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<b>Countries visited and lectures given:</b> Australia, Austria, Belgium, China P.R., Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA (& Hawaii), Soviet Union, Thailand.
<b>Teaching assignments:</b> at Dept. of Geography, Banaras Hindu University (BHU): Lecturer (1977-1980), Senior Lecturer (1983-90), Reader (1991- 1998), <b>PROFESSOR</b> (since Jan 1999) Geography, BHU, Varanasi →
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<b>Ph. D. Research supervision:</b> 10 students awarded Ph D degrees, 1988-2011.
<b>Publications:</b> <i>Research Papers</i> : 218 ( Indian Jls./ books : 150; International Jls./ books : 68 ); in Hindi: 20. <i>Research Monographs</i> : 15. <i>Ed./Co-Ed. Research anthologies:</i> 26. <i>Text books</i> : 2 (Practical Geogr.) <i>Tour guidebooks:</i> 2. <i>Co-ed. Catalogues</i> : 2. <i>Books reviewed</i> (in NGJI): over 240. <i>General articles</i> : 20.
<b>Presentation in: International Geographical Congress (IGC):</b> 23rd Moscow, USSR <b>1976;</b> 24th Tokyo, Japan <b>1980;</b> 28th the Hague, Netherlands <b>1996. World Congress of IAHR,</b> the 19th Tokyo, Japan: 24-30 March <b>2005</b>
<b>U.N.O. Project:</b> Completed UNO-CHBP short term project (Chamaon GS), 1977 and published in 1977.
<b>Notable Academic contributions:</b> Spatio-temporal Dimensional theory of Diffusion. Space Articulation theory in Indian villages. Literary images & Spirit of Place. Ritual Mandala & Sacrality of Space and Time. Pilgrimage Mandala, Sacred Geography & Cosmic Order of Holy Places. Geomancy & Cultural symbolism in Hinduism. Concepts of Sacredscape and Faithscape. Pilgrimage systems and Self Organised Criticality theory, Cultural astronomy and Ordering of Sacredscapes and holy cities. Architectural symbolism and Heritage planning.
<b>Experience with the International Geographical Union (IGU), AAG &amp; UNO:</b> <i>Secretary:</i> IGU Working Group, Transformation of Rural Habitat in Developing Countries, 1976-1984; <i>Corres. Member:</i> IGU Commission -Population Geography, 1976-2000; - History of Geographical Thought, 1988-2004; <i>Corres. Member:</i> IGU Study Gr.-Cultural Approach in Geography, 1996-2004. <i>Member,</i> SG on 'Geography of Religion & Belief Systems' (AAG, USA), 1989-1998. <i>Consultant:</i> UNO-CHBP, New York, 1977-80; Member, South Asia, IGU Initiative: Cultures and Civilizations for Human Development, 2005→.
<b>Member &amp; Editorship:</b> <i>Life-Member:</i> Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage ( <i>INTACH</i> ; L-10517), National Association of Geographers, India ( <i>NAGI</i> ; L-547); National Geographical Society of India ( <i>NGSI</i> ; L-108); <i>Assoc./Executive Editor:</i> National Geographical Journal of India, 1986-1995. <i>Editor, Earth Scs. Sect., JI. of Scientific Research</i> (Sc. Fac., BHU), 1990-1995. F.A.A.I., <i>Fellow Accademia Ambrosiana</i> (Italy), Jan. 2009.
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<b>Chief Co-ordinator (Hon.):</b> New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India, <i>NYSICCSI</i> , (Program at Varanasi in Nov-Dec.), since 1995→; Friends of World Progr., Long Is. Univ., USA, since 2000→
<b>International Project Collaboration:</b> * Centre for Environmental Tech., Imperial College at Silwood Park (UK), on "Land use and Farming Systems in Peri-urban areas around Varanasi City", May - Oct. 1999, & April 2000 - March 2002. * University of Colorado, Boulder (USA) and SHPEH on "Cultural Astronomy & Pilgrimage Systems: The Bathers' Survey, Varanasi", November 1998 - June 2000; (collaborator: John McKim Malville) * German Research Council : SAI, Univ. of Heidelberg (Germany) Interdisciplinary Project on "Visualized Space and representation in Varanasi", 1999-2002; (collaborators: Axel Michaels, Hans-G. Bohle, Rana P. B. Singh)
<b>Promoting &amp; directing:</b> Deep & Pilgrimage-Tourism and Tours; Slide-show lectures on Sacred Places in & around Varanasi , and mass awakening to the heritage preservation.
<b>Awards &amp; Nominations:</b> * American Biographical Inst., ABI: "International Peace Prize", 2003, "American Medal of Honour", 2003. "Man of the Year - 1999", "2000", "2003". "Contemporary Who's Who", 2003. "Research Board of Advisors", 1999, 2000, 2000-2003. "2000 Millennium Medal of Honor" - 1999. "Outstanding Man of the 20th Century" - December 1999. *International Biogr. Inst., Cambridge: "Outstanding People of the 20th Century" - 1999. * Marquis Who's Who (USA): "Who's Who in the World", 1999 - 2007.
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### **Selected Publications related to Geography of Religion & Belief Systems, GORABS**

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- Singh, Rana P.B. 2003. *Where the Buddha Walked. A Companion to the Buddhist Places of India*. Pilgrimage & Cosmology Series: 5. 22 x 15cm, 322pp., 22 x 15cm, 110 Figs. Indica Books, Varanasi. ISBN: 81-86569-36-7. Reprinted with update, 2009.
- Singh, Rana P.B. 2004. *Cultural Landscapes and the Lifeworld. The Literary Images of Banaras*. Pilgrimage and Cosmology Series: 6. 22 x 15cm, 398pp., 55 figures. Indica Books, Varanasi. 2004. ISBN: 81-86569-45-6.
- Singh, Rana P.B. and Rana, Pravin S. 2002. *Banaras Region: A Spiritual and Cultural Guide*. Pilgrimage & Cosmology Series: 1. Indica Books, Varanasi. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 2006. 22 x 15cm, 402pp, 111 maps/figs. ISBN: 81-86569-24-3.
- Singh, Rana P.B. 2009. *Banaras, the Heritage City of India: Geography, History and Bibliography*. Pilgrimage and Cosmology Series: 8. Indica Books, Varanasi. 22 x 15cm, 458pp., 32 figs., 1276 sources. ISBN: 81-86569-85-5.
- Singh, Rana P.B. 2009. *Uprooting Geographic Thoughts in India: Toward Ecology and Culture in 21st century*. Foreword: Prof. David Simon (Royal Holloway, University of London, U.K.). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 1. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne U.K. 22 x 15cm, xvi + 325pp., 7 tables, 15 figs. Hb, ISBN (10): 1-4438-0580-7: £39.99/\$59.99. Pb. (13): 978-1-4438-0580-3: £19.99/\$29.99. **Pdf available from the author.**
- Singh, Rana P.B. 2009. *Geographical Thoughts in India: Snapshots and Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Foreword: Prof. Martin J. Haigh (Oxford Brooke University, Oxford, U.K.). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 2. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne U.K. 22 x 15cm, 16 tables, 58 figs., xvi + 429 pp. Hb, ISBN (10): 978-1-4438-1118-1 : £44.99/\$66.99. Pb, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-1118-4: £29.99/\$39.99. **Pdf available from the author.**
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- Singh, Rana P.B. 2009. *Cosmic Order and Cultural Astronomy: Sacred Cities of India*. Foreword: Prof. John McKim Malville (University of Colorado, Boulder, U.S.A.). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 4. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle

upon Tyne U.K. 22 x 15cm, xvi + 249pp., 15 tables, 72 figures. ISBN (10): 1-4438-1417-2; £39.99/\$59.99. ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-1417-1; £19.99/\$29.99. **Pdf available from the author.**

Singh, Rana P.B. 2011. *Indo-Kyosei Global Ordering: Gandhi's Vision, Harmonious Coexistence, & Ecospirituality*. Foreword: TAKEMURA Makio (President, Toyo University, Japan). Research Center for Kyosei Philosophy, Toyo University, Japan. 142pp., 10 tables, 13 figs. Size: 11x18 cm. Pb. ISBN (13): 978-4-89619-792-1. Price: Rs 125/- Jp ¥ 400/ \$ 6. **Pdf available from the author/s.**

Singh, Rana P.B. 2012. *Pilgrimage in Hindu Tradition: sacred Space and System*. Foreword: Prof. Robert H. Stoddard (University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 9. [8 essays, and list of 108 pilgrimage places]. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne U.K. [22x 15cm, xvi+ 330pp.; 14 tables, 43 figs.]. **<in process>**

## A-2 . Edited/ Co-edited Research Anthologies [9]

Singh, R.L. and Singh, Rana P.B. (eds.) 1987. *Trends in the Geography of Belief Systems*. Festschrift to Angelika Sievers. National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Pub. 34. [9 essays]. 24 x 18cm; viii +128pp., 19 figs. Pb, ISBN: 81-86187-33-2. Price: Rs 70, US\$ 16.

Singh, R.L. and Singh, Rana P.B. (eds.) 1987. *Trends in the Geography of Pilgrimages*. Homage to David E. Sopher. National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Pub. 35. [10 essays, and bibliography]. 24 x 18cm; xvi + 216pp., 63 figs., 3 B-W photographs. Pb, ISBN: 81-86187-34-0. Price: Rs 200, US\$ 32.

Singh, R.L. and Singh, Rana P.B. (eds.) 1991. *Environmental Experience, and Value of Place. Homage to Robert C. Eidt*. National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Pub. 38. [15 essays]. 24 x 18cm; xii + 232pp., 49 figs. Hb, ISBN: 81-86187-37-5. Price: Rs 230, US\$ 35.

Singh, Rana P.B. (eds.) 1993. *Environmental Ethics. Discourses and Cultural Traditions*. Festschrift to Arne Naess. National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Pub. 40. [20 essays]. 24 x 18cm; 256pp., 32 figs. Hb, ISBN: 81-86187-39-1. Price: Rs 500, US\$ 70.

Singh, Rana P.B. (eds.) 1994. *The Spirit and Power of Place. Human Environment and Sacrality. Essays dedicated to Yi-Fu Tuan*. National Geographical Society of India, Varanasi, Pub. 41. [26 essays]. 24 x 18cm; viii + 364pp. Hb, ISBN: 81-86187-41-3. Price: Rs 500, US\$ 70.

Singh, Rana P.B. (ed.) 2010. *Sacred Geography of Goddesses in South Asia. Essays in Memory of David Kinsley*. [14 essays]. Introduction: Legacy of David Kinsley:- Prof. Richard Mann (Carleton University, Canada). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 5. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne U.K. ISBN (10): 1-4438-1865-8, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-1865-0. [22 x 15cm; xviii + 396pp, 34 tables, 69 figs.]. Price: UK £49.99/ US\$ 74.99.

Singh, Rana P.B. (ed.) 2011. *Heritagescapes and Cultural Landscapes*. Foreword: Prof. William S. Logan (Deakin University, Australia). Planet Earth & Cultural Understanding Series, Pub. 6. [10 essays]. Shubhi Publications, New Delhi. Hb, ISBN (10): 81-8290-226-6; ISBN (13): 978-81-8290-226-8. [22x 15cm, xvi+ 344pp.; 18 tables, 52 figs.]. Price: Rs 1495.00/ US\$ 55. **Pdf available from the author.**

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