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CM Yogi Adityanath plans AI-based strategies for Kumbh 2025 management

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The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to leverage artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for crowd management during the upcoming Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the police department to adopt AI-based tools to ensure safety, cleanliness, and convenience during the event.

According to a report in The Times of India, the CM highlighted the event's unprecedented scale, emphasising the need for exceptional security, cleanliness and convenience.

“The Kumbh is an interface between India's rich religious and cultural heritage and the world. Therefore, there is a need to ensure safety, convenience and cleanliness at the event,” he stated

during a meeting with senior officials.

How UP will utilise AI tools to monitor crowd

AI-based equipment will monitor crowd density to prevent clustering and potential disruptions. The CM has advised the officials to create a detailed action and contingency plan to ensure the safety of millions of pilgrims and tourists who are expected to participate in the event.

As per the report, the CM has asked agencies to help organise the event and promote it at a global scale, aiming to boost the image of Uttar Pradesh and India.

Infrastructure and training

Adityanath directed the police to train personnel to be warm, soft-spoken, yet firm with pilgrims and visitors. He also reviewed tourism department projects, instructing the early completion of the corridor connecting Akshay Vat, Saraswati Koop, and Patalpuri Temple, with potential assistance from the Indian Army unit in Prayagraj.

Maha Kumbh 2025: Dates and other details

For those unaware, the Maha Kumbh Mela is set to happen over the course of 45 days starting from January 15, 2025 to February 26, 2025. The 2025 Kumbh Mela will be spread across 4000 hectares, compared to 3200 hectares in 2019. To facilitate the Mela, UP will also develop the right infrastructure to make it a seamless process by offering parking facilities, bridges, bathing ghats, street lights and even plenty of toilets.