

Maha Kumbh to sink all records: 60cr likely to take dip by Shivratri

1.26Cr Took A Holy Dip On Tuesday

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Prayagraj: While 55 crore devotees have already taken a holy dip in the Triveni Sangam during Maha Kumbh 2025, it is likely to cross the 60-crore mark by Feb 26 when the last official snan of Maha Shivratri is scheduled.

The 60-crore mark means half of the country's 110 crore Sanatan followers have immersed themselves in the holy Sangam waters, said an official. India, a land of religio-



CREATING HISTORY: An aerial view of devotees gathering to take holy dip at Sangam on Tuesday

us diversity, is home to people from various faiths, with the largest group being followers of Sanatan Dharma. According to the World Population Review and Pew Research, India's population is approximately 143 crore (1.43 billion),

with 110 crore (1.10 billion) followers of Sanatan Dharma.

In this context, the number of bathers at the Triveni Sangam represents 50% of India's Sanatan followers. Compared to India's total population, over 38% of the count-

ry's people participated in the holy dip. On a global scale, according to Pew Research 2024, an estimated 120 crore (1.2 billion) people worldwide follow Sanatan Dharma, meaning that over 45% of Sanatanis worldwide immersed themselves in the Sangam.

Interestingly, this historic Maha Kumbh turnout has surpassed even the govt's expected target of 45 crore devotees. Ahead of Maha Kumbh, CM Yogi predicted that this grand and divine event would break records in the number of bathers, forecasting an initial count of 45 crore devotees.

His prediction proved accurate as early as Feb 11.

By Feb 14, the number exceeded 50 crore and reached an astounding 55 crore. With

nine days remaining in the Maha Kumbh and one significant bathing festival yet to occur, the number of bathers is anticipated to surpass 60 crore.

Breaking down the numbers, the highest turnout occurred on Mauni Amavasya, with nearly eight crore devotees participating in the holy dip. On Makar Sankranti, around 3.5 crore devotees bathed during the Amrit Snan. Additionally, over two crore devotees bathed on Feb 1 and Jan 30, while 1.7 crore participated in Paus Purnima. On Basant Panchami, 2.57 crore devotees took the sacred dip in the Triveni Sangam, and more than two crore devotees followed suit on the Magh Purnima bathing festival.