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Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has organised Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 4. 0 recently;
- (b) if so, details thereof along with aims and objectives of organising KTS;
- (c) manner in which it aims to strengthen cultural, educational and civilizational linkages between different regions in country including, Kashi, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to achieve the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat;
- (d) details of participants, including students, teachers, scholars, artisans and other delegations from Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh along with major initiatives taken under it;
- and
- (e) the measures taken by Ministry to ensure wider public outreach, student involvement and national awareness?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b): Yes. The fourth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS 4.0) has been organized by the Government of India from 2nd to 15th December, 2025 at Namo Ghat in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh in line with the recommendations of National Education Policy, 2020 for promoting the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The objective of the program is to rediscover and strengthen the centuries old connect between the two ancient knowledge centers i.e. Kashi and Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): Every KTS is organized on a specific theme. The theme of KTS 4.0 is “Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam”. Under this theme, 50 Hindi knowing Tamil Teachers from Tamil Nadu sent to Kashi to teach Tamil to school students. Tamil learning has also been facilitated through the Vidya Shakti initiative, a structured online learning platform aimed at introducing elementary Tamil language skills to non-Tamil speakers, particularly students and interested members of the public. Around 3000 students are benefitted with this. Further, 300 college students are being sent to the Tamil Nadu for learning Tamil. Also study material to teach basic Tamil has been prepared by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai and Central Institute of Indian

Languages (CIIL), Mysuru and both are teaching Tamil to students/visitors at their stalls in the exhibition ground at Namo Ghat. In addition to these, Sage Agasthya Vehicle Expedition (SAVE) was organized from Tenkasi to Kashi in which teams from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM), Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai, National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai, City Union Bank (CUB), Eye foundation, Coimbatore etc participated. These teams highlighted activities such as digital literacy for students, financial literacy demonstrations (UPI, safe banking), general health counselling, setting up of eye camps and importance of Tamil literature etc. The activities of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam strengthen the bonds of the people in the areas of cultural, educational, spiritual, economy in Kashi and Tamil Nadu. Around 1400 people of Tamil Nadu from seven categories i.e. students, teachers, women, artisans, professionals, farmers, spiritualists etc. participated in the Academic sessions. Specific themes were decided for discussions and the people from Tamil Nadu exchanged their views/experiences in respective fields with their counterparts in Kashi. In the evening, exclusive cultural sessions were held in which artists from Tamil Nadu and Kashi perform a variety of programmes leading to cultural exchanges through art form keeping alive the folk traditions of the respective regions. Apart from these, the delegates from Tamil Nadu were taken to temples in Kashi, Prayagraj and Ayodhya for the darshan and to have a holy dip at Sangam.

(e): The seven-category structure has strengthened the depth, reach and impact of KTS 4.0, ensuring inclusive participation and sustained engagement across different stakeholder groups, in alignment with the objectives of National Integration and Cultural Unity. The Govt. of India has taken several measures to ensure wider public outreach, enhanced student participation and increased national awareness for the KTS programme such as, active involvement of Higher Educational Institutions IIT Madras, Banaras Hindu University and other Central and State universities, Student and Youth Participation, Public Outreach and Awareness Campaigns through print, electronic and social media platforms, including Ministry portals and social media handles etc.
