

LEGACY INITIATIVES

The Healthy Weaver, Living Heritage Mission:

A public health and livelihood initiative for Varanasi's artisan community, because sustaining craft means sustaining the people who practice it.

CII Skills Interventions:

It connects young people and artisans to education, employment, and design capability through structured programmes.

ENGAGEMENTS



Museum Walkthroughs



Exhibits on Varanasi in Art



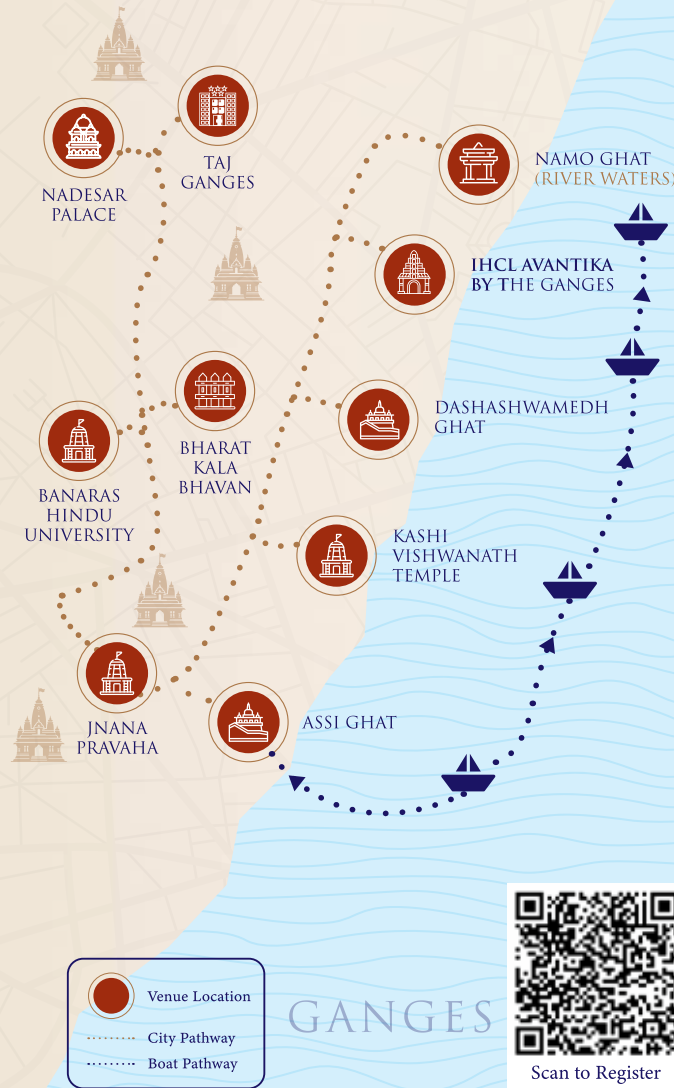
Textile Exhibits



Photo Exhibits



Art Installations



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OF LIVING CULTURE INDIA HAS EVER SEEN.

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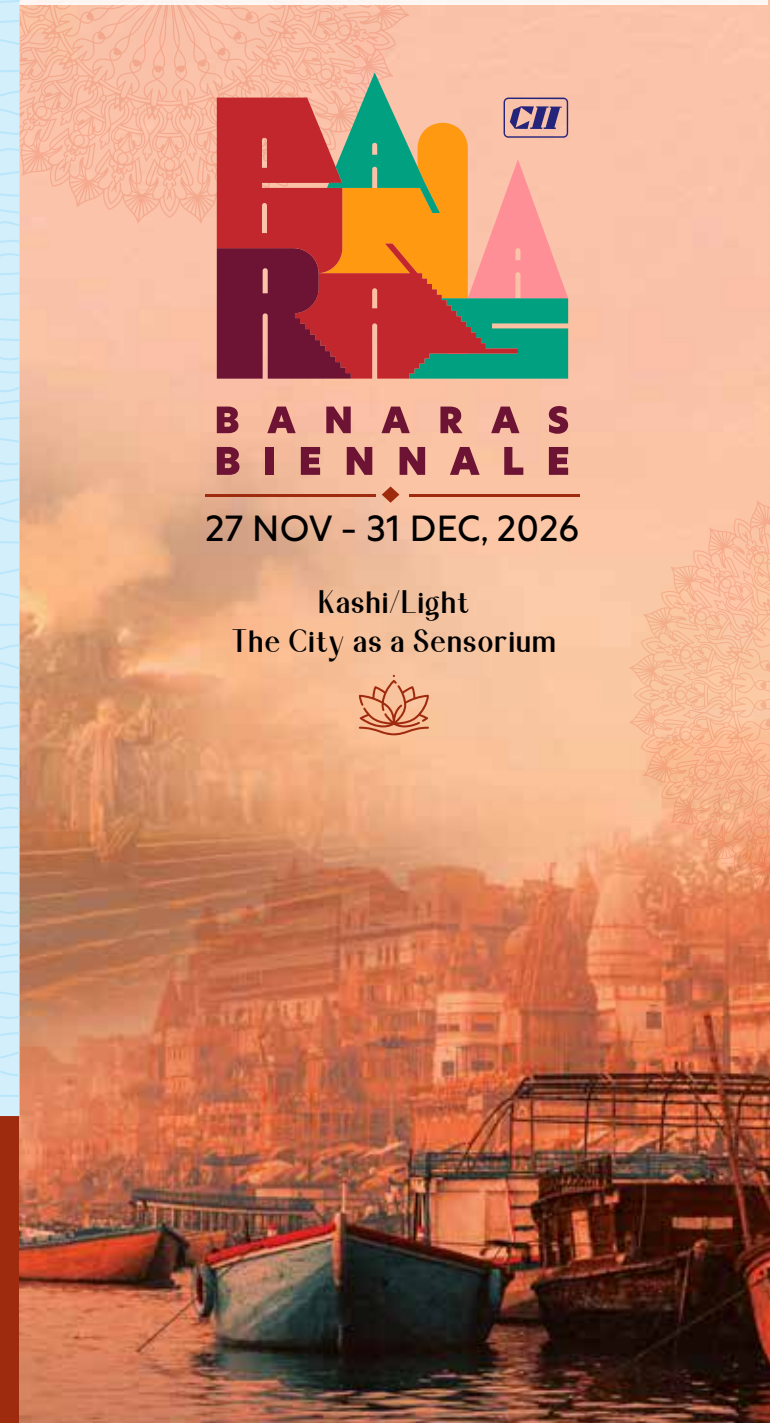
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**BANARAS
BIENNALE**

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Kashi/Light
The City as a Sensorium



The ghats at dawn. The sound of a sitar drifting through a narrow lane. A weaver threading silk into gold. The evening aarti near the Ganga river. These make up the daily pulse of Banaras.

The Banaras Biennale is where India's artistic legacy meets contemporary expression, across art, crafts, textiles, music, literature, and performance.

Patrons and sponsors are invited to shape exhibitions, host exclusive previews, and play an active role in preserving and advancing India's cultural heritage. Visitors can immerse themselves in exhibitions and live performances, engage with master artisans and contemporary creators, and attend thought-provoking talks.

EXPERIENCES



Ghat-side Performances



Studio Visits



Live Demonstration of Weavers & Artisans



Collector's Evenings



Heritage Walks & Immersion



Temple Trails



Timeless Banaras Flavours



Akhada

ABOUT THE BIENNALE

The CII Banaras Biennale is a first-of-its-kind initiative that celebrates India's timeless civilisational heritage and contemporary creativity on a global stage.

Rooted in the living heritage of Banaras, it creates meaningful connections between cultures, ideas and communities.

FOCUS AREAS



Bharat Kala Bhavan,
Jnana Pravaha



Visual Art &
Photography
Exhibition



Craft, Design, Textile
Exhibition



Performing Arts &
Music



Heritage & Tourism



Ideas, Dialogue &
Masterclasses

