

**Chief Minister greets people, devotees and seers on Basant Panchami and the royal bathing at the Kumbh-2019 at Prayagraj**

**Basant Panchami a day of Goddess Saraswati who imparts education, knowledge, art, music : Chief Minister**

**Basantotsava also a day of joy of nature**

**Chief Minister issues directives to Mela Administration in Prayagraj to ensure smooth, timely passage of the royal bathing on Basant Panchami**

**All arrangements for staying of devotees, their security and facilities completed**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has greeted the people, the seers, saints, devotees coming to Kumbh-2019 at Prayagraj for a holy dip on occasion of 'Basant Panchami'. In a message the Chief Minister said that Basant Panchami was the day of Goddess Saraswati who imparts education, knowledge, art and music. It is, therefore, that on this day Goddess Saraswati is propitiated with all rituals.

Saraswati Puja, he added, was also to express gratitude towards God for the religiosity, spirituality, heritage, culture, knowledge, science, art and literature and thinking in various other fields which has brought humanity to a level. The Chief Minister also said that in our tradition festivals ring in happiness and strengthen our nationalism.

Basant Panchami, the CM added, was a symbol of our cultural heritage and prosperity. For this and many other reasons, he pointed out, the festival was celebrated as Basant Panchami and Saraswati Puja across the county. The Chief Minister also extended his good wishes to all

religious and spiritual; leaders, saints, Acharya's, Mahamandaleshwar's, Mahants for the royal bathing at the Kumbh on this auspicious occasion.

Underlining the importance of the saint community, the Chief Minister said that they had a role in showing direction to the society and that they were committed to the welfare of the society, which benefits by their guidance.

The Chief Minister also issued directions to the Mela administration to ensure smooth, hassle free, safe bathing for all devotees and pilgrims coming to Kumbh on this auspicious occasion.

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