

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0

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Why in news?

Union Minister for Education launched the registration portal for the 5th edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 5.0), scheduled to be held from 28 November to 12 December 2026.

- **Objective** - To celebrate, reaffirm and strengthen the age-old civilizational bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, the two ancient seats of learning, strengthening the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- **Locations** - Events span Varanasi, Prayagraj, and Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, with delegates travelling from Tamil Nadu.
- **Theme for 5.0** - “Thirukkural Payilvom - Thirukkural Abhyas Karen”
- The first Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held in 2022, and over the last four editions, it facilitated meaningful exchanges of knowledge, language, traditions and lived experiences between the two regions.
- **Organised by** - Department of Higher Education, Union Ministry of Education, in collaboration with
 - IIT Madras;
 - Banaras Hindu University (BHU);
 - Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai;
 - Uttar Pradesh Government and
 - Central Govt Departments/Ministries of Culture, Railways, School Education, Tourism, Textiles, Food Processing Industries, Information & Broadcasting, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, etc.
- **Participation** - Around 1,400 participants from Tamil Nadu, organised into seven groups of around 200 persons each, will undertake an eight-day journey comprising four days of travel and four days of visits and structured programmes.
- **Major Initiatives** - A nationwide Students' Engagement Programme covering about 1,000 higher educational institutions will promote the study of the Thirukkural among students from diverse linguistic and academic backgrounds.
- The programme will leverage technology, educational outreach and expert interactions to spread awareness of Thirukkural's teachings.



Reference

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