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## Revisiting Indian Cultural Roots - a must

- Culture & Religion - not one & the same.
- Hon'ble Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President, Republic of India.

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“Indians, particularly the Youth, must revisit the Indian Cultural roots and historical values” commented Hon'ble Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India, while releasing the Documentary Film titled “KUMBH” produced jointly by India Inspires Foundation & Indus University scholars, at his official residence in Delhi.

Speaking on this occasion, the Vice President of India, said KUMBHMELA proved that India is the capital of philosophy. But unfortunately, since past few years, the event did not get the publicity it deserves. KUMBHMELA is a part of Indian culture wherein a large no. of devotees congregate and take a holy dip to cleanse their body and sins for getting a berth in the eternal world. He has also opined that all the available information as to how KUMBHMELA came into existence, its historical importance, and necessity of its continuation in the Indian perspective, should be spread across the boundaries. He emphasized that Culture & Religion are separate and they cannot misrepresented as one and the same as we do not bring in religion while talking on culture. Culture puts on life's path and Religion leads us to path of worship.