



IRC-5
Ayodhya 2026

5th International RIVER CONGRESS

Integrating River Governance: From Policy to Practice!



27th – 28th
November, 2026

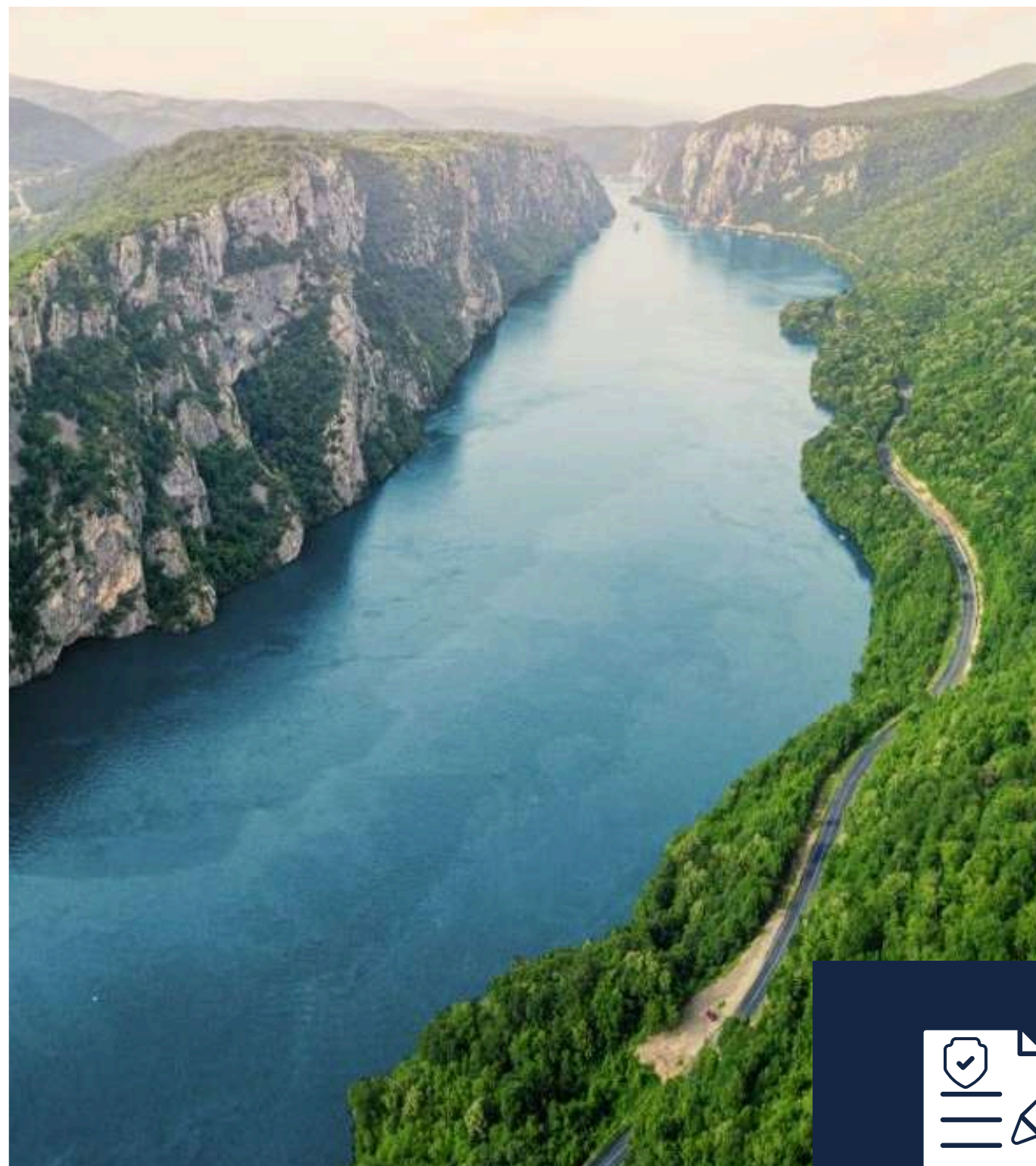


Ayodhya
Uttar Pradesh, India



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**River
Governance**



Background: Rivers as Lifelines

Rivers sustain ecology, culture, and economy — yet face mounting threats from climate change, urbanisation, pollution, and encroachments. Integrated governance is essential to protect and rejuvenate river systems. IRC was established in 2021 as a multidisciplinary global platform for policy, science, practice, and community.



IRC Initiated
2021

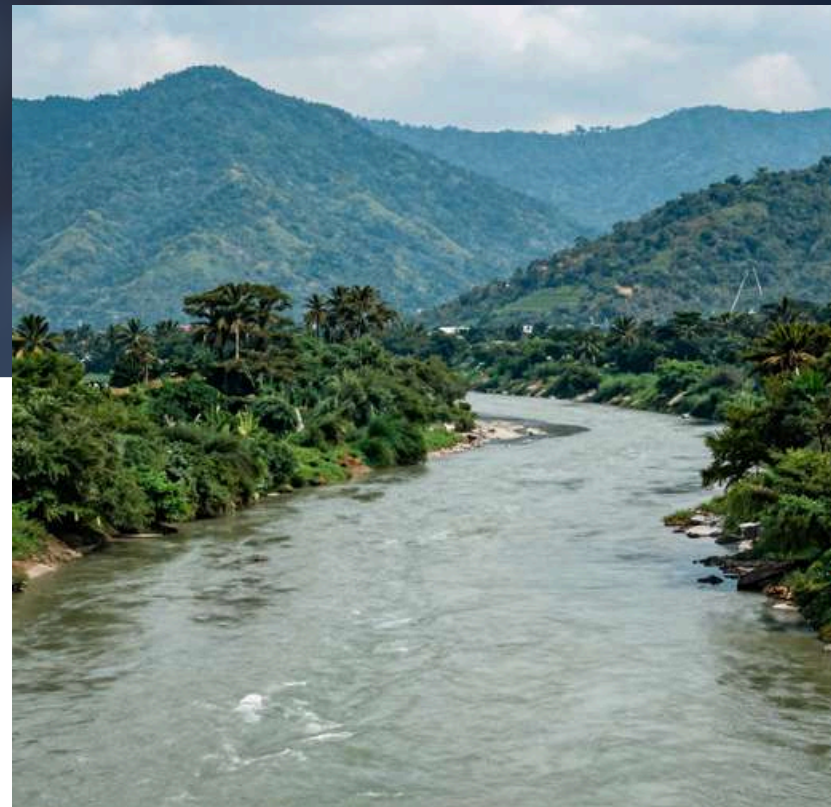


SAIARD
International
River Congress

Five Years of the International River Congress



IRC-1 : Kolkata



IRC-2, IRC-3 & IRC-4

Born in Kolkata, IRC expanded to **Nepal, Sri Lanka & New Delhi** — now its time for its 5th edition.



IRC-5: Ayodhya

Why Ayodhya?

Ayodhya is a historic and culturally significant river city situated along the banks of the Sarayu River, with deep connections to the River basin's ecological, cultural, and spiritual landscape, supported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and various national institutions.



Strategic location fostering regional and international collaboration on integrated river governance and public engagement.





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VENUE

Venue :

**Dr. Rammanohar
Lohia Avadh
University**
Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh



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IRC-5 Objectives

Objectives of IRC-5

Key aims driving the event towards integrated river governance, public participation, and sustainable river futures for India and beyond.

Strengthen integrated river governance from policy formulation to practical implementation; foster multidisciplinary dialogue on rejuvenation and cultural heritage.

Enhance public awareness, promote youth engagement through Save River Campaign, and foster strategic collaborations among national and international stakeholders.

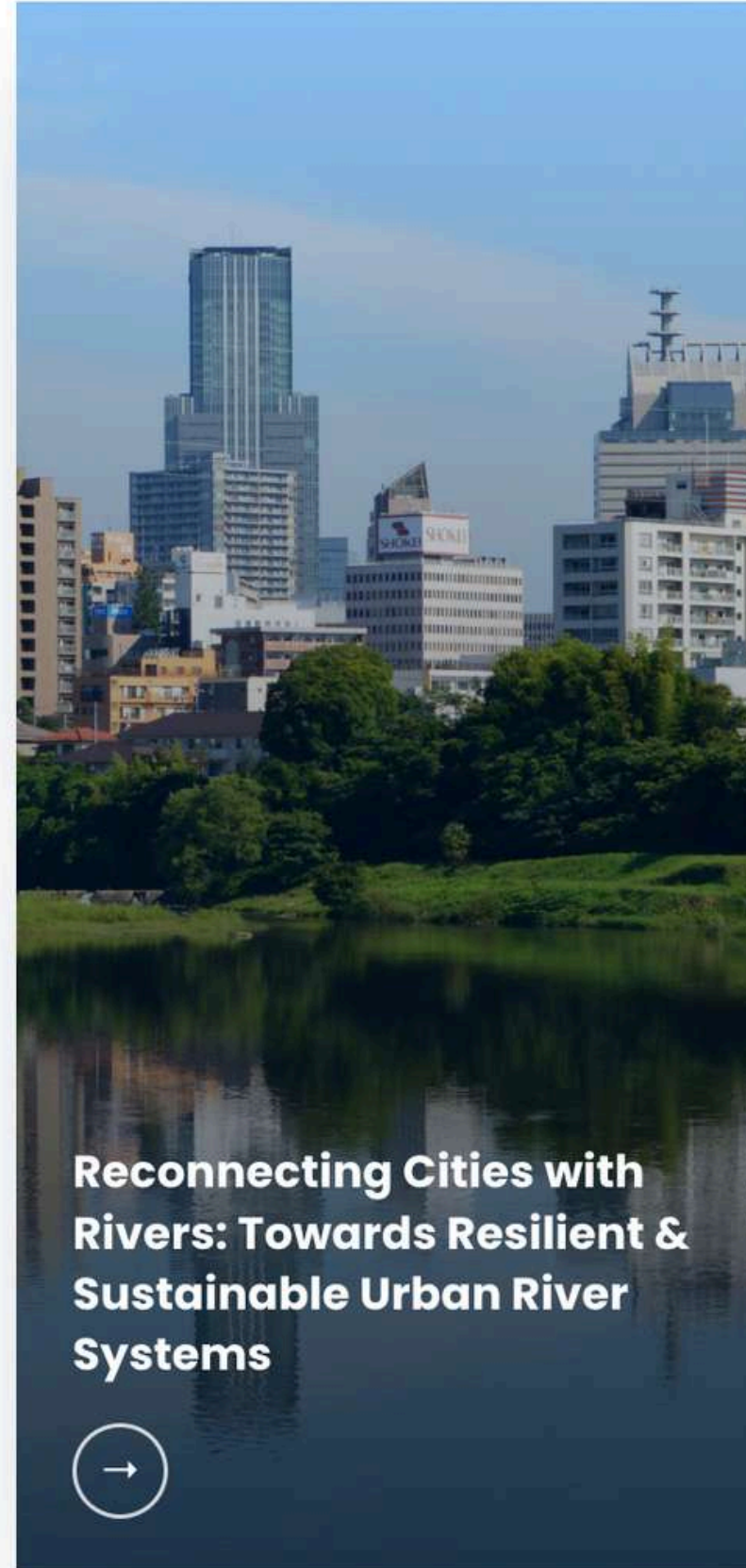
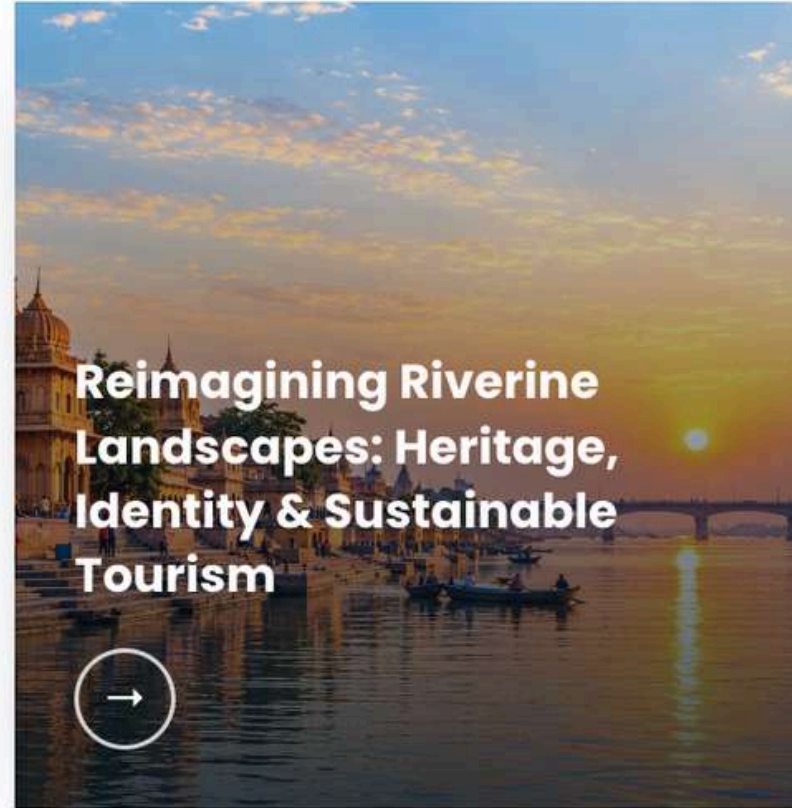




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Thematic Sessions

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Special Sessions

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Special Session

SARYU:
THE LIFELINE OF AYODHYA



Special Session

INTEGRATION OF RIVER WITH THE
INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM



Activities



SARAJU ARATI



RAM MANDIR VISIT



SAVE RIVER CAMPAIGN



OPEN AIR EXHIBITION

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Last Date of Submission : 31st October, 2026

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Save River Campaign

From Awareness To Action

01

Youth outreach programmes and river/ghat cleaning drives; plantation activities, community outreach, and awareness campaigns accross India.

02

Documentation of local river issues (Nadi Gatha storytelling); Awards ceremony recognizing excellence in river stewardship and governance.





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Integrated Programme Architecture

Four core components combining scientific dialogue, cultural celebration, technical workshops, and spiritual engagement.



Component I

Flagship IRC-5
Dialogue on Integrated
River Governance

Component II

Saryu Arati, Ram Mandir
Visit, Save River Campaign &
Open Air Exhibition

Component III

Technical Workshops

Proposed Programme Schedule



Day 1 – Nov 27
Inaugural



Registration → Inaugural Session →
Technical Sessions → Exhibition →
Cultural Performances →
Sarayu Aarti



Day 2 – Nov 28
Valedictory



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Expected Participants

A diverse gathering of national and international stakeholders united for integrated river governance and conservation.



300–400

Participants
from India & Abroad

15+

Ministries &
Govt Agencies

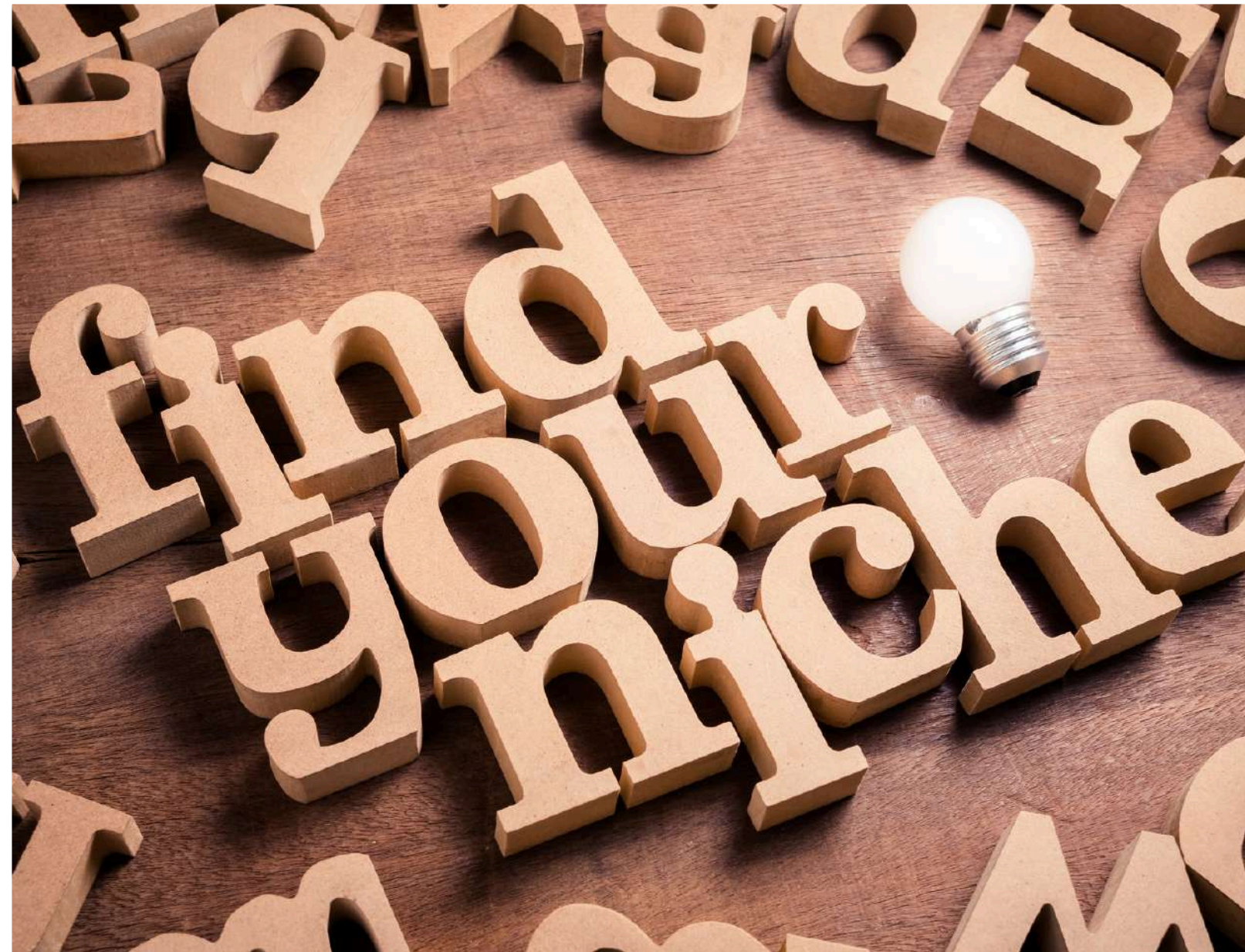
20+

Universities &
Research Institutions



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**IRC5
Participation**



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Strategic Knowledge Partner

General Participation



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Strategic Knowledge Partnership

Platinum Partner (5 Delegates Pass + Panelist + Branding + Exhibition Stall) : Rs. 7,00,000/-.

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Expected Outcomes

IRC-5 is designed to generate lasting impact — from strengthening policy frameworks to inspiring citizen-led river conservation across India and beyond.

- Enhanced public awareness and citizen participation in river conservation; strengthened policy dialogue and multidisciplinary collaboration.

- Technical recommendations on small river rejuvenation and heritage conservation; shared roadmap from policy to actionable river governance.





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Benefits & Significance

Strategic Impact

01

Strengthens Government of India's river conservation initiatives; fosters cross-agency collaboration and national-international partnerships.

02

Elevates Ayodhya as a river governance hub; supports sustainable development goals linked to water, environment, and culture.





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Conclusion & Call to Action

IRC-5 — a transformative platform for integrated river governance. Join hands for a sustainable river future!

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