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Kashi Tamil Sangamam celebrates the longstanding cultural, linguistic and civilisational ties between Tamil Nadu and Kashi (Varanasi), reflecting the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

CHENNAI – 26 Nov, 2026 The fifth edition, scheduled from 28 November to 12 December 2026, will focus on the theme “Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen”, promoting the timeless teachings of the Thirukkural among young learners. Around 1,400 delegates from Tamil Nadu will visit Varanasi, Prayagraj and Ayodhya. A nationwide Students’ Engagement Programme will involve 1,000 Higher Education Institutions, while teachers from Tamil Nadu will introduce the Thirukkural in schools and colleges in Uttar Pradesh. Through academic exchanges, cultural programmes and multilingual outreach, the initiative seeks to deepen mutual understanding, strengthen people-to-people connections and promote India’s shared heritage.

About Kashi Tamil Sangamam

Kashi Tamil Sangamam celebrates the age-old civilisational bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, the two ancient seats of learning. Many people from the two states have visited Kashi and Rameswaram as part of their religious traditions, reflecting the cultural bonds between the northern and southern parts of India.

Many people from Tamil Nadu have lived around Hanuman Ghat and Kedar Ghat for generations. Swami Kumaragurupara of Dharmapuram Adheenam came to Kashi from Tamil Nadu and built the Kedareshwar Temple at Kedar Ghat. The 200-year-old Kumaraswamy Mutt and Markandeya Ashram are situated at the same ghat. Tenkasi in Tamil Nadu is called the Kashi of the South. Banaras Hindu University has a chair dedicated to Mahakavi Subramania Bharati.



The broader objective of the Sangamam, set out when it was announced in 2022, is to bring the two knowledge and cultural traditions closer, create an understanding of shared heritage and deepen the people-to-people bond between the regions.

The first Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held in 2022, during Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Over its four editions, it has facilitated exchanges of knowledge, language, traditions and lived experiences between the two regions. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has called it a "vibrant programme which deepens the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'".