



AURANGABAD HISTORY SOCIETY

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ELLORA PRE CONFERENCE SUMMIT

Date: 12th March, 2015, TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.

Venue: Conference Hall, Hotel Kailash-Ellora

To be organised with Intellectual support from Academicians and Professionals of Aurangabad

Ellora is a dominating destination in Aurangabad's Heritage culture. Ellora is renowned for its extraordinary history as well as construction inventions. It represents one of the largest rock-hewn monastic-temple complexes in the entire world. Buddhist, Hindu and Jain rock-cut temples and *viharas* and *mathas* were built between the 5th century and 10th century. The Ellora caves, unlike Ajanta, have a distinction that they were never lost to oblivion, due to their close proximity to the trade route. The caves are hewn out of the volcanic basaltic formation of Maharashtra, known as 'Deccan Trap', the term trap being of Scandinavian origin representing the step like formation of the volcanic deposits. Especially Kailash which is a Hindu cave is a miracle in itself. Also its mysterious and holistic characters always attract many scholars and intellectual people all around the world. After all these centuries Ellora is still one of the important power stations in the whole world. People experience very positive energy when they visit these caves. Many distinctive theories have been coming up from the different scholars and researchers all around the world. Also there are different aspects and opinions from these scholars. Aurangabad History Society with active local experts and enthusiasts has organised this pre-conference Summit on Ellora-Kailash to get some of the expertise on one platform to discuss their knowledge and experience about these caves. This conference will be a good exercise to reintroduce ourselves with the caves particularly Kailash and to know some of its unusual aspects. The outcome of this pre-conference will be an International conference on Ellora in January-2016 and regular meetings of interconnected scholars, experts and Young GenX of Aurangabad which seeks to revive, relive and enrich the heritage and cultural legacy of Aurangabad and its wider region. The tentative program schedule for Ellora Pre-Summit Conference is as follows:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

| TIME | SESSION PLAN | SPEAKERS, CHAIR and Discussants/Reporters | THEME |
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| 09:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Introduction | Chritsel Pilz, Dr. Bina Sengar and Ar. Sneha Bakshi | Introducing Ellora-Kailash Pre-summit |
| 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. | On History and Heritage of Ellora | Chairperson: Dr. Madan Singh Chauhan Speakers: Prof. V.L. Dharurkar, Dr. Mirza Mohd. Khizr, Dr. Dulari Qureshi Discussants: Dr. Gani Patel, Dr. Gopal Bacchire, Dr. S.R. Tabassum, Dr. Bina Sengar, Dr. Shaikh Aijaz, Dr. Hari Jamale | History and Heritage of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain Caves |
| TEA BREAK: 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. | | | |
| 11:45 to 01:30 | On Heritage Architecture and Conservation | Chairperson: Dr. Bhagwan Padalkar Speakers: Dr. Madan Singh Chauhan, Ar. Maya Vaidya, Ms. Malati Madhu Joshi, Ms. Aruna Deshpande, Chandrasekhar Jaiswal Discussant: Kachru Appa, Rafat Qureshi, Pradeep Deshpande, Iera Sekhri | Ellora cave temple Architecture Heritage components of Cave temple Architecture |
| LUNCH: 01:30 to 02:30 p.m. | | | |
| 02:30 to 04:30 p.m. | Spirituality and Alternative Theories of Ellora | Chairperson: Ms. Aruna Deshpande Speakers: Ms. Christel Pilz, Dr. Bhagwan Padalkar Discussant: Pradeep Mhaisekar, Mr. Owais Ahmad, Mr. Yogesh Joshi | Spiritual & Mythological aspects & Alternative theories of origin of Ellora-Kailash |
| TEA BREAK: 04:30 to 04:45 p.m. | | | |
| 04:45 to 06:00 p.m. | Archiving and Documenting Living Cultures of Ellora | Chairperson: Dr. Mohd. Mirza Khizr Speakers: Mr. Panditrao Deshpande, Anna Vaidya, Fakira Discussant: Nitin Goje, Balraj Madilgekar, Mahesh Joshi | Mapping, Frescoes, Sculptors and Living Performing Arts through Ellora |
| Session closure through discussion and High Tea | | | |

- Reporters for Session: Mr. Prabhakar Shinde, Snehali Kulkarni, Ravi Khillare, Baliram Paikrao, Mahesh Joshi
- Media Recording: Yasser Ahmad Siddiqui, Mayuresh Khadke, , Balraj Madilgekar, Ar. Sneha Bakshi
- Exhibition Display of Kailash-Ellora by Mr. Fakira

Logistics Support: Conference venue and meals: Ms. Crystal Pilz, Stationary contingency: Chishtiya College, Khuldabad and MGM, Aurangabad

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