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Pilgrimage Cities & Cultural Landscapes of Asia and prospects for Sustainable Tourism

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Preamble and the Focal Sub-Themes

Most of the ancient cultures, especially the Asians in the ancient past ordered the natural world on cosmological principles and shaped harmonious relation with nature. Mountains and springs, plains and rivers, were sites and channels of sacred power from historical events and timeless sacred forces. And, geographical features were inscribed by human hands to mark their sacredness in the frame of built structures. Such natural and constructed places commonly became centres of religious heritage, pilgrimage and spiritual tourism, serving as pivot of harmonizing the world through their inherent message, underpinning meanings, and realizing the interconnectedness among the people and culture. That is how they require special care for understanding, preservation and planning. This Symposium will examine the role of religious heritage sites of pilgrimage cities and associated cultural landscapes in promoting sustainable tourism, with emphasis on awakening the deeper cultural sense in harmonizing the world, drawing upon the perspectives of multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural interfaces, beyond the world of Asia.

- (A) Sacred Landscape, Religious Heritage and Sustainable Tourism:** Evolution of sacred landscapes: textual base and contextual reality, historicity and cultural continuity; growth and representation of sacred landscapes: pilgrimage archetype and mandala; spirit of place, spirituality, and sustainability; sacredscapes and cosmological principles: spatiality of time and temporality of space in the context of sacrality; sacredscape and symbolism; relevance and rationality of religious-heritage sites today in enhancing sustainable and spiritual tourism for harmonizing the world and enhancing global understanding.
- (B) Ritual Landscape, Cultural Landscape and Cosmogram:** Ritual landscape and sacredscapes: ritualisation process, cosmogram and complexity; cosmic geometry and cultural astronomy: geometry of time, travel genre and circulation network, hierarchy and patterns, sacred functionaries & sacred systems of network; sacred city and cosmic order, representation and identity between cultural (religious) landscape and heritage landscape.
- (C) Heritage Cities, Religious notions and making of Harmonious World:** ‘Interfaces’ and cultural interaction: sharing the experiences of different groups from different parts of the world, role of NGOs in mass awakening, deep ecology, defining and identifying cultural heritage, religion and cultural tourism management; planning for sacred places: heritage preservation and conservation, dynamics of change and ethical issues, social-cultural implications and public participation; issues of location, distribution and scale in spatial dimension of heritage cities; envisioning the role of religious heritage sites and cultural landscapes in sustainable tourism.
- (D) Holy-Heritage Cities: Cultural Landscapes, Sustainable Tourism & Heritage Planning:** Evolutionary processes stages and expansion; metaphysical base of city plans; City as organism; Pilgrimage circuits, Spiritual tourism and development strategies; Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Policy, Smart Cities Initiatives; Cross-cultural and regional comparison; Cultural Landscapes and Natural Disasters – conceptual frames, case studies; Critique of guidelines to inscribe in the UNESCO WHL befitting to ancient historic-heritage cities; Case studies of historically heritage-sacred cities, e.g. Mathura, Varanasi, and Gorakhpur.
- (E) Making and Projecting Ayodhya, India’s Cultural Capital and Heritage City:** Cultural routing and mapping of Ayodhya and the Ramayana (Rama’s stories) in India (various states and regions) and other countries (replication and spatial transposition), e.g. Nepal, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Laos, Vietnam, Bali-Indonesia, Cambodia, Rep. Korea, Fiji, Mauritius, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago, the Netherlands, & other countries; Sacredscapes and heritagescapes of Ayodhya; Ayodhya’s tangible and intangible heritages; Pilgrimage routes and interlinking sacred sites; Prospects of Ayodhya to get enlisted in the UNESCO World Heritage List: evaluating Ayodhya on the scale and criteria of the UNESCO- WHS; evaluating heritage-inclusive Master Plan and CDP (Comprehensive Development Plan); potentials of cultural tourism.

Structure

2-days main Symposium and Keynote addresses (23~24 October 2018), including INAUGURATION and VALEDICTORY sessions, followed with 1- day FIELD TRIP (25 October 2018) to experience the sacredscapes and ghats together with rituals and part of pilgrimage and heritage walk in and around Ayodhya-Faizabad. Exhibition on Ayodhya, & on 26 Oct. **Workshop** morning – Prof. Amita Sinha (UIL- Urbana- Champaign, IL, USA) & her team; afternoon FREE – personal exploration & returning.

Three will be THREE parallel sessions (with LCD Project facilities, THREE Rooms); each paper be given max. 20-25 minutes (including discussion); please strictly follow the time.

Symposium special tour will be organised to (i) nearby Heritage holy sites, in and around **Ayodhya** <1-day, 25 Oct.: **Full day**- 8:00AM – 6:00PM>. On 26 Oct. or followed up days, one is free to go on their on to (i) **Lucknow**, the nearby city of Nawabs and the Capital of state of Uttar Pradesh, 130-km <1-2-days>, OR (ii) **Varanasi**, 221-km, the holiest city for Hindus and Cultural Capital of India <2-days>. Contact Tour agencies through Websites.

For online payment, all the detailed information, see: Website:- <http://www.rmlauonline.in/symposium/>
Special Note:

Only for Registered Participants accommodation (all in Hotels) be provided; those who has not finally informed itinerary (filled in Registration Form, attached) and NOT paid Registration Fee (see below) by 07 Oct. 2018, there is no possibility to provide accommodation – due to peak Pilgrimage-tourists season.

Ayodhya, the holy-heritage city

Ayodhya (spot height, msl: 91m) is situated on the right bank of the river Sarayu (Ghaghara) at a distance of 6-km east from Faizabad city in the Ganga Valley. Ayodhya (population: 55,890 in 2011 census), an independent municipality, is the part of Faizabad Metropolitan city and both are known together as Ayodhya-Faizabad twin city (Urban Agglomeration/ Metropolitan City, population: 256,624 in 2011 census). The state's capital Lucknow lies at distance of 130-km west and another holy city Varanasi at 221-km in south-east, Gorakhpur at 145-km in east and Allahabad lies at distance of 167-km in the south.

Ayodhya-Faizabad represents an aesthetic and unique type of cultural landscape and heritagescape that include historical monuments, artefacts, *ghats*, water pools, traditional performances, mythology and faiths, custom, folklore, festivities, pilgrimages, and other tangible and intangible cultural heritages. Taking this spirit in mind let us hope Ayodhya will be developed as a sacred place where divinity meets humanity and thus emerges the landscapes of global understanding and harmony where Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, Muslims, Sufis, and several other small congregations together develop a sacredscape of mosaicism and religio-cultural pluralities.

§ Places for stay, and connectivity.

There are around two hundred *dharmashala* (guest houses for pilgrims). There are about ten Hotels of varying ranges, mostly two to three stars (well known are: Krishna Palace, Abha, AP House, Sri Ram, Ramprastha, Kohinoor, Taraji Resort, Shane Avadh, Vindhyaasini Palace). The main **railway junction Faizabad** is at a distance of 4-km from the university, and is well connected to the main lines linking New Delhi, Kolkata, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, and Mumbai. The nearest **international airport is at Lucknow**, the capital of the state of Uttar Pradesh, at a distance of **143km**, having regular flights from major cities of India and abroad (like New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Sharjah: - served by major airlines, and well connected by regular buses; AC taxis are easily available from the airport.

* **Receiving-Dropping:** For registered participants, and special invites receiving and dropping from/to the Lucknow airport/ OR Faizabad Railway station be arranged.

§ **Weather:** Ayodhya lies in the typical Monsoonal **climate**, recording temperature of 23° - 18° deg. C in the month of October, but night will be cooler.

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Special Addresses:

> 23 Oct. 2018 Tuesday: Inaugural & Award Ceremony: 10:30 – 11:45

Welcome and honour to the Dignitaries: presenting flowers

Welcome address as *Patron & Director*: **Prof. Manoj Dixit**, the Hon'ble V.C. RML University

Special Address by the Chief Guest: *yet to be decided*

Felicitation/ Award Ceremony: to Prof. Manoj Dixit; to Prof. R.B. Singh, to Prof. Sung-Kyun KIM; to Prof. Rana P.B. Singh – 'Koshal Ratna' award.

Inaugural Address 1: Prof. R.B. Singh, Secretary-General IGU, & Distinguished Prof., University of Delhi.

Inaugural Address 2: Prof. Sung-Kyun KIM, Founding President ACLA, SNU, Seoul, Korea.

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Secretary-General 7-ACLA & Head- Dept. of History- RML Univ.

Tea Break (11:45 - 12:00), followed with Special Lectures: 12:00-13:00.... <Lunch Break>

Thematic/special Lecture 1: **Prof. Sanjeev Singh**, Head & Dean- Architecture, SPA- Bhopal

Thematic/special Lecture 2: **Prof. Amita Sinha**, La-Arkt. University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, USA

> 24 Oct. 2018 Wednesday: Special Lectures: 09:30 – 10:30, Tea Break.

Thematic/special Lecture 3: **Prof. Debashish Nayak**, Founding Director, SHM, Ahmedabad.

Thematic/special Lecture 4: **Prof. Gitanjali Rao**, La-Arkt. KLE Tech. University, Hubbli.

Thematic/special Lecture 5: **Prof. A. Bala Kishan**, Director-HRDC Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Evening, 5:30-6:30PM – Valedictory Session at main Hall.

> 25 Oct. 2018 Thursday: Special Field Tour (Sacred sites): 08:30 – 18:00, Lunch be served

FULL REGISTRATION (INR Rs / USD \$), 7-ACLA: 23~26 October 2018

Category	Regular, Reg. fees	Late Reg. Fee, after 08 Oct. at Reg. Counter
• A. Participant (India)	INR 2700	INR 3200
• B. Participant (abroad, excluding SAARC)	USD 400	USD 450
• C. Participant (SAARC)	USD 250	USD 275
• D. Research Scholars (India)	INR 2000	INR 2400
• E. Student (Master/ Bachelor, Local – no accommodation)	INR 1000	INR 1200
• F. Accompanying Person (India)	INR 2000	INR 2400
• G. Accompanying Person (abroad)	USD 275	USD 300
• H. Accompanying Person (SAARC)	USD 200	USD 225

NOTE: It is mandatory to be member of the ACLA, by paying **US\$ 50** cash (= IRs 3500) as **Annual Fee** (*applicable only for faculty members, and representatives of institutions*).

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Account: National & International Symposium, A/c No. 37518955972. IFSC: SBIN0018450. State Bank of India, **Branch:** Vistar Patal - RML Avadh University, Faizabad, UP 224001 (India).

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The Registration fee includes:

- Full Registration includes: attendance to all Scientific Meeting, meals (breakfast, lunches, tea breaks, dinner, receptions), Abstracts volume & kit, and field trip to heritage area, 25 October 2018, and **4/ 5-nights stay (22 to 26 October 2018)** – accommodation in the Hotel (moderate class)/ University GH (all twin-share basis).
- Student registration includes: attendance to all Scientific Meeting, lunches, tea/coffee breaks, abstracts of Congress papers & kit and all the Receptions, and accommodation in the Students' dormitory. If you registered as a student, please attend the Symposium with your student ID.

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