

International Conference On

Riverine Civilizations and Conservation

UP and Adjacent Areas

Policy, Management, and Development Issues

7th & 8th December 2026
Monday & Tuesday

Venue

Visvesvaraya Hall,
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University,
Jankipuram Ext., Lucknow

Organised By

U.P. State Archaeology Department
&
Faculty of Architecture and Planning,
AKTU, Lucknow

This conference aims to explore strategies for conserving riverine archaeological heritage, cultural landscapes, traditional knowledge systems and identify policy and governance priorities for integrated, and participatory management of river basins.

The river basins of Uttar Pradesh and its adjacent regions have been the cradle of some of India's most significant civilizations. The Ganga, Yamuna, Gomti, Ghaghara, Betwa, and other river systems have nurtured a remarkable network of archaeological sites, historic cities, pilgrimage centres, and indigenous knowledge systems that continue to shape the region's socio-cultural and economic identity. The conference on "Riverine Civilizations and Conservation: Policy, Management and Development Issues" seeks to examine the historical, cultural, ecological, and governance dimensions of these riverine landscapes, with emphasis on the relationship between rivers, settlements, heritage, and human



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Themes

Theme 01 - Archaeology, Heritage and Traditional Wisdom

1. Archaeological landscape & cultural memory
2. Cultural / pilgrimage routes & heritage circuits
3. Traditional Indian knowledge systems

Theme 02- Pristine Rivers: Governance and Policy Proxies

1. Community participation and stakeholder engagement
2. Flood-plain management & disaster risk reduction
3. Policy framework and governance models for water systems

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Important Dates

Full Paper Submission Deadline	30th Oct, 2026
Paper Acceptance Notification	15th Nov, 2026
Registration Open	15th Nov, 2026
Revised Paper Submission	30th Nov, 2026

Registration Guidelines

Registration Deadline	25th Nov, 2026
Registration Fee	Rs. 1000/-
Registration Link	



Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit original & unpublished papers

Abstract - 300–500 words; 5-6 Keywords

Full Paper - 5000–6000 words

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English Font - Times New Roman, 11pt

Accepted papers will be included in the upcoming volume of Pragdhara

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