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পরিচালনায় ত্রিবেণী কুম্ভ পরিচালনা সমিতি (Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity)











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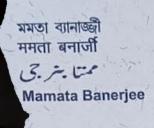


It will make you really happy, and you will be proud to know that in Bansberia, Hooghly district of West Bengal Kumbho Mahotsab was organized, where over 8 lakh devotees participated. But do you know why it is so special? Because this utsav has been revived after 700 years. This tradition is thousands of years old. But unfortunately, this festival which used to take place in Tribeni 700 years ago was stopped. Two years ago the festival was started again by the local people and Tribeni Kumbho Porichalona Somity. I congratulate all the people who are associated with this organization.



# Sri Narendra Modi

Prime Minister of India





भूथामञ्जी, शन्मियवन मुख्यमंत्री, पश्चिम बंगाल राष्ट्रीये वर्ष्ट्रीय

CHIEF MINISTER, WEST BENGAL

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023

#### MESSAGE

I am happy to know that **Tribeni Kumbha Porichalona Samiti** (TKPS), in collaboration with **Bansberia Municipality**, will organize the pious event – '**Tribeni Kumbha**', at Tribeni Sangam, Dist.- Hooghly on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

I wish the auspicious event all success and convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the organizers and participants on the occasion.

(Mamata Banerjee)

Hon'ble Swami Paramat

(Mahamandaleswar Ma Convenor Tribeni Kumbha F 82, Shibpur Ma Dist - Hooghly



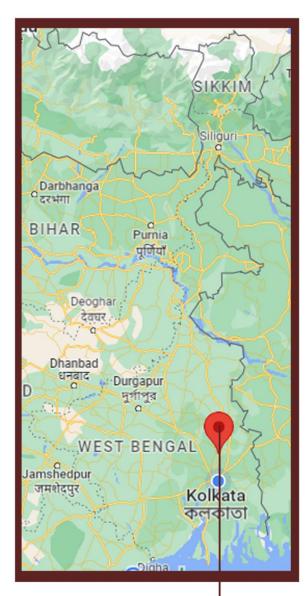
# Smt. Mamata Banerjee

Chief Minister of West Bengal



Sri Kanchan Banerjee, who discovered and envisioned Tribeni Kumbho

# **INCREDIBLE WEST BENGAL**



Tribeni is a town located in the Hooghly district of the Indian state of West Bengal. It is situated at the confluence of three rivers - the Ganges, Jamuna, and Saraswati which gives it its name "Tribeni," meaning "three rivers" in Sanskrit.

Tribeni has historical and cultural significance due to its location and religious importance. It is considered a holy city in Hinduism, and many people visit the town to take a dip in the confluence of the three rivers during auspicious occasions like Makar Sankranti and kumbho mela.

### TRIBENI





# Rich Cultural Heritage of TRIBENI

# Saptarishi Ghat

According to legend seven Rishis did penance and took bath here. The seven rishis are: Atri, Angiras, Pulaha, Pulastya, Kratu, Marichi, Vashistha.

# Hangseshwari Temple

It is 21 meters tall and has 13 towers, each shaped as a lotus flower, is a marvellous feat of architecture based on Kundalini and yoga concepts. Inner precincts of the towers follow the design of the human anatomy. The metallic murti of rising Sun with his thousand bright rays has been inscribed on the top of the central tower.

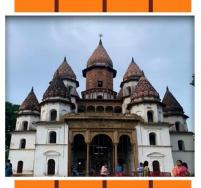
# Ananta Basudeba Temple

Ananta Basudeba temple, small, elegant and crowned by an octagonal turret, is no less interesting. The terracotta works depict stories from the great Indian epics Ramayana and Mahabharata.

### Muktabeni Ghat

One of the main attractions of the holy city Tribeni. It holds a special place in the hearts of devotees, and it is not just a physical entity but also a symbol of spiritual purity and divinity.











Date: February 12, 2023 – February 14, 2023 Location: Sapta Rishi Ghat, Triveni, Hooghly













The Eastern India witnessed the Largest Religious Congegration, The Tribeni Kumbha Mela 2023 from 12th -14th February and was immensely successful with the collective efforts of The Hindus of Bengal guided by Tribeni Kumbha Parichalona Samity. I wish the TKPS all success in their endeavours and bless them for their immense efforts for Hindu Revival in West Bengal.

-Mahamandaleshwar Srimat Swami Paramatmanandaji Maharaj



# **ABOUT KUMBHO**

#### Sankranti Sankraman:

Sankranti is celebrated on sankraman day i.e. when Sun transits from one zodiac to the next. According to Surya Siddhanth, Vedic Hindu calendar consists 12 months. There are 12 sankranti days in a year and each Sankranti day marks the beginning of the new month in Hindu Solar Calendar.

## Kumbho Sankranti, Kumbho Sankraman:

Kumbho Sankranti the second to last one is observed when the sun moves from Makara Rashi (Capricorn) to the Kumbho Rashi (Aquarius). This day is the solar calender's new month and is known as Kumbham month in Malayalam, Maasi in Tamil, Falgun in Bangali.

For Kumbho Sankranti auspicious time starts sixteen Ghatis (1 day = 60 Ghatis) before the Sankranti moment and the time window that exists between that moment to Sankranti moment is auspicious for all Dan-Punya activities. Kumbha Sankranti is specially known for ritual baths in the river Ganga, Saraswati, Godavari, Yamuna and other holy rivers across Bharat.

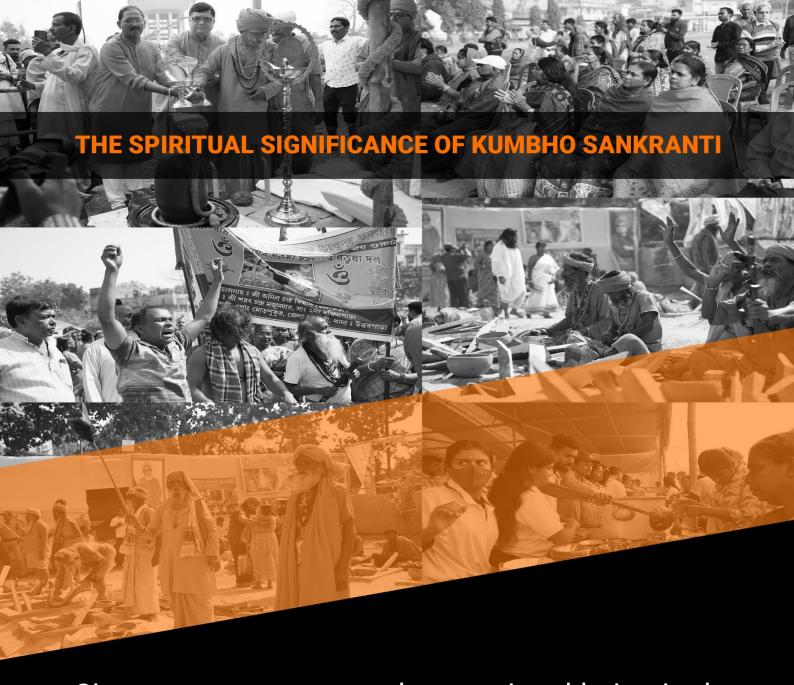


# Importance of taking bath in river Ganga on kumbho sankranti:

# Bath for 'soul-cleansing'

- Absolve people and their ancestors from their sins thus, releasing them from the circle of life, death and rebirth.
- Helps in achieving Nirvana. It is very auspicious to take bath in holy water of the river ganga on this day to achieve Moksha.
- Makes wish come true.
- Removes miseries and sufferings of life.
- Long life, prosperity, happiness and success in all endeavors.





Since water represents the emotional being in the person, the Kumbho month has great spiritual significance. This is the time to cleanse the water in your body. It is customary for people to abstain from salt during this period to cleanse the water in the body. In metaphysical terms, the human body is considered the pitcher which holds the water (life force) which has to get in touch with the cosmos. This is the time to reach out and experience the divine.

# Shakti Peeth Parikrama

There are 51 Shakti or Sati Peethas in the Indian subcontinent. People of Bengal are fortunate to have 21 shakti Peethas – 15 in West Bengal and 6 in Bangladesh.

Along with the Kumbho Mela, we also have started the Shakti Peeth Parikrama where our volunteer devotees visit these shakti mandirs, offer puja, collect water, pushpa and soil from the sacred place and bring to Tribeni which is then offered into Ganga at the Saptarshi Ghat.

This year, not only from the shakti pethas of West Bengal, also from Kamakhya, Assam and Bangladesh devotees came with the sacred elements.

#### Shakti/Sati Peethas in West Bengal

(district-wise)

Jalpaiguri: Devi Bhramara Murshidabad: Kriteswari

Birbhum: Kankalitala, Nalhati, Sainthia, Tarapith, Bakreshwar, Fullara

(Attahas)

Bardhaman: Khirgram, Ketugram, Kogram Ujjani,

Hooghly: Ratnabali- Khanakul, Shrinkhala Sakti Peeth - Pandua

[occupied by a mosque]

Kolkata: Kalighat

Medinipur: Devi Bargabheema – Tamluk









# **TRIBENI KUMBHO 2023**

The land of Rishis, the land of a spiritual confluence of Hindus for centuries, awakened again with the divine sound of Aditya hridayam stotra, which reverberated in the electrifying air of Tribeni. Ma Ganga was flowing with the same grace, purity, and compassion as she had been for thousands of years in the lap of Tribeni tirtha. The deluge of Swamijis wearing saffron and white robes created a magnificent aura within Tribeni. All who were present felt the mesmerizing atmosphere of the Sadhus chanting, singing, and wandering on streets with the excitement of being part of the historic revival of Kumbha Snan after 703 years.

Tribeni is a holy place in the Hoogly district of West Bengal for Hindus, the sanctity of which has been recognized for centuries and mentioned in Pavanaduta, a Sanskrit piece of the last quarter of the 12th century. Tribeni derives its name from the divergence of three rivers, Ganga, Saraswathi, and the now dried up Jamuna. Tribeni is also called "Muktabeni" (free flowing). The Muslim invaders took over Tribeni during the early phase of their conquest of Bengal, also referred to as the Turkish conquest of the thirteen century. 703 years back, Jafar Khan Ghazi converted a Vishnu temple to a Mosque, and from that time, Kumbha-snan and Kumbha Mela ceased. After 1319 Kumbha Snan was held a few times on and off, but eventually, it was permanently terminated. Tribeni Kumbho Porichalona Samity have revived this great festival and tradition after 7 centuries, more than a half-millennium, on February 13th, 2022. And it was recelebrated in 2023.







# **TRIBENI KUMBHO 2023**

The long-awaited day, 12th of February, arrived with the beautiful appearance of Suryadev. The streets of Tribeni were cleaned and washed for the event. The Sadhus were busy arranging the shovajatra. People came from far away to participate in the jatra. Amusingly yet tenderly, Mahadev resided in the auto, and the auto was decorated with beautiful flowers and garlands. Two sides of the streets were flooded with overlooking bhaktas, who were blowing shankh, throwing flowers, and eagerly waiting to take a glance of Shiva. "Har Har Mahadev" dhwani vibrated a thousand-fold and reached every nook and corner of Tribeni. Shova jatri, along with Naga sannyasis, sadhus, and devotees from many ashrams, walked on the streets of Tribeni and finally came back to Saptarshi Ghat to perform Kumbha snan. The significance of this day is observed when Surya dev goes into Kumbha rashi from Makar rashi. More than fifty-five thousand people took the holy bath on this very day, and I felt immense joy and pride in being a part of this auspicious ceremony; that which may have dawned a new spiritual era.

The big day was concluded with bhandara where every sadhu was revered with garlands and prasadam, accompanied by an amazing Ganga aarti which thousands of people cherished.

## By **Haimanti Banerjee,** Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity







- The Tribeni Kumbho Mela in Bengal's Hooghly attracted over 11 lakhs (1.1 million) devotees.
- Multitudes of pilgrims gathered not only from West Bengal but also from areas as far as Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, the United States & Bangladesh, meaning this has become a global pilgrimage in just two years.
- Holy Water, Soil, and Flower Bouquets from 14 Shakthi Peeths in West Bengal, 6 from Bangladesh, and 2 from North-East India were collected at the aforementioned pilgrimage sites and were then collectively ritually offered to the Holy Ganges at Saptarshi Ghat of Tribeni, one of the Holiest riverfronts of India.





# **PURPOSE OF KUMBHO MELA**

After the grand success of the Tribeni Kumbho Mahotsav held on February 12-14, 2023, organized by the Tribeni Kumbho Porichalona Somity and the gracious mention of it by none other than Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, many people are asking what the purpose of reviving the Kumbh in Tribeni after nearly 700 years was? Almost all interviewers ask me this question.

Here it is for those who want to know the real goals and purposes behind organizing this great event. Of course, the first goal was to know our past in order to create new history. We have now created history!

Let's first try to understand the deep and wide meaning of the term Dharma. (I've written in much more detail in my upcoming 2nd book). Religion (a relatively new Western-Colonial term) and Dharma (a term used in Bharat for many millennia) are not the same but very different. So, those who use these terms interchangeably are not only doing an injustice but also insult to the teachings of the Rishis.

While the Kathopinishad warns that Dharma is very subtle and difficult to understand: 'na hi suvijneyam aNuH eSha dharmaH' - being subtle, this substance is not easily comprehended. But from various texts and bhasyas we can come closer to the original and real meaning of Dharma.

Dharma is a Sanskrit term that literally means 'that which holds together' or 'sustains the natural order of things.' It refers to the universal principles, laws, duties, and righteousness, bringing peace, harmony, and progress. Based on Dharma's understanding, one can define his or her 'religion ' or 'swadharma' or personal path as one of the innumerable possible ones toward individual material and spiritual aspirations.

In the Mahabharat, [Karnaparva, 69:59] we find:

"Dharanat dharmam ityahu dharmo dharayate praajah Yah svadharansamyuktah sa Dharma iti nischayah." - The word Dharma is derived from dharana or sustenance; Dharma sustains society; that which has the capacity to sustain, is indeed Dharma.





Sri Aditya Niyogi, Chairman, Bansberia Municipality

" আমরা সংষ্কৃতি রক্ষা এবং প্রসারে বিশ্বাসী এবং তা অবশ্যই কোনো ধর্ম বা সম্প্রদায়কে আঘাত করে নয়। সম্প্রীতি বাতাবরণে সমস্ত রকম স্কুদ্র চিন্তার উর্দ্ধে উঠে সকলকে নিয়ে আমরা আমাদের সংস্কৃতিকে রক্ষার পাশাপাশি সামনের দিকে এগিয়ে চলতে চাই – এটাই আমাদের লক্ষ্য।

পরিশেষে জানাই আমাদের সকলের অনুপ্রেরণার উৎস সকলের প্রিয় মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মমতা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় এই কুম্ভ সন্মিলনকে শুভেচ্ছা জানিয়েছেন এবং সাফল্য কামনা করেছে। সমগ্র পৌরসভার নাগরিকবৃন্দ তার কাছে কৃতজ্ঞ।"







Sri Kanchan Banerjee,
Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity

"We want Dharma to rise in every part of society. Dharma means both adhyatmikata and also abhyudaya. The word Abhyudaya has two parts – Abhi (collective) and Uday (rise). We want a collective rise of the society – materially, and intellectually, and also gain 'shreyas' that is the highest and best achievement – that is adhyatmik growth within. This kumbho is to experience and express dharmik way of life."



Smt. Haimanti Banerjee, Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity

" I was so fortunate to be a part of this sizable journey and experience the uninterrupted spiritual flora and fauna for two days. This would not be possible without our team's effort. Our small team of eight people worked day and night with the resolute conviction to bring back the ancient glory of Tribeni and to remind people of Bengal that Tribeni was not only a center of spirituality but also the center of business and trade."



Sri. Sreekanta Mukhopadhyay
Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity



Sri. Sadhan Mukherjee, Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity

" वाश्नात ভূমি থেকে সারা বিশ্বে ছড়িয়ে পড়েছে ভিক্তবাদ, বেদান্ত, দৈত্ববাদ, অদৈত্যবাদ, বিশিষ্ট অদৈত্যবাদ। প্রমুখ বিশ্বের ভাবধারা পূর্বে ইন্দোনেশীয়া থেকে পশ্চিমে তুর্কমেনিস্তান। আবার ২০২২ এ আমরা ৭০০ বছর পর আমাদের ত্রিবেণী ধর্মনগরী তে সক্ষম ভাবে পবিত্র ধর্মজাগরণ শুরু করেছি। এবং পবিত্র ত্রিবেণী নগরী কে আর সেই পুরানো গৌরবে ফেরত আনতে চাই....সারা বিশ্ব অপেক্ষা করছে এগিয়ে আসুল আমাদের অধিকার এবং আমাদের কর্তব্য সফল ক্রিতে।"

" সবচেয়ে উল্লেখ ক্রার বিষয় এ মেলার ব্যাপারে ভারতের প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী ওনার 98 তম কি বাত অনুষ্ঠানে উল্লেখ পশ্চিমবঙ্গের মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মাননীয়া মমতা ব্যানার্জি শুভেচ্ছা বাৰ্তা পাঠানোয় মেলাব গুরুত্ব বৃদ্ধি পায় ।বিভিন্ন সংবাদ মাধ্যমের লেখনি ও পরিবেশনায় আজ কুম্ভ মেলা বঙ্গ ছাড়িয়ে সর্বভারতীয় রূপ নেয়। এজন্য বিশেষ করে কাঞ্চন ব্যানার্জি হৈমন্ট্রী व्यानार्जि उ चौकान्छ सूथार्जिन नास ना कनलह নয়।উক্ত মেলার মুখ্য সংগঠক হিসাবে নিজেকে গর্বিত মলে করি আব গর্বিত হই আমাদের সহযোদ্ধা বন্ধু ,সহযোগী সংগঠন, এলাকার সমস্ত আশ্রম ত্রিবেণীর সমস্ত क्राव অধিবাসীবৃন্দের জন্য , এদের ছাড়া এ মেলা করা সম্ভবই হতোলা।"

Namaskar,

We expresss heartfelt gratitude to all the sadhus, ashrams, organizations, artists, donars and volunteers who extended their support in making our event a resounding success. Your hard work, dedication, and tireless efforts have played a crucial role in making the event a grand success.

We truly appreciate your selfless service and your commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of people around you and to take a positive step towards dharma. Remember that taking positive steps towards dharma is a lifelong journey that requires continuous effort and practice. May you find peace and fulfillment in your pursuit of dharma. Your unwavering support and cooperation have made a significant impact and helped us achieve our vision of organising eastern India's largest spiritual gathering, **Tribeni Kumbho Mela 2023**.

Once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your invaluable contribution and look forward to continuing our association with you in the future.

With warm regards, **Tribeni Kumbho Parichalona Samity** 



#### Tribeni Kumbho Parichalana Samiti



#### TRIBENI

## Bansberia kumbh mela showcased in 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat

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Kolkata: In the 100th episode of his Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi showcased the 700-year-old "kumbh mela" at Bansberia, which was revived two years ago, Over the 100 episodes, at least 18 people and organisations or societies have been featured on the talk show.

When Modi took a retrospective look at the past episodes on Sunday morning, personalities and organisations aeross India were featured, and the Kumbh Mela at Bansberia, Hooghly, found a prominent place. In the last episode of Mann Ki Baat, Modi congratulated the organisers of the fair.

The fair, locals said, was organized around 700 years ago, some locals and US-based Kanchan Banerjee revived it and organized a holy dip for the devotees.

Unlike the 'Kumbh snan'

Unlike the 'Kumbh snan'

#### ON BENGAL HONOUR LIST









(Clockwise from top left) Padma awardees Pritikana Goswami, Mangala Kanti Roy, Qazi Masoom Akhtar & Hariram Toto were feted at the programme

held on Makar Sankranti, the 'Tribeni Kumbh snan' was held on Maghi Sankran-ti. Modi had also mentioned that the Tribeni area finds mention in 'Mangal Kavya', Vaishnaw literature and Shaka literature.

On Sunday morning, nearly 18 people and organisations who were featured on Mann Ki Baat, four Padma awardees — Pritikana Goswami, Mangala Kanti Roy, Hariram Toto, Qazi Masoom Akhtar — and son of Padma

awardee Suhasini Mistri were present at Raj Bhavan to participate in the 100th episode of the programme. Gaurav Tekriwal, who also found mention in an earlier episode, was recognized by the PMfor his work on Vedic mathematics. Tekriwal, aresident of Ballygunge, came across Vedic mathematics nearly 22 years ago while preparing for the MBA entrance exam. Over the past two decades, he has taught the skill to lakhs of students. Apart from his students across India, Tekriwal teaches Vedic mathematics to students in the US, South Africa, the UAE, the UK, Australia and Oman.

"We went to a congregation for the Mann Ki Baat in New Delhi a few days ago and it was a unique experience to meet so many people who have contributed to the country in their unique ways," he said.

On Sunday, the five Padma awardees were felicitated by governor C V Ananda Bose.

#### **KUMBHO MELA COVER AT**

#### THE TIMES OF INDIA

## বাংলায় ফের কুম্ভমেলা

সংস্থান সম্বতী নগায় সংস্থাম অবস্থিত মুক্তবেণী ত্রিবেণীর এর তীরেই ঋষিগণেরা সাধনা করে মোক্ষলাত করেছিলেন। এই

বছর স্বল্প পরিসরে হলেও এবছর তারা কুস্ক মেলাকে আবার আগের গরিমায় ফিরিয়ে নিয়ে আসহে। কুস্ক মান



# বাংলার নয়া হিন্দুতীর্থে সিলমোহর প্রধানমন্ত্রীর

ব হ বছর আগে পশ্চিমবদের ত্রিবেণীতে মুক্তবেণীর সঙ্গমে কুস্তমেলা হত বলে গবেষকরা দাবি করেন। এবার সেই দাবিতেই সিলমোহর দিলেন প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র (भामि।

রবিবার 'মন কি বাত' অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধানমন্ত্রী বলেন, 'বহু শতাব্দী ধরে একটি পবিত্র স্থান হিসাবে চিহ্নিত হয়ে আছে পশ্চিমবঙ্গের ত্রিবেণী। বৈষ্ণ্যব সাহিত্য, বিভিন্ন মঙ্গলকাব্যের পাশাপাশি একাধিক বাংলা সাহিত্যেও এর উল্লেখ পাওয়া



পশ্চিমবঙ্গে ত্রিবেণী বহু শতাব্দী ধরে একটি পবিত্র স্থান হিসাবে পরিচিত। বিভিন্ন মঙ্গলকাব্য, বৈষ্ণবসাহিত্য, শাক্তপদ্য এবং অন্যান্য বাংলা

#### राज्यपाल सी वी आनन्द बोस ने त्रिवेणी कुम्भ के आयोजन पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की



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