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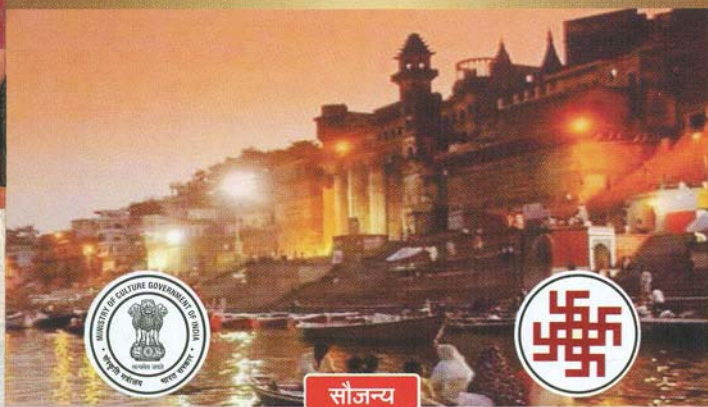
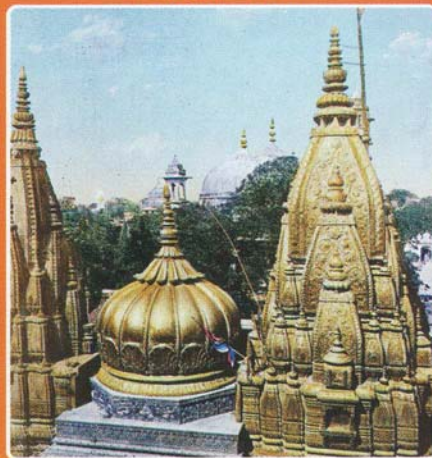
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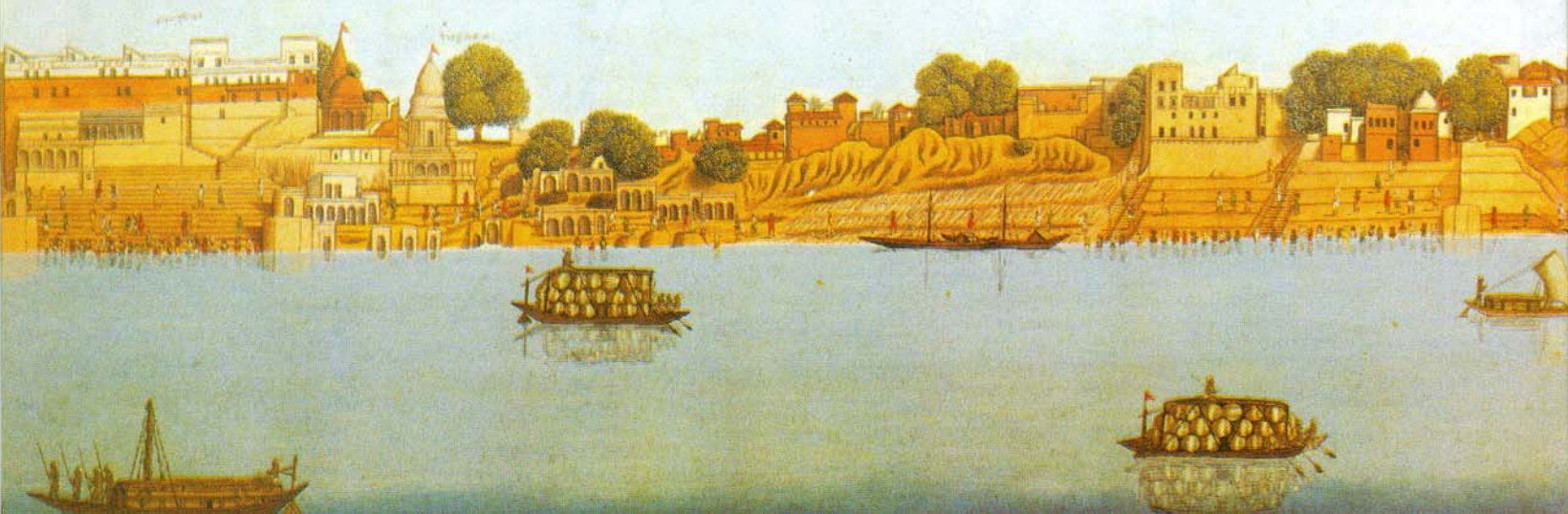
Kashi ki Mutt-Parampara



At the eternal city of Varanasi or Kashi, the conceptual triad of the Ganges, knowledge and spirituality has been a centre of attraction, interest and attainment for millions of seekers hailing from different faiths and orders. Hence, Kashi is known as a perennial seat of all the learning/knowledge, since ages.

Kashi or the city of lights is also famous for its Mutts, which have been established by various sages, seers, preachers and seekers to realize their professed goals of attaining the supreme knowledge/enlightenment. These Mutts are not only centres of learning for various sects but are also a storehouse of information with regard to their respective belief system, hierarchy of tradition, transmission of knowledge and above all an institutionalization of their socio-religious and cultural streams. These are held in highest regard by their followers. Today there is a dire need to identify these Mutts/hermitages/Akharas, etc. (belonging to Indian origin) and to introduce these sacred abodes to the national and global people in a systematic manner, by highlighting their significant contributions towards the growth and enrichment of our cultural fabric.

Our youth needs to be made aware of their rich cultural legacy enshrined in these sacred abodes so that they may act as ambassadors of spreading the message to classes and masses.



Activities of Interpretation Centre Kashi Ki Mutt-Parampara

Academic activities:

- Talent-hunt amongst students: Competition based on the theme on half yearly/annual basis and award of cash prize to students as encouragement.
- Organization of thematic lectures on half yearly/annual basis.
- Declamation contest for personality development of students.
- Organization of Annual painting competition.
- Taking students out on academic excursions to bring out their hidden talents and alleviate their inherent inhibitions.
- To provide information to students with regard to various Mutts situated at different locations.
- To prepare comprehensive database regarding the Mutts of Kashi.
- To prepare suitable candidates for CCRT scholarship.

Cultural activities:

- Preparing cultural information board.
- To organize special lectures by noted scholars/Acharyas of Mutts to inform students about the different Mutt Traditions.
- To set-up an exhibition comprising :
 - i. Theme related books.
 - ii. Audio/Video collections.
 - iii. Multimedia Kiosk etc. for facilitating the A/V.
 - iv. To provide open, free and exhaustive information about the rich tradition of Mutts of Kashi to interested tourists/students.

Non academic activities:

- To encourage students for creating a green and clean school campus.
- To organize such programs by which the students are initiated into character building, skill development and social responsibility.

