## Tourism officials for linking Prayagraj to 'spiritual triangle'

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Prayagraj: In an attempt to boost tourism sector across the state, the officials of tourism department are now focussing on linking Prayagraj with the tour packages meant for Ayodhya and Kashi on the lines of a 'spiritual triangle'. Kumbh mela officer Vijav Kiran Anand has said that Prayagraj, known as Teerthraj, should be linked with the tour packages for Ayodhya and Kashi. Claiming that Prayagraj which hosts many important cultural, historical, religiousspiritual sites, should be developed by the tourism department.

The Mela officer claimed that efforts are being made to ensure that a large number of tourists come here all year round. He was speaking at the 'Mahakumbh Conclave' orga-



The Sangam city will be linked with the tour packages meant for Ayodhya and Kashi

nised by the UP tourism department in the city on Saturday.

Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant, on the occasion, said that Maha Kumbh is a big cultural event. The tourism department is developing various religious-spiritual places in the city. There are many such beautiful places in the district which are lesser known. By promoting them, a larger number of tourists can be attracted, he claimed. "The

focus is on tourists coming here should stay for two-three days and visit as many places as possible," Pant said.

Special secretary, Tourism, Eesha Priya, said that there are unlimited possibilities of religious, spiritual as well as heritage, art-craft, rural-agri, medical tourism, adventure tourism in Uttar Pradesh. which are being worked upon to bring to reality. Priya said that Uttar Pradesh is a centre of pilgrimage for the followers of not just one but many religions. She said that the Maha Kumbh is going to be organized in a few months. In such a situation, devotees coming from far-flung areas can also be taken on a tour of Ayodhya and Kashi as part of 'Spiritual Triangle'. Likewise, tourists who come to Kashi-Ayodhya can be taken on a tour of Prayagraj, she added.