

Kashi Utsav

Kashi Utsav is a three day festival being organized in Varanasi from 16th to 18th November 2021 in Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India

This festival is being organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts on behalf of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, with the support of Uttar Pradesh State Government and Varanasi Administration.

The Festival is centralized on the six famous personalities of Kashi i.e. Goswami Tulsidas, Sant Kabir, Sant Raidas, Bhartendu Harishchandra, Munshi Premchand and Shri Jaishankar Prasad. These personalities will be celebrated by organizing exhibitions, (of books, on six personalities and their works), IGNCAs film screenings, Music, Drama and Dance performances. Contribution of local personalities, artists and cultural scholars will be encouraged in this festival.

The festival has been conceptualised as per the following themes-

- **Day – 1** : Kashi ke Hastakshar: will focus on eminent literary figures Bhartendu Harishchand and Jaishakar Prasad.
- **Day – 2** : Kabir Raidas ki Bani aur Nirgun Kashi: will focus on prominent poets Sant Raidas and Sant Kabirdas.
- **Day – 3** : Kavita aur Kahani kashi ki Zubani: the final day focal point will be the works of Tulsidas, Munshi Premchand.

This three day festival in the cultural hub Kashi will be a `collective effort in achieving the mandate and to propagate glorious history and culture of India. It will take us you back in time & revisit our rich Indian Heritage. This festival will depict how art and culture are thriving due to outstanding individuals and collective efforts. This Utsav will connect the whole country and the world with Kashi.