



Four Days' Conclave on 'Kumbh Reimagined: Confluence of Cultures'

Venue: Crafts Museum, Delhi

December 06th to 9th, 2018

Concept

The Bharat Vidya Prayojana (BVP) of the Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi in collaboration with and at the *Delhi International Arts Festival* (DIAF) proposes to hold a four days' conclave on the theme '**Kumbh Reimagined: Confluence of Cultures**' from December 06th to 8th, 2018 every evening from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm and on December 09th, 2018 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Every session each day will have three scholars and one chair. Each speaker shall be requested to speak for about 20 minutes. There shall be a Question & Answer session of 5-10 minutes, after each session. The Chair shall make the concluding remarks along with their own comments. The sessions will be moderated by expert moderators. The last session on 9th December, 2018 will be divided into two sub-sessions wherein from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm distinguished speakers will make their presentations and from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, we are expecting some eminent spiritual heads to speak on the theme *KUMBH : Religion, Spirituality or Life-Force*.

The objective of this intellectual exercise is to provide a platform for distinguished scholars and eminent experts from across disciplines and walks of life to come and share their experience about various aspects of the Kumbh Mela, which has been inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth.

The invited speakers will be requested to weave their thoughts around the following broad themes related to Kumbh Mela:

- Historicity and Textuality;
- Celestial and Social Contexts of the Kumbh;
- Experientiality, Regional Practices and Art-historical perspectives;
- Metaphysical and Spiritual Perspectives.

Let this intellectual exercise churn out the nectar of noble thoughts.