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**Kumbha Mela**
Where Religion meets History and Tradition

by

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Kumbh Mela is surely one of the most incredible sights in the world. Apart from the spectacle of Naga Sadhus, the sheer magnitude of this event and the number of devotees and pilgrims who attend this Mela is unimaginable. And they have been meeting like this for thousands of years. It is a tradition and a culture that one cannot ignore. It is a certain conglomeration of social significance with spiritual strength. The photographer has tried to capture this composite image - the sadhus, the people, the devotion, the crowd - and has tried to frame the magnitude of this event, which he wants to share in this slide-talk.