

Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 4.0

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Why in news?

The Ministry of Education will organise Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 4.0 from 2nd December, 2025, to celebrate the deep civilizational links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.

- **Previous editions** - The 1st edition of KTS was held in 2022, 2nd in 2023, and 3rd in Feb, 2025.
- **Theme for 4.0** - “Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam”.
- **Aim** - To promote Tamil learning across India and foster wider appreciation for India’s classical linguistic and literary heritage.
- **Inspired by** - The vision to uphold the civilizational, cultural, linguistic, and people-to-people bonds between the two regions, reflecting the ***spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat***.
- **Coordinated by** - IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi.
- **7 Categories** -
 - Students
 - Teachers
 - Writers & Media Professionals
 - Agriculture & Allied Sectors
 - Professionals & Artisans
 - Women
 - Spiritual Scholars and Practitioners

Major Initiatives under KTS 4.0

- **Sage Agasthya Vehicle Expedition from Tenkasi to Kashi**
 - It recalls the efforts of Pandiyan ruler Shri Adi Veera Parakrama Pandiyan, who spread the message of cultural unity by traveling from Tamil Nadu to Kashi.

- He built a Shiva temple and renamed the town Tenkasi (Dakshin Kashi) to symbolize oneness.
- Highlights the civilizational linkages from the Chera, Chola, Pandya, Pallava, Chalukya and Vijayanagara periods, promoting awareness of Tamil literature, Siddha medicine and shared heritage.
- **Teaching Tamil in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh Schools**
 - 50 Hindi-knowing Tamil teachers will teach Tamil to school students in Kashi under the ***campaign “Tamil Karkalam”***.
- **Tamil Learning Study Tours for Students of Uttar Pradesh**
 - A total of 300 college students from Kashi will travel to Tamil Nadu for a 15-day Tamil learning programme.
 - Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai will provide orientation and learning materials.
 - Host institutions will organize academic and cultural tours highlighting Tamil Nadu’s heritage, traditions and historic ties with Kashi.

References

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