

# HERITAGE TOURISM AND LOCALITY

## NIZAMUDDIN, DELHI

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Through its nearly 800 years of existence, the Nizamuddin settlement had seen cycles of physical and economic decay despite the presence of a number of important tombs, Sacred Geographies and the Humayun's Tomb in its immediate vicinity. Ever since the adoption of the area by the Aga Khan Development Network, a slow regenerative process has begun in the Basti and the surrounding sacred landscape. This webinar will explore the mutually generative benefits of Heritage Tourism and Locality through the expertise of a select set of hands-on professionals. The focus is on the people and the local milieu while safeguarding the spiritual heritage and tourism assets to bring about a healthy correlation between the two.

**Moderator: Arunava Dasgupta**, Head, Department of Urban Design,  
School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

### Panelists

**Minja Yang**, UNESCO consultant on Culture & Development

**K.T Ravindran**, Chairman, Architectural Heritage Advisory Committee, INTACH

**Ratish Nanda**, India CEO, Aga Khan Trust for Culture

**Aman Nath**, Historian, Founder and Chairman - Neemrana Hotels

**Jyotsna Lall**, Director Programmes, Aga Khan Trust for Culture

**Sarover Zaidi**, Social Anthropologist, Jindal School of Art and Architecture, O.P. Jindal Global University

**Michael Turner**, UNESCO Chair in Urban Design & Conservation Studies, Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design

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## SPEAKERS



**Minja Yang** is a renowned cultural heritage management consultant from Japan. She was formerly Director of the UNESCO Office in New Delhi and was responsible for Special Projects on Urban Heritage for Development. She also had key responsibilities at the World Heritage Centre and was coordinator for World Heritage Cities. Currently, she is UNESCO consultant on Culture & Development (specialized in World Heritage Sites and urban heritage management)



**K.T. Ravindran** is an Urban Designer, Chairman of the Architectural Heritage Advisory Committee of INTACH, Trustee of the Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation and was Member of the Advisory Board for the United Nations Capital Master Plan, New York. He was Dean and Senior Academic Advisor, RICS School of Built Environment, former Chairman of Delhi Urban Art Commission and was the Founding President of the Institute of Urban Designers India.



**Ratish Nanda** heads the multi-disciplinary AKTC teams presently undertaking the two major urban conservation projects in India: the Nizamuddin Urban Renewal Initiative, Delhi and the Qutb Shahi Heritage Park Conservation in Hyderabad. For AKTC, he was earlier responsible for the Bagh e Babur restoration (2002-2006), in Kabul, Afghanistan and the garden restoration of Humayun's Tomb (1999-2003). Ratish has served as an ICOMOS expert to missions in Iran, Turkey and Nepal and lectured in over 20 countries including at ICCROM, Rome.



**Aman Nath** is a historian by education but from an early age he has painted, written poetry, practiced graphic design and copywriting for several advertising campaigns. He is involved in the restoration of India's unlisted architectural ruins, now run as the Neemrana 'non-hotel' Hotels, which have won awards from UNESCO, the Indian travel trade industry and National Awards. For his contribution to tourism, Nath has won multiple national and international awards. He has also been appointed Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Legion d'Honneur by the President of the French Republic.



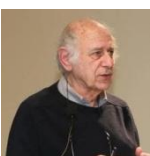
**Jyotsna Lall** directs a multi input development programme comprising initiatives in health, education, livelihoods and sanitation with the objective of evolving a community led initiative under the Aga Khan Trust for Cultures Historic Cities programme in Nizamuddin, Delhi. She studied at the Institute of Rural Management, Anand and over the past 32 years has worked with a variety of development initiatives always keeping a strong focus on community centered design. She is a co-founder of Gramin Shiksha Kendra and Basic Health Services.



**Sarover Zaidi**, is a social anthropologist and works at the intersections of critical theory, anthropology, architecture and material culture studies. She has extensively worked on religious architecture, and urbanism in the city of Bombay and currently also works on Modernist architecture in Delhi. She has received the Max Planck fellowship, the INTACH fellowship, the IFA fellowship and the Khoj fellowship for her research interests. She currently teaches at the Jindal School of Art and Architecture, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana.



**Arunava Dasgupta** is an urban designer and Head of the Department of Urban Design at School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. He is also the Coordinator of the Center of Urban Design Innovation in SPA. As founder member and Vice President of the Institute of Urban Designers – India (IUDI), he has been actively promoting the idea of community participation as a central tool for local area design. He is presently an expert member of the State Heritage Advisory Committee of Himachal Pradesh and the Heritage Conservation Committee of NCT, Delhi.



**Michael Turner** holds the UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem. He served as Vice-President of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee during the 2007-2008 term. He has participated in multiple international workshops of the European Union, advising on projects of cultural heritage, and continues to make numerous professional and academic presentations and written papers in his field.