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**INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR
ON
"ARCHAEOLOGY OF SACRED CITIES"**

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About the Webinar:

This two-day Webinar will focus on the importance of the Sacred Cities and places and our human experience of them. The term sacred site embraces areas of special spiritual significance to peoples and communities; A Sacred city is a symbolic city, representing attributes beyond its natural characteristics. To find out these characteristics, archaeologists have excavated various religious sites. Their discoveries provide valuable information about what these sites were like In ancient times. Actually, Archaeology has served to connect and reconnect people and Cities prehistory to Present.

Sacred Cities are not only testament of the belief of the people but are also an outstanding feature of the Archaeological records. in this context The Webinar will focus on the significance of Sacred Cities in Archaeological contexts and will explore the central role of Archaeology.

The conference aimed to understand the importance of Archaeology to connection between conceptual framework of spirituality and the underlying physical structure of settlements.

Sub-themes:

- Identifying sacred sites in the archaeological record.
- The scale of sacred site: from local to landscape.
- Sensory characteristics of sacred sites.
- Sacred sites and literature.
- Geoarchaeology of sacred places.
- Conservation and Preservation of Sacred sites.
- Culture, Rituals and Art.

About the Institution:

Arya Mahila P.G. College is one of the institutions established and run by Shri Arya Mahila Hitkarni Mahaparishad, an educational organization founded by Maharshi Gyananand ji to safeguard the women's right of education in 1919. This year Shri Arya Mahila Hitkarni Mahaparishad celebrates its Centenary Year.

Maharshi Gyananand ji's able disciple Smt. Vidya Devi Ji endeavoured hard and dedicated her whole life in giving shape to the vision of Maharshi Gyananand Ji. The objective of the mahaparishad was to uplift the status of women. The four Institutions (Arya Mahila Bal Vibhag, Arya Mahila Inter College (UP Board), Arya Mahila Nagarmal Murarka Model School (CBSE) and Arya Mahila PG College affiliated to BHU) which were organized and managed by Smt. Vidya Devi Ji are still maintaining the philosophy of Maharshi Gyananand Ji. He was of the opinion that both men and women should jointly maintain the unity, integrity of society based on judicial divisions of labour. The girls in all these four Institutions are given every opportunity to unfold their potentiality so that they may become self-reliant, empowered and proud citizen of the country. Arya Mahila P.G. College provides higher education in several courses at Graduate, Post Graduate and Research level in the field of Arts, Social Science, B.Ed. and Commerce.

About Varanasi

One of the world's earliest cities and famous pilgrimage destination for Hindus, "Varanasi" is a must see for anyone who lives or travels in India. With a number of things to do, from visiting quiet Ghats, array of temples to witnessing the vibrancy of culture, devotion of the devotees, chanting of the prayers, eternal history or the symbols of a rich and splendid era and of course the list goes on and on has always attracted religious as well as non-religious tourists from all over the world.

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