana, the descending order – which in the Zodiac sign is Leo in *ajna chakra*.

The Dev disciples and their Guru, being therefore impure at that time, came for purification along with the Devis who, after their purifying bath, carried with them 108 pots full with water (the nectar) from the holy river and sprinkled it all around, to purify the whole universe.

Swami Shankarananda Giri, the Guru of the *kriyavans*, is going to use this opportunity, by following the ancient path of complete purification and calls out his disciples, from all corners of the world, to join him in this great event for their wellbeing and spiritual progress. He is launching in this way a warm invitation to everyone but particularly to the women disciples who are going to fetch the 108 pots of water from the holy river Ganges in a mass procession of vessel holders.

The Kumbh Mela is a celestial sacred event on Earth. According to the sages astronomers, whenever Jupiter enters into the astrological sign of Aquarius and Leo, a powerful supercharge of positive, spiritual energy is manifested at Prayag, Allahabad. It is an astrological time in Heaven highlighted by the planet Jupiter, a planetary and celestial conjugation in space.

The Kumbh Mela is an earthly drama of the celestial and heavenly bodies which draws both the visible and invisible, all sages- known or unknown, the highest souls and spirits to assemble together on the bank of the river for the complete purification of their bodies: the physical, the subtle and the causal.

Pure water, being the fastest element to be energized, the cosmic energy of this astrological period spreads into the holy water of the river Ganges.

Taking a deep into Ganges during the Kumbh Mela, the subtle energy points of the spiritual seeker absorb these energies fully and they do not only purify the bodies but have a powerful effect of positive transformation in the seeker's life.

The name of Kumbh Mela derives from the Sanskrit *kumbha* (pot), which also refers to the zodiac sign of Aquarius and *mela* (assembly). It is believed that in the period of Kumbh Mela the sacred river itself transforms into sanctity spots, holding the primordial nectar. The pilgrims have also the chance to wash their sins, rejuvenate their life and get salvation.

Do not miss this golden opportunity, enroll yourself as soon as possible (especially the 108 ladies).

It is important for all of you to know that this year, at the Kumbh Mela at Allahabad, is going to be the first time when this vessels (pots) procession will take place. It happened in the past, for the inauguration of Hiranyagarbha (the Kriya Yoga Ashram at Rishikesh), but with this occasion the fruits generated by such action will have no equivalent in value.

There will also be a vehicle rally from Puri – Jagannath up to Allahabad – Prayag on 3rd and 4th January 2019. Whoever wants to join the rally, please mention at the time of enrollment.