National Virtual Conference on **“Water Heritage of India”**

Department of History , Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, in collaboration with INTACH, Udaipur Chapter, is organizing a National Virtual Conference on “Water Heritage of India**”** on 27 th and 28 th August, 2021.

**Concept Note:** Water has been an important component of human life right from the prehistoric times. Prehistoric farming societies utilized water systems and redirected water to meet their essential needs. Early states managed water resources with large scale facilities like irrigation systems, aqueducts, transportation, etc. People around the world have both used water as a means of defense and have learnt to defend themselves against water.

At the same time the water in rivers, seas and oceans facilitated trade network and the exchange of goods, people and ideas. This led among others, to the development of extensive port cities that connected local communities with the rest of the world.

Today those systems are heritage, a term used here broadly to encompass both recognized world heritage sites as well as the historic built environment that people have chosen to preserve. This heritage is still vital and functional. Such heritage is a crucial source of information both for understanding how water systems worked in the past and discerning their impact on the present. It is also a source of knowledge for water managers and environmental engineers. These act as a sight of cultural identification, historical experience, public engagement, leisure and tourism.

UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre has published a special issue, ‘Living with Water’. The International World Water System Heritage Program, launched in 2016 by the World Water Council, in collaboration with the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage has initiated a register for the intangible values of water related heritage.

Water and cultural heritage are linked to complex interrelationships, approached from different perspectives. The future of water and heritage structures also depend on political, economic, environmental, cultural and spatial frameworks. Understanding and analyzing the relationship between water and heritage can help us in our understanding of tangible and intangible heritage more broadly.

**Proposed Topics for Paper Presentation**

* Water Heritage structures and its management
* Influence of different styles of architecture on water structures
* Role of women in building water structures
* Pilgrimage centres attached to river
* Cultural and religious activities associated with water structures
* Vedic knowledge
* Knowledge of finding water resources
* Ecology aspects
* Economic aspects
* Tourism aspects
* Present status and need of Preservation / Conservation
* Any other aspects related to it

The sub themes are indicative in nature. Research paper relevant to the main seminar theme may be submitted.

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| Events | Date |
| Last date of abstract submission | 10 August 2021 |
| Notification of abstract acceptance | 12 August 2021 |
| Submission of full paper | 20 August 2021 |

The abstract should be a 250 words summary of the intended paper with 5-6 keywords at the end. The abstract should include the title of the paper, name and affiliation of the author and contact details. Full paper of around 3500 words has to be submitted till prescribed date. The abstract and paper should be sent in MS word ( 12 font, Times New Roman in English; 14 font Kruti Dev 10 ), through email to [historymlsu2021@gmail.com](mailto:historymlsu2021@gmail.com/), peeyush.bhadviya@gmail.com

* There is no registration fees
* An edited book of selected articles will be published.
* E – Certificate will be issued to participants.

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