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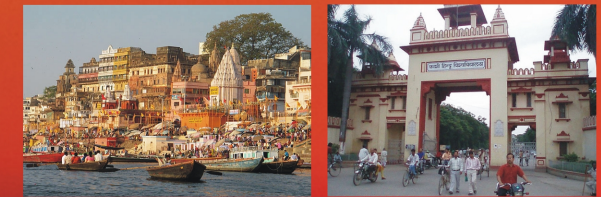
Banaras is known as city of light from times immemorial and has been the home to several distinguished philosophers, academicians, saints and scholars over centuries. Varanasi is also credited to be the oldest living city in the world. The antiquity of the city has been aptly described by Mark Twain as “*Banaras is older than history, older than tradition, older than even legend, and looks twice as old as all of them put together!*” Varanasi is known as the city of temples and ghats. This city has been the focal point of education, and many religions and cultures. Varanasi is very well connected by road, rail and air to all major cities of India.

The **Banaras Hindu University**, an internationally reputed temple of learning, situated in the holy city of Varanasi, was established by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviyaji in 1916. The **BHU** since its inception has covered a glorious journey of realizing the farsighted and multidimensional vision of Pandit Malaviya, towards a holistic development in the service of Mother India. His vision of the educational system as one of an interwoven fabric of social, moral and spiritual fibers of the human spirit, is expressed in the great stress laid on the awakening of spiritual and ethical consciousness in the pursuit of scholastic works. This unique legacy of a comprehensive vision and determined action continues to guide our endeavors and we believe, would lend its high purpose to the deliberations at the conference.



The Centre for Environmental Science & Technology (CEST) is an interdisciplinary university centre, established in the Faculty of Science to coordinate environmental programmes of the Banaras Hindu University and transfer appropriate ecofriendly technologies for sustainable development. Scientists of the CEST have pioneered researches to evaluate the impact of sewage and industrial effluents, dead body cremation and release of many other pollutants into the holy river Ganga. A group of scientists and technologists have developed technologies for waste water treatment and suggested appropriate methodologies for pollution control and conservation of river Ganga ecosystem. Besides different academic activities CEST has started water conservation programme to solve the water crisis with the help of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. For Surface Rain Water Harvesting, 5 ponds located in the Banaras Hindu University campus have been renovated and for Artificial Ground Water Recharging 7 Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting structures have been constructed in different buildings. For People participation and public awareness, 11 Water Conservation Societies (WCS) in 11 Gram Sabha to educate rural masses have been established. The CEST has also established a 'Biodiversity Park' at its South Campus on 500 acre land for *in-situ and ex-situ* conservation of the Biodiversity which shall act as model for biodiversity conservation in tropical countries of the world. About 174 plant species have been identified in the Vindhyan region including 22 endangered species.

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**National Conference on
Issues & Challenges of River Ganga Basin Management
(ICRGBM, January 9-11, 2012)**

A National Conference on Issues & Challenges of River Ganga Basin Management is scheduled to be held at the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, January 9-11, 2012. The aim of this conference is to provide common platform to the Environmentalists, Researchers, Technocrats, Students, Socioeconomic experts, Policy makers, Industrial managers and NGOs etc. to discuss issues and challenges related to sustainable development of River Ganga Basin.

Conference Theme

Programme will include invited guest lectures and presentations in the following areas:

1. Structural and Functional Issues

Geomorphology, Hydrology, Estuaries, Biodiversity, Forests, Agriculture, Microbial ecology, Conventional and Nonconventional energy resources.

2. Socio-economic Issues

Changes in social structure, cultural & religious behavior, demography and economic dimensions.

3. Environmental Challenges

Pollution, Degradation, Ecological flow, Flood and Drought, Ground water, Climate change and technological challenges.

4. Policies and Planning

Major policies and planning for Ganga Basin Management, role of Government, NGO's, politicians & academics, technical and religious institutions.

Instructions for abstract preparation

Interested participants are invited to contribute their papers for oral/or poster presentation. Abstracts should be prepared (about 250 words) using MS-Words and sent to the tripathibd@gmail.com as file attachment before 15th November, 2011. The name of presenting author should be asterisked or underlined.

Instructions for full paper preparation

The full paper should include a Title with the Full name(s) of author(s), Affiliation(s) where the work was carried, an Abstract, followed by sections including an introduction, the main body of text, conclusions, acknowledgements, and references.

1. Please assure the originality and reliability of the content in your paper.
2. Please confirm to write your paper with clear English without obvious grammatical errors.
3. Please format your paper(s) according to the following requirements:

- Text area, single column, on A4 size paper, justified
- Title, 14 pt, Times New Roman, Bold, Center
- Author, 10 pt, Times New Roman, Capitalize the first letter of First name and all the letters of Last name, Centered.
- Affiliation(s), 10 pt, Times New Roman, Center
- Abstract/Keywords, 10 pt, Times New Roman, 38 Keywords
- Text body, 12 pt, Times New Roman, single spaced, fully justified
- Heading level 1, 12pt, Times New Roman, Bold, Align left, Capitalize all the first letters
- Heading level 2, 10 pt, Times New Roman, Bold, left, Capitalize all the first letters
- Heading level 3, 10 pt, Times New Roman, Align left
- All tables/figures must have a number and title, 9pt, Times New Roman, Bold; Words in Table/Figure, 9pt, Times New Roman
- Cite each reference in text and list in the References section. For example
1. Author, Title of book, Name of publisher, Edition, 2006, pp. 307-314.
2. Author, Title of paper, Journal 83, 2010, pp. 307-346

Conference language

The working language of the conference is English, which will be used for all the presentations and printed materials.

Schedule of events

- **November 15, 2011 Deadline for receipt of abstracts (accepted abstracts will be informed through e-mail)**
- **November 30, 2011 Deadline for submission of full papers**
- **December 15, 2011 Distribution of final Announcement**
- **January 9-11, 2012 Conference**

Registration

Participants are expected to register on or before November 15, 2011, by sending the requisite fee in form of DD in favour of the **Organizing Director, ICRGBM** payable at BHU, Varanasi along with request for accommodation, if required. Invited Speakers may register on arrival for the congress.

Participants	Early Bird	Late Bird
Faculty Members	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000
Students	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500

Accommodation

Different levels of accommodation will be available to a limited number of outstation delegates, on receipt of request before November 30, 2011. All correspondence in this regard should be addressed to the Organizing director.

Registration form

Name

Designation

Institution

Mailing Address

Contact no.

E-mail

Title of the presentation

Theme /area

Accommodation required: Yes/No

Date and time of arrival

Payment Details:

Draft No:

Date of issue

Amount:

Issuing Bank & branch

Date

Place:

Signature of Delegate