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Heritage walk, less traffic new ideas to boost tourism in Kashi



Participants at the joint workshop in Varanasi on Wednesday. HT

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VARANASI: For the development of tourism in the city, new ideas need to see the light of day. One such idea is the 'Heritage Walk' - the development of the famous streets of Varanasi without changing their basic structure. This was one of the ideas proposed and discussed at the recently concluded IIT-BHU - IIT-Kharagpur joint workshop.

Such value-addition can be done by giving proper information about the streets of Varanasi with a special focus on their historical and cultural relevance, said Prof RS Singh, IIT-BHU and a coordinator of Project Varanasi.

He said that the IIT-BHU has sent a proposal in this regard to the district administration.

Prof Singh said that the idea of a heritage walk has the potential to boost the tourism in the city.

"The streets of Varanasi are unique in their historical relevance and cultural heritage. The need is to strengthen this understanding. The IIT-BHU has sent a proposal to the district administration for the development of this concept," he added.

The other ideas discussed include the development of a transport system to lessen traffic jams. In this regard, the IIT-BHU is working on developing an app, Singh said.

At the workshop, the delegation from IIT-Kharagpur included Prof Joy Sen and Prof Subrojeet Guhatakurta from Georgia Tech University (USA).

Next month, a special six day workshop will be organised in Georgia Tech University (USA) where a report on the development of such ideas will be discussed, informed Prof Singh.

The delegation will study the place and will try to implement the ideas in Varanasi, he added.