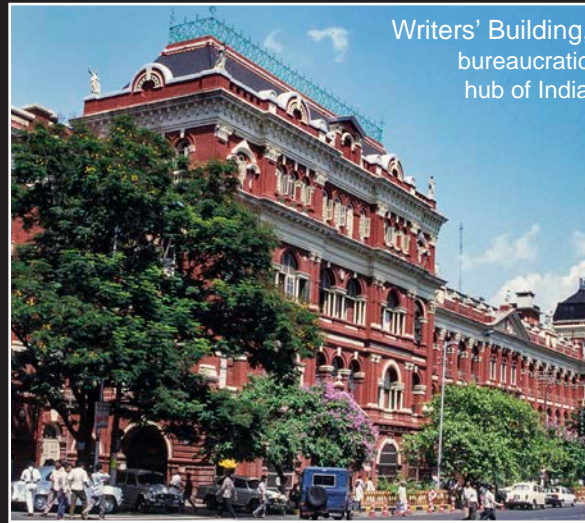


Memories of India: 2 Ganges Valley

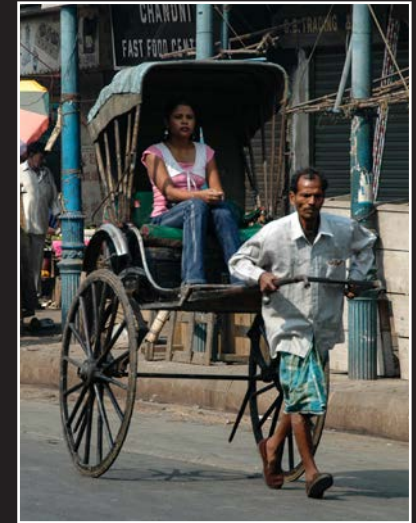


Memories of India in three parts
 1: Rajasthan and Himalayas
 2: Ganges Valley
 3: Peninsula and South

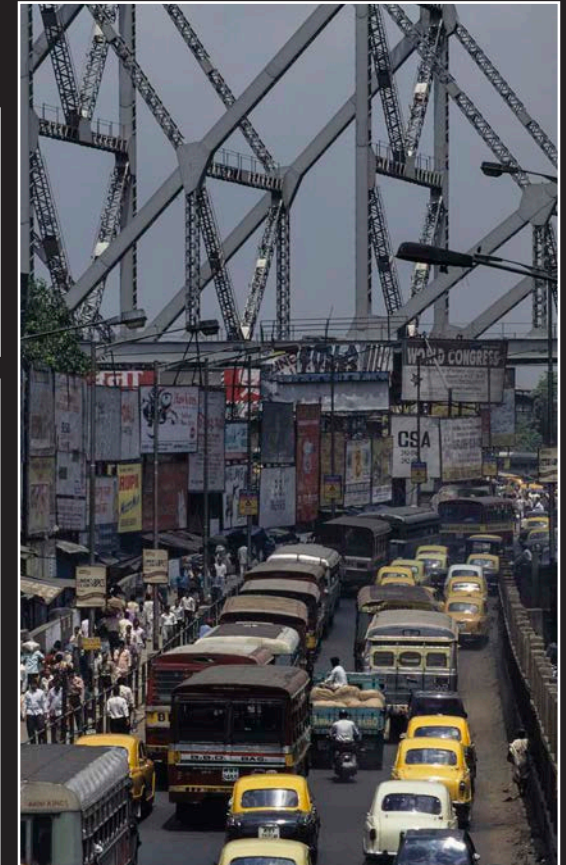
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Writers' Building,
bureaucratic
hub of India



Calcutta, India's cultural capital,
beside the Hooghly River
within the Ganges delta





Calcutta's Maidan and Victoria Memorial

Armenian Ghat flower market

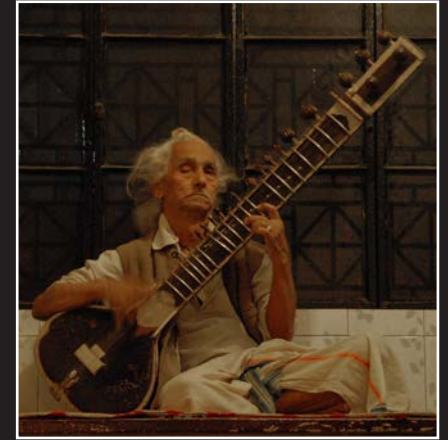




Howrah Bridge
Hooghly River



Single banyan tree in Calcutta's Botanical Gardens



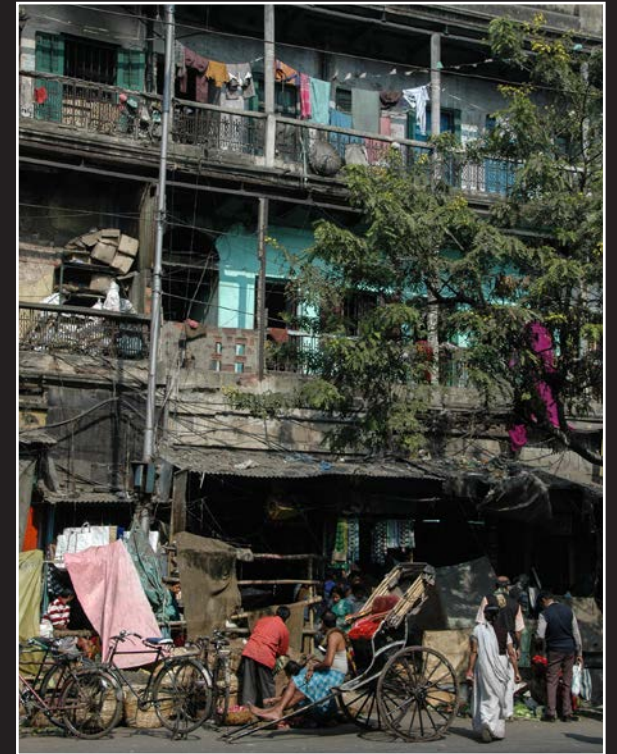
Indians of India





The other side of Calcutta: some shanties on railway land have electric and television, but living on the streets is more basic





Indian Railways: arteries of the nation;
world #1 for passengers and employees



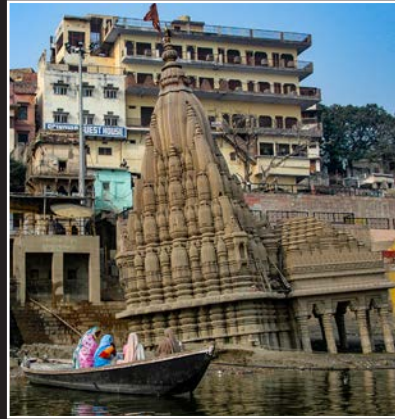


Train window onto
the Ganges valley

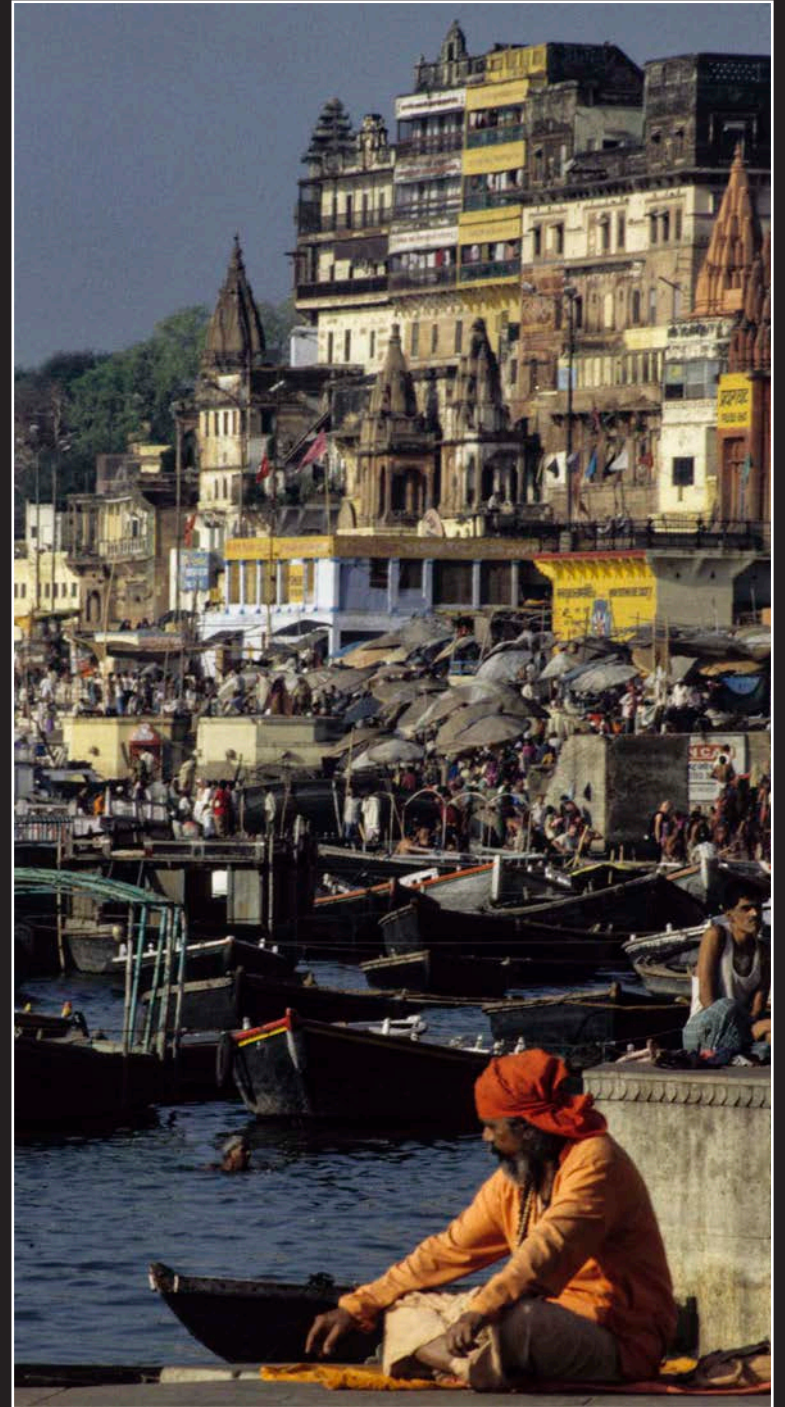


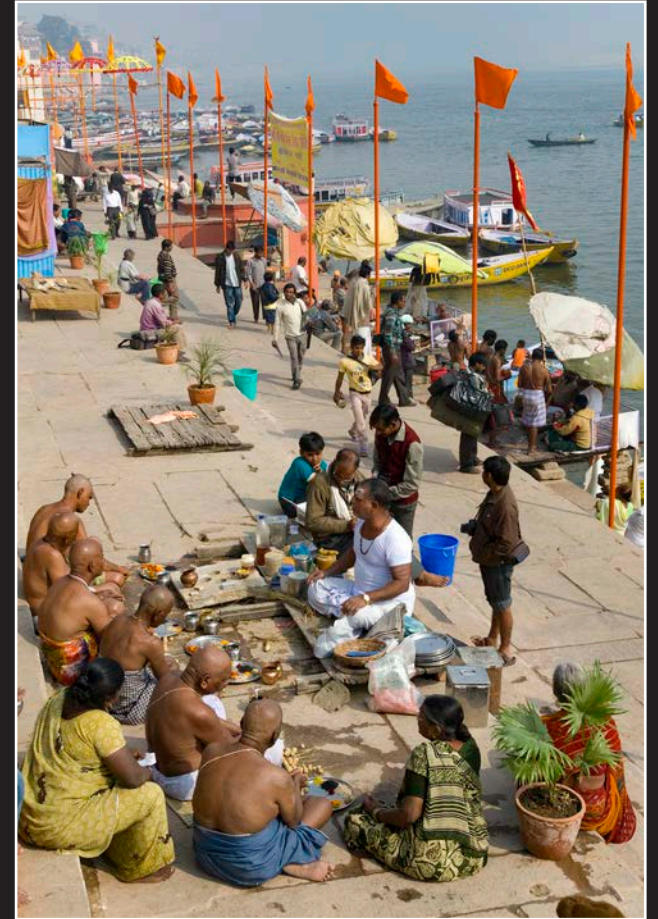
Allahabad, holy city
where the Yamuna
joins the Ganges





Varanasi, holy city where Hindus gather to bathe in the Ganges





Ganges ghats at Varanasi,
everything happening





Hindu weddings beside the Ganges,
the bride symbolically tied to her groom



Pastel colours at festival of Holi

Evening ceremony of Ganga Aarti,
worship of the Divine Mother River

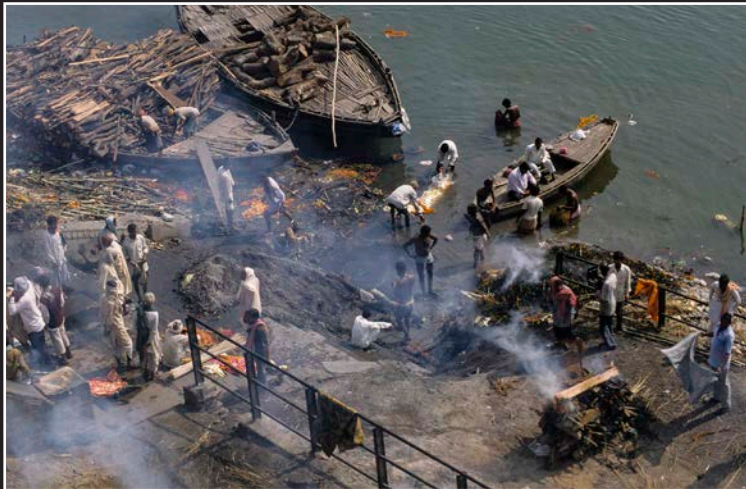


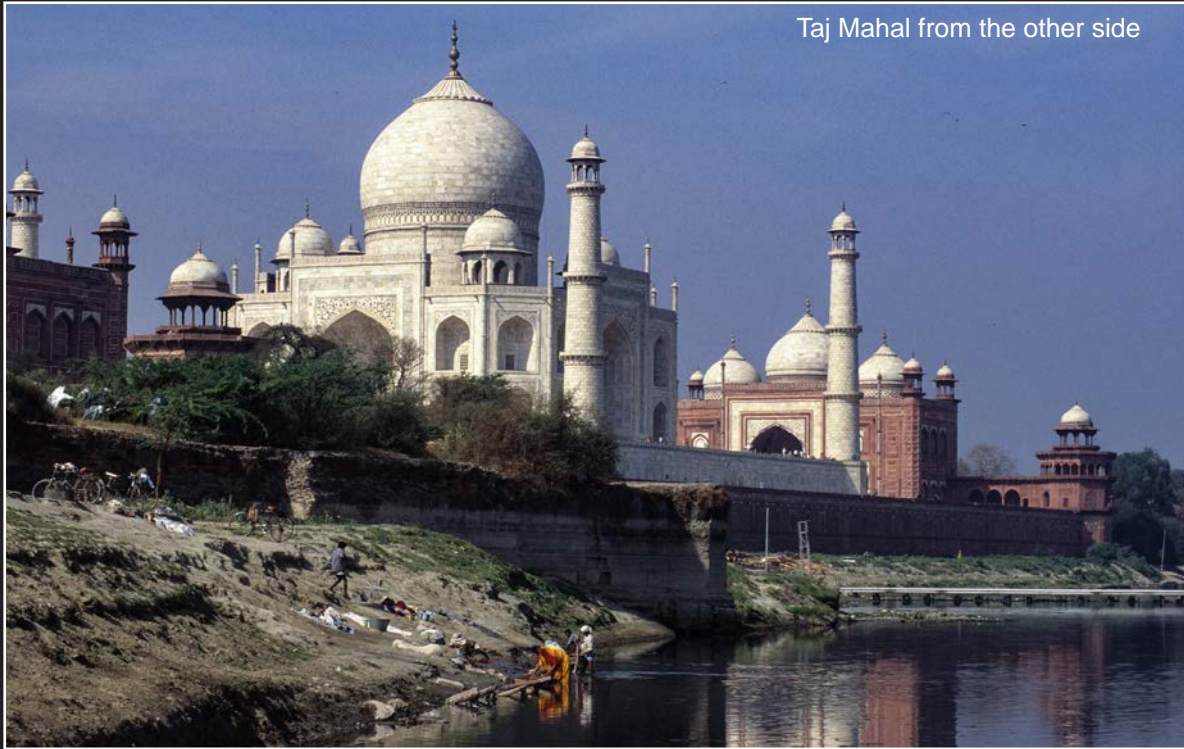
Ghats of Varanasi



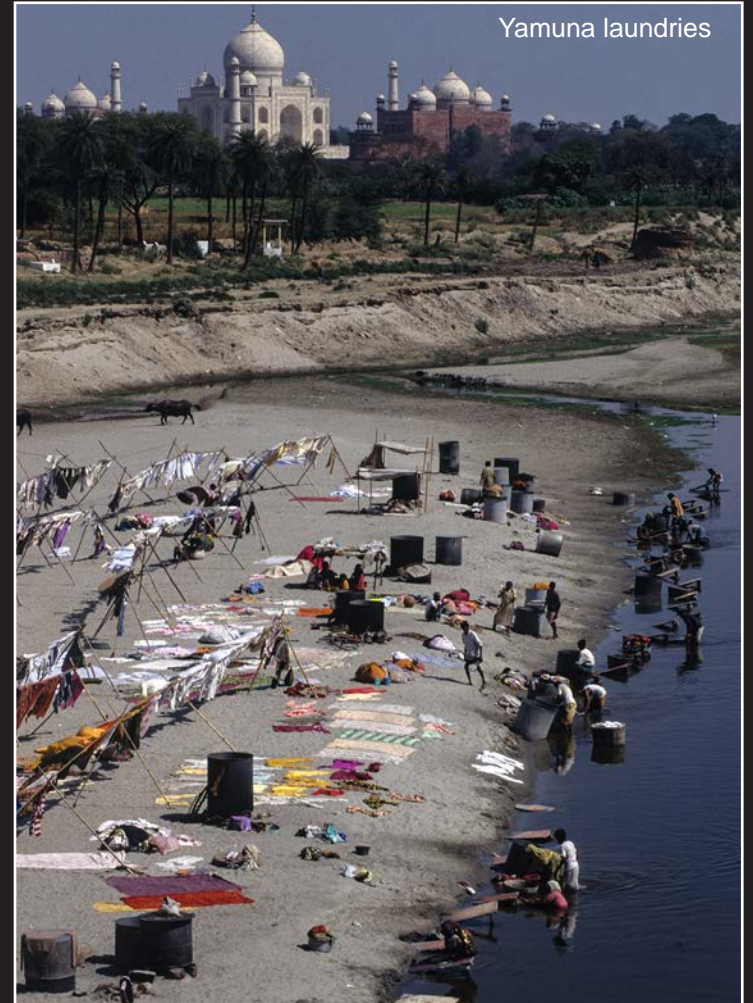


Varanasi's burning ghats, cremation by the Ganges: one part of a lively city



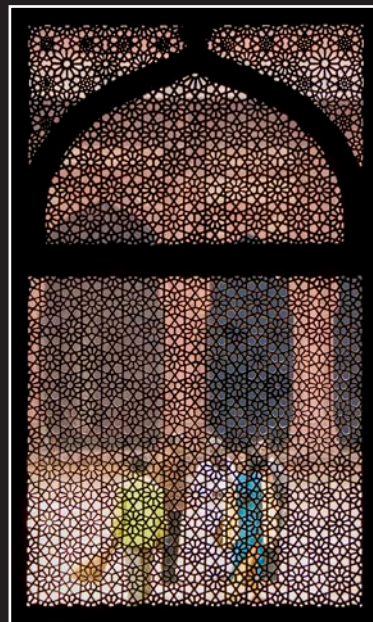
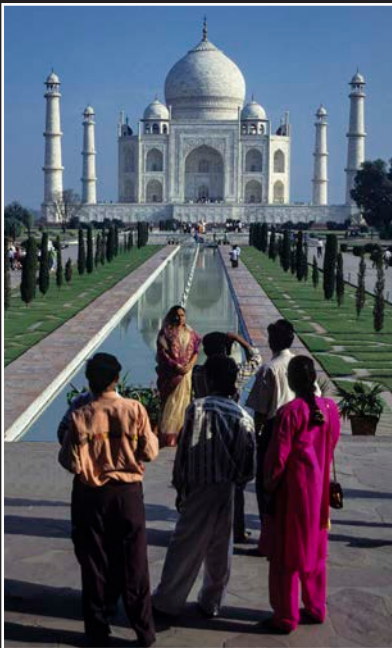


Taj Mahal from the other side

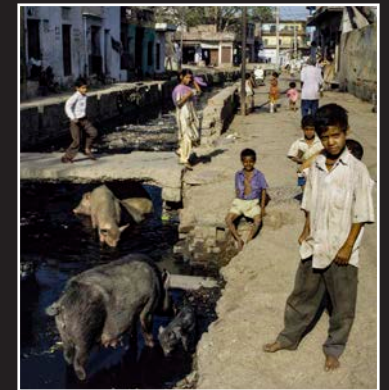
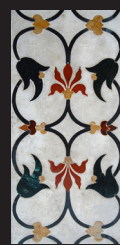


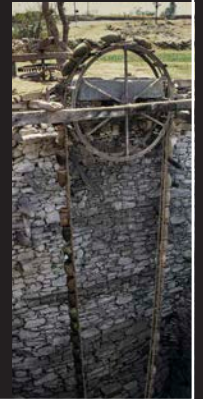
Yamuna laundries

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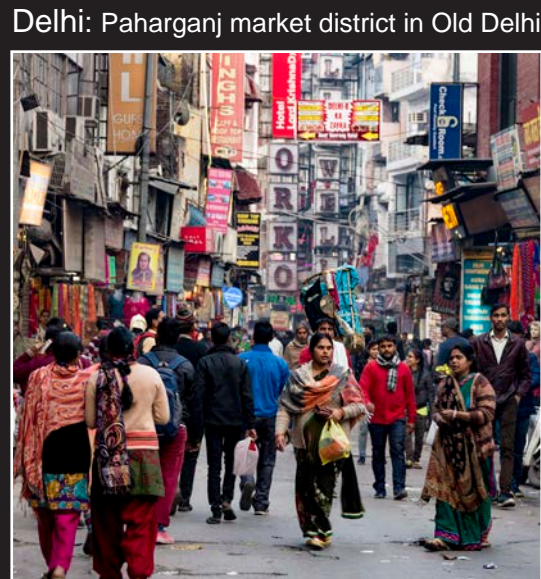
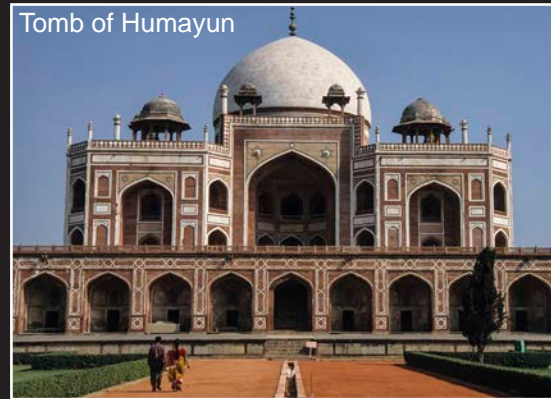
Fatehpur Sikri stone screen





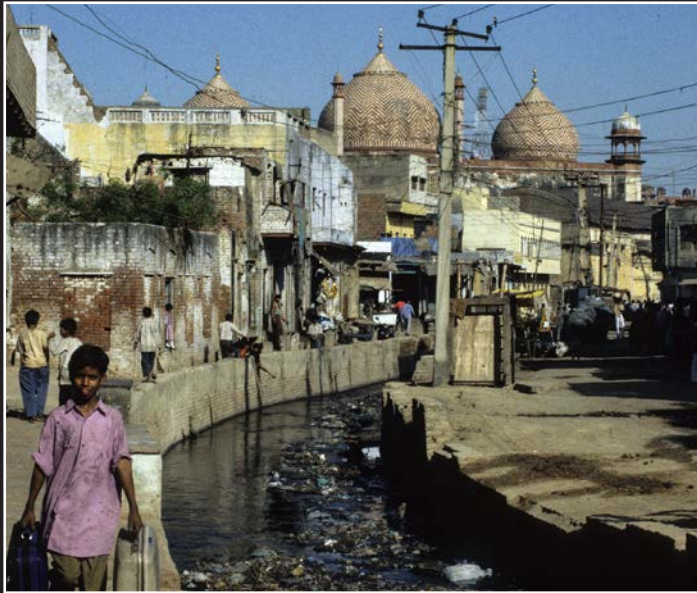
Fuel supplies direct from the farmyard



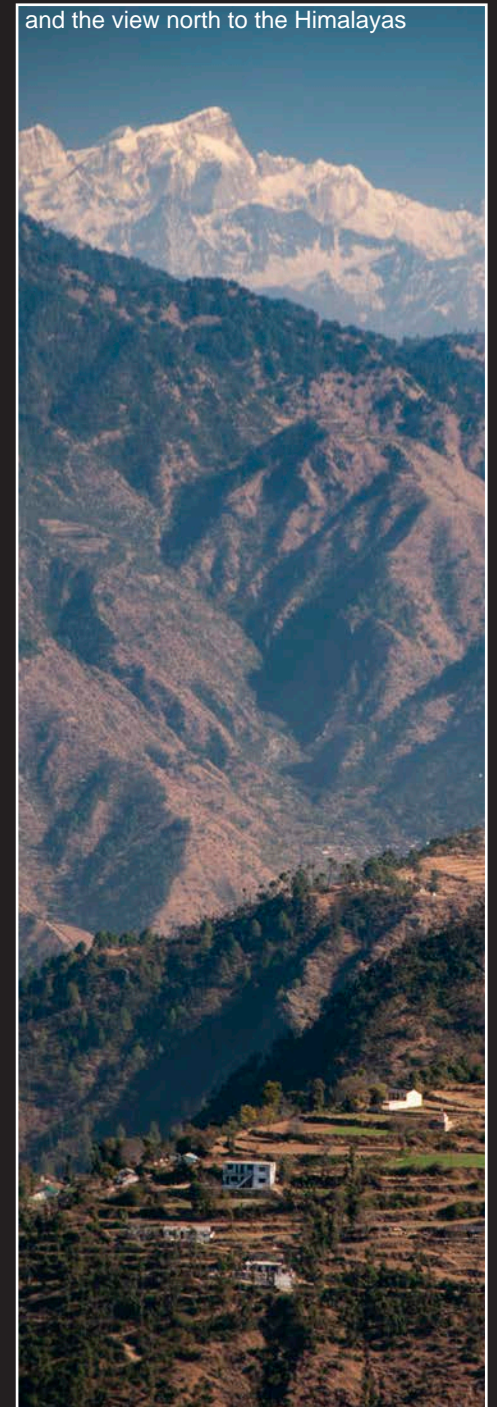


Delhi: Paharganj market district in Old Delhi

Chandra Chowk



Mussoorie promenade
Victorian gazebo



and the view north to the Himalayas



Mussoorie:
dust over the
Ganges Plain

Grand Trunk Road: Calcutta to Khyber Pass



Dehra Dun



Haridwar; sacred city where Ganges emerges from Himalayas



Ganga Aarti, evening ceremony of fire worship; boats of leaves and flowers are placed on the Ganges

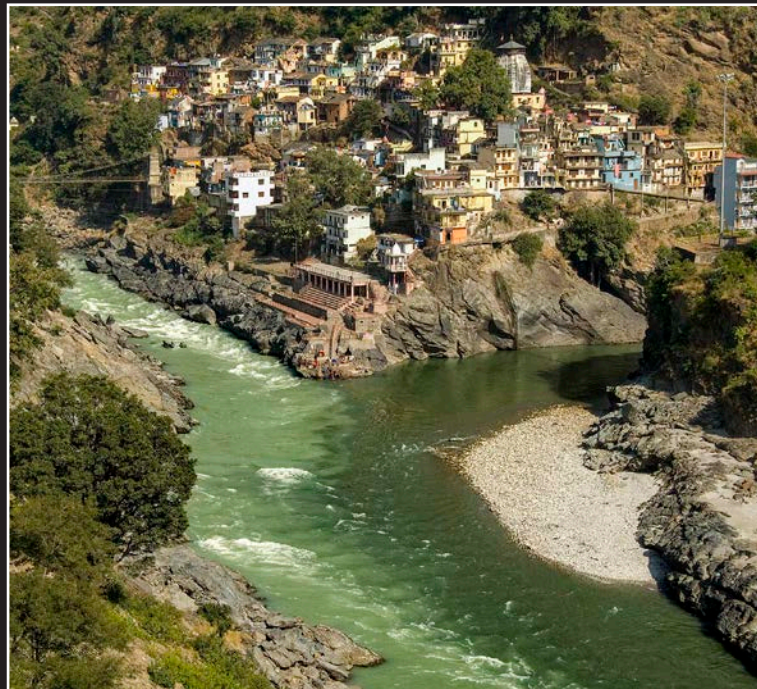




Ganges sources in Garhwal Himalayas

Temples and ashrams at Rishikesh

Confluence of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda
at Deoprayag to form the River Ganges



Kedarnath

