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Genesis of Kumbh Celebrations



कलशस्य मुखे विष्णु कण्ठे रुद्र समाश्रितः ।
मूलेत्वस्य स्थितो ब्रह्मा मध्ये मातृगणाः स्मृताः
कुक्षौ तु सागराः सर्वे सप्त द्वीपा वसुन्धरा
ऋग्वेदो यजुर्वेदो सामवेदोह्यथर्वणः ।।
अंगैश्च सरिताः सर्वे कलशं तु समाश्रिताः ।

*Kalashasya mukhe vishnu kanthe rudra samaashritah
Muletvasya sthito brahmaa madhye maatriganaah smritaah
Kukshau tu saagaraah sarve sapta dvipaa vasundharaa
Hrigvedo yajurvedo saamavedohrytharvanah
Angaishca saritaah sarve kalasham tu samaashritaah*

The above Sanskrit shlokas tell us that the trinity of gods – Brahma the Creator, Vishnu the Sustainer and Shiva the Destroyer– in addition to all the Goddesses, Mother Earth with Her seven islands, and all knowledge in the form of the Rigveda, Yajur-Veda, Sama-Veda and Atharva-Veda exist in Kumbh. Thus, Kumbh is the symbol of all that is, and all that exists. The Kumbh Mela is a celebration, a festival of the glory of Kumbh. It is a celebration of all knowledge and all life. So, it is due to the faith of the people and the thoughtfulness of our seers that this holy occasion is named “Kumbh Mela”.

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