



Kedar Ghat, Varanasi

ACSF 15 Symposium
Myths and Placemaking
Varanasi, India
Jan 9th —Jan 11th, 2026

PROGRAM

Pre-symposium

Thursday Jan 8 (IIT BHU campus):

5 pm: Membership Meeting

7 pm: Dinner

Symposium Schedule

Friday Jan 9 (IIT BHU campus)

8.30 am: Registration

9 am: Welcome and lamp lighting ceremony

9.30 am-10.30 am: Keynote 1

10.30am—11 am: Tea Break

11am—12.30 pm: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)

12.30pm-1.30 pm: Lunch

1.30 pm-3 pm: Panel (5 presentations each 15 minutes)

3 pm-3.30 pm: Tea break

4pm-8 pm: Boat trip on Ganga, *ghats* visit and Dashashwamedh Ghat *aarti*

Saturday, Jan 10 (IIT BHU campus)

6 am-7 am: Visit to Sankat Mochan Temple, BHU campus

9 am-10 am: Keynote 2
10 am—10.30 am: Tea Break
10.30 am- noon: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
12-1 pm: Lunch
1pm--2.30 pm: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
2.30 pm-3 pm: Tea Break
3 pm- 4.30 pm: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
4.30 pm-5.30 pm: Projects session (4 presentations each 10 minutes)
5.30 pm-7 pm: Visit to Bharat Mata Temple

Sunday, Jan 11 (IIT BHU campus)

6 am-7 am: Meditation on the *ghats*
9 am-10 am: ACSF Outstanding Award and Keynote 3
10 am—10.30 am: Tea Break
10.30 am- noon: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
12-1 pm: Lunch
1--2.30 pm: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
2.30-3 pm: Tea Break
3- 4.30 pm: Paper session (4 presentations each 20 minutes)
5-8 pm: Closing Ceremony, Cultural Performance, and Dinner

Monday, Jan 12 (elective): Half-day trip to Sarnath