



Professor Jennifer Leaning at the *Contemporary South Asian City Conference* in Karachi

 The South Asia Initiative at Harvard University
'opportunities for growth in Bangladesh'
&
Bangladeshi Harvard Alumni through the ages:
'going against the grain'
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Dr. Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Bir Bikram
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Kumbh Projections Interdisciplinary Innovation + Event After-life



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One group of researchers examined the use of trees and plants in the Kumbh Mela. Another group gathered data on how flowers used in worship are a burgeoning concern of their wider-scale use in India. This research also looked at the effects religious practices have on the environment, and the ways in which vendors and suppliers managed risks and responded to temporary, ad-hoc, ever-changing marketplaces.

Lessons learned from this research could serve as a model for other large-scale events. Another business team analyzed data from cell phone usage in the Kumbh Mela to understand the patterns that emerge in large-scale events with a bound timeframe and undefined boundaries.

These different approaches folded into one project that contributed to evolving a 'Map of the Kumbh Mela' which packaged group findings in diverse formats: Co-authored articles, exhibitions, books, conferences in other parts of America and Europe and a series of other outreach activities about findings and the engagement of a broader audience.



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Professor Parimal Patil at the Kumbh Mela



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