Conference day 1
Friday, 14th Dec., 2012

09.30 am Registration in reception area.

INAUGURAL SESSION
10.00 am Inauguration of the exhibition by B.N. Goswamy. Professor Emeritus of Art History, Panjab University.
10.30 am Welcome by Hasmukh Shah. Chairman Darshak Itihas Nidhi.
10.50 am Conference inauguration and address by M.N. Pearson. Emeritus Professor of History at the University of New South Wales and conference Chairman.
11.20 am Makrand Mehta. Emeritus Professor for History, Ahmedabad. *Genesis and Growth of Khambhat as a Port Town, c. 600 to c. 1600.*
12.40 pm Lunch

SESSION 1. EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND EARLY MEDIEVAL PORTS.
CHAIR: Nitin Chukla
01.30 pm Y.S. Rawat. Director of Gujarat State Archaeology. *The Coastal Sites: Possible Port Towns of Harappan time.*
02.10 pm Sara Keller. Research fellow at UMR 8165 "Orient et Méditerranée", Paris. *Bharuch, the City-Fortress.*

SESSION 2 MEDIEVAL PORTS TOWNS: CASE STUDY
CHAIR: Dilbagh Singh
02.50 pm Dilbagh Singh. Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi. *Port towns of Gujarat in local sources.*
03.10 pm Rukshana Nanji. Independent researcher and Archaeologist, Pune. *Sanjan- Archaeological evidence for the emergence and decline of a port town in south Gujarat.*

04.00 pm Visit of the Portuguese Fort, Moti Daman.
Conference day 2  
Saturday, 15th Dec., 2012

**SESSION 3 SULTANATE PERIOD AND EUROPEAN PRESENCE**

**CHAIR:** Lotika Varadarajan

09.00 am **Nuno Grancho.** Architect, urban planner and Phd student, University of Coimbra and Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal. 
*World Urban Cultural History and “Nonwestern” Stories, the city of Diu as an interface of east and west.*

09.40 am **Radhika Seshan.** Associate Professor at the Department of History, University of Pune. 
*Port Towns of Gujarat: Travellers Accounts of the 16th and 17th centuries.*

10.20 am **Nishat Manzar.** Associate Professor, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. 
*Looking for an Alternative: English Merchants and the Port of Gogha during the 17th C.*

11.00 am Tea

**SESSION 4 SULTANATE AND MUGHAL ERA: A DENSE NETWORK OF SEA COAST SETTLEMENTS**

**CHAIR:** Douglas Haynes

11.20 am **Mehboob Desai.** Department of History & culture, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad. 
*Ups and Down of Ghogha: As a Port Town.*

12.00 pm **Mariam Dossal.** Professor of History at the University of Mumbai. 
*Touched by winds of many seas: The port town of Lakhpat.*

**SPECIAL LECTURE**

**CHAIR:** Y.K. Alagh

12.40 pm **M.N. Pearson.** Emeritus Professor of History at the University of New South Wales and conference Chairman. 
*Reflections on the Port city of Surat as a study case.*

01.20 pm Lunch

**SESSION 5 SURAT, THE PRE MODERN PORT**

**CHAIR:** M.N. Pearson

02.20 pm **Ruby Maloni.** Professor in History, University of Mumbai. 
*Surat in the 17th Century: A pre-modern urban phenomenon.*

03.00 pm **Douglas Haynes.** Professor of History at Dartmouth College, USA. 
*Surat City, Its Decline and the Indian Ocean, 1730-1940.*

03.40 pm Tea
SESSION 6 ACTIVITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

CHAIR: Samira Sheikh

04.00 pm Jennifer Craig. Research Assistant - Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University/University of Oxford. And Paul Lunde. Professor for Islamic history and Literature, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, UK.

Gujarati shifts in port location, technology and bead supply chains during the 16th century: the maritime perspective.

04.40 pm Adhya B. Saxena. Reader and Head of the History Department, MSU, Baroda.

Ports of Gujarat from Far & Near: Study in Historical Geography and Urban Morphology (c.1500-c.1750).

Conference day 3
Sunday, 16th Dec., 2012

SESSION 7 COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETIES

CHAIR: M.N. Pearson

09.00 am Presentation of the paper of B.R. Mani. Additional Director General, ASI.

Sea Ports of Barbaricum and Barygaza: International Trading Stations of the Kushans.

09.40 am Lakshmi Subramanian. Professor of History and Dean, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.

Piracy and the Northward coast: Problems of definition.

10.20 am Presentation of the paper of Mehrdad Shokoohy. Architect. Chair of Architecture and Urban Studies at the University of Greenwich, UK.

The Parsi community of Diu and their edifices during the Portuguese era.

11.00 am Tea

SESSION 8 COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETIES_2

CHAIR: Lakshmi Subramanian

11.20 am Suzuki Hideaki. Post-Doctoral Research Fellow with the Japan Society for the Promotion of the Science, Japan.

Circulation, Memory, Landscape: Kachchhi Bhatiya in Mundra and Bhadreshvar.

SPECIAL LECTURE

12.00 pm B.N. Goswamy. Professor Emeritus of Art History, Panjab University.

Ports and Fine Arts, with special references to Kutch region.

12.30 pm Lunch
SESSION 9 PORTS TOWARDS MODERN GUJARAT
CHAIR: Walter Simpson

01.30 pm Edward Simpson. Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.
Mandvi: A port looking both ways.
02.10 pm Om Prakash. Professor of Economic History, Delhi School of Economics.
03.50 pm Chhaya Goswami. Research Fellow, University of Warwick, UK.
Mundra: A Tale of a Walled Port Town.

04.30 pm Tea

SPECIAL LECTURE

04.50 pm Y. K. Alagh. Economist and academician.
Geo-tectonic, climatic changes and the port development in Gujarat.

CONCLUDING SESSION
CHAIR: M.N. Pearson and Y.K. Alagh

05.30 pm Concluding discussions