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Buddhavanam project special officer Mallepalli Laxmaiah has requested the Central government to constitute a National Buddhist Heritage Board for preservation, conservation, publication and ...

Plea to set up National Buddhist Heritage Board

A webinar aiming at introducing Sri Lanka tourism to the Vietnamese was held on September 21 by the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Embassy in Vietnam and the ...

Sri Lanka tourism promoted in Vietnam

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa called on the United Nations (UN) to treat all sovereign states, irrespective of size or strength, equitably ...

President tells UN to treat sovereign states with due respect

From north and south to east and west, the Fine Arts Department is promoting its website virtualmuseum.finearts.go.th as a fun virtual learning centre, where future generations can explore more than ...

History at home

Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage is the Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka. He has served the Sri Lanka Navy for a period of 36 years and retired as the Commander ...

There is a component of geostrategic competition in the Indian Ocean: Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary

UN-Prez tells UNGA President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday (22) declared his readiness to engage all domestic stakeholders, and to obtain the support of international partners and the United Nations, ...

Post-war reconciliation: Lanka ready to accept support of int'l partners

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday reassured the UN that his Government's firm intention was to build a prosperous, stable and secure future for all Sri Lankans, regardless of ethnicity, religion, ...

President tells UN committed to building a secure future for all Sri Lankans

Bound for present-day Iran and Iraq, it is the earliest ship found in Southeast Asia thus far and provides proof of active maritime trade in the ninth ... an opportunity to discuss underwater cultural ...

Secrets of the Sea: A Tang Shipwreck and Early Trade in Asia

Speaking at the 76th Session of United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 22, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said although still a developing nation, Sri Lanka has been very successful in ...

WATCH: President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's 76th UN General Assembly speech

The Chinese government also spends millions of dollars in South and Southeast Asian countries to link their Buddhist heritage to the soft landing of BRI. In Bangladesh, Chinese and Bangladeshi ...

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The Dalai Lama and China's Quest for Buddhist Soft Power

Outlining the challenges faced by the world, he said the "common maritime heritage of our faces various ... noting the spread of Buddhism from India across the ocean. In his five principles ...

At UNSC meet, Modi's five principles for maritime safety get backing (Lead)

Sri Lanka proposed to establish a Regional Knowledge Hub in Colombo in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), to facilitate exchange of lessons learnt from COVID 19 and support ...

Sri Lanka as COVID-19 knowledge exchange regional hub - President proposes at UN

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Vietnam, Sri Lanka seek to cooperate in tourism

Zagorin expressed concern about the possible repercussions within Bangladesh of the refugee migration -- the possibility of Muslims retaliating against the Buddhist Magh residents ... land and ...

OP-ED: Rohingya exodus in 1978: A history of systematic eviction

India outlined five basic principles for building "a framework of mutual understanding and cooperation for the protection and use of our shared maritime heritage" as the PM stressed at the ...

EXPLAINED: How China's Maritime Disputes Were In Focus As India Led Discussion At UNSC Meet

In 1992, Suphannahong received the World Ship Trust Maritime Heritage Award ... Buddha from the 8th to 15th centuries as Hindu and Buddhist beliefs had extended their influence from India to ...

This photo-essay book is a modest attempt to link our maritime past, along with the entire progress, to the present, and in light of the same, to relate the future of the nation to a distinct maritime orientation with the Indian Navy as the lead national maritime agency. It traces about 7,500 years of India's maritime history and heritage. There are eight chapters, each dwelling on different aspects of maritime heritage namely, trade and commerce, evolution of cultures, influence of architecture, forts and lighthouses, naval battles and the evolution of the Indian navy. With images and artwork, this book will give the reader a vivid insight into our country's rich maritime past.

This volume advocates a trans-regional, and maritime-focused, approach to studying the genesis, development and circulation of Esoteric (or Tantric) Buddhism across Maritime Asia from the seventh to the thirteenth centuries ce. The book lays emphasis on the mobile networks of human agents ('Masters'), textual sources ('Texts') and images ('Icons') through which Esoteric Buddhist traditions spread. Capitalising on recent research and making use of both disciplinary and area-focused perspectives, this book highlights the role played by Esoteric Buddhist maritime networks in shaping intra-Asian connectivity. In doing so, it reveals the limits of a historiography that is premised on land-based transmission of Buddhism from a South Asian 'homeland', and advances an alternative historical narrative that overturns the popular perception regarding Southeast Asia as a 'periphery' that passively received overseas influences. Thus, a strong point is made for the appreciation of the region as both a crossroads and rightful terminus of Buddhist cults, and for the re-evaluation of the creative and transformative force of Southeast Asian agents in the transmission of Esoteric Buddhism across mediaeval Asia.

Gandhara is a name central to Buddhist heritage and iconography. It is the ancient name of a region in present-day Pakistan, bounded on the west by the Hindu Kush mountain range and to the north by the foothills of the Himalayas. 'Gandhara' is also the term given to this region's sculptural and architectural features between the first and sixth centuries CE. This book re-examines the archaeological material excavated in the region in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and traces the link between archaeological work, histories of museum collections and related interpretations by art historians. The essays in the volume underscore the diverse cultural traditions of Gandhara - from a variety of sources and perspectives on

language, ethnicity and material culture (including classical accounts, Chinese writings, coins and Sanskrit epics) – as well as interrogate the grand narrative of Hellenism of which Gandhara has been a part. The book explores the making of collections of what came to be described as Gandhara art and reviews the Buddhist artistic tradition through notions of mobility and dynamic networks of transmission. Wide ranging and rigorous, this volume will appeal to scholars and researchers of early South Asian history, archaeology, religion (especially Buddhist studies), art history and museums.

This book breaks new ground by examining trans-oceanic connectivity through the perspective of coastal shrines and maritime cultural landscapes across the Bay of Bengal and the South China Sea. It covers a period of expanding networks and cross-cultural encounters from the 3rd century BCE to the 13th century CE. The book examines the distinctiveness of these shrines, and highlights their interconnections, and their role in social integration in South and Southeast Asia. By drawing on data from shipwreck sites, the author elaborates on the material and religious intersections and transmissions between cultures across the seas. Many of these coastal shrines survived into the colonial period when they came to be admired for their aesthetic value as 'monuments'. As nation states of the region became independent, these shrines were often inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List on account of their Outstanding Universal Values. The book argues that in the 21st century there is a need to promote the cultural connectivity of the past as transnational heritage on UNESCO's global platform to preserve and protect our shared heritage. The volume will be essential reading for academics and researchers of archaeology, anthropology, museum and heritage studies, history of South and Southeast Asia, religious studies, cultural studies, and Asian studies.

This volume cross-examines the stability of heritage as a concept. It interrogates the past which materialises through multi-layered narratives on monuments and other objects that sustain cultural diversity. It seeks to understand how interpretations of "monuments" as "texts" are affected at the local level of experience, even as institutions such as UNESCO work to globalise and fix constructs of stable and universal heritage. Shifting away from a largely Eurocentric concept associated with architecture and monumental archaeology, this book reassesses how local and regional heritage needs to be balanced with the global and transnational. It argues that material objects and monuments are not static embodiments of culture but are, rather, a medium through which identity, power and society are produced and reproduced. This is especially relevant in South and Southeast Asian contexts, where debates over heritage often have local, regional and national political implications and consequences. Reevaluating how traditional valuation of monuments and cultural landscapes could help aid sustainability and long-term preservation of the heritage, this book will be useful for scholars and researchers of South and Southeast Asian history, heritage studies, archaeology, cultural studies, tourism studies and political history as well.

The Return of the Buddha traces the development of Buddhist archaeology in colonial India, examines its impact on the reconstruction of India's Buddhist past, and the making of a public and academic discourse around these archaeological discoveries. The book discusses the role of the state and modern Buddhist institutions in the reconstitution of national heritage through promulgation of laws for the protection of Buddhist monuments, acquiring of land around the sites, restoration of edifices, and organization of the display and dissemination of relics. It also highlights the engagement of prominent Indian figures, such as Nehru, Gandhi, Ambedkar, and Tagore, with Buddhist themes in their writings. Stressing upon the lasting legacy of Buddhism in independent India, the author explores the use of Buddhist symbols and imagery in nation-building and the making of the constitution, as also the recent efforts to resurrect Buddhist centers of learning such as Nalanda. With rich archival sources, the book will immensely interest scholars, researchers and students of modern Indian history, culture, archaeology, Buddhist studies, and heritage management.

Research work on coastal Bengal has mostly focused on maritime trading networks. In a clear departure from the existing scholarship, this volume questions the linearity of considering trade as the sole determinant of creation of settlement in the coastal regions. Focusing on settlement strategies, Chattopadhyay unravels how human societies, through successive generations, have adapted to the coastal environment and bioregime. First-hand data, procured through extensive fieldwork, forms the sound basis of this work. From structural remains, ceramic and bone implements, and stone tools, to terracotta figurines and inscriptions, a vast array of sources, including epigraphic and literary sources, is analysed. Significantly, the volume also highlights the interconnection between coastal geography and the hinterland. Chattopadhyay's meticulously researched work offers a geographical and temporal frame which allows the research on coastal Bengal to be viewed as an integral part of the archaeological developments in not only the subcontinent but also the adjoining region of the Southeast Asian countries.

When the civil war in Sri Lanka between Sinhala Buddhists and Tamils ended in 2009, many Sri Lankans and foreign observers alike hoped to see the re-establishment of relatively harmonious religious and ethnic relations among the various communities in the country. Instead, a different type of violence erupted, this time aimed at the Muslim community. The essays in Buddhist Extremists and Muslim Minorities investigate the history and current state of Buddhist-Muslim relations in Sri Lanka, in an attempt to identify the causes of this newly emergent conflict. Euro-American readers unfamiliar with this story will be surprised to learn that it inverts common stereotypes of the two religious groups. In this context, certain groups of Buddhists, generally considered peace-oriented in the West, are engaged in victimizing Muslims, who are increasingly seen as militant. The authors examine the historical contexts and substantive reasons that gave rise to Buddhist nationalism and aggressive attacks on Muslim communities. The rise of Buddhist

nationalism in general is analyzed and explained, while the specific role, methods, and character of the militant Bodu Bala Sena ("Army of Buddhist Power") movement receive particular scrutiny. The motivations for attacks on Muslims may include deep-seated perceptions of economic disparity, but elements of religious culture (ritual and symbol) are also seen as catalysts for explosive acts of violence. This much-needed, timely commentary promises to shift the standard narrative on Muslims and religious violence.

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