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SCL India's 5th Biennial International Conference on Construction Law & Arbitration, 2025

The Future of Construction Disputes: Navigating Change in India and Beyond

5th – 7th December, 2025

The Lalit, New Delhi

Invitation Brochure

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Conference Description

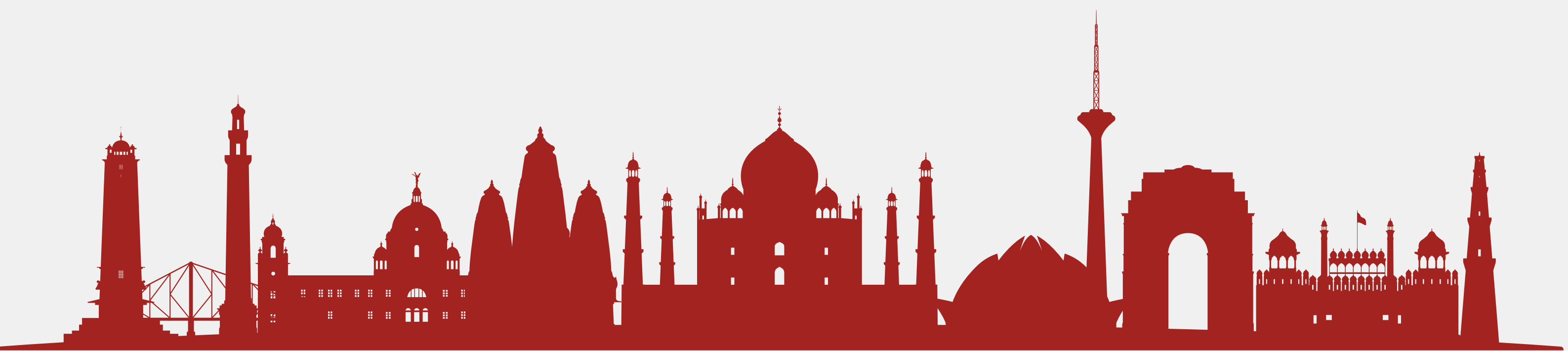
The Society of Construction Law – India (SCL-India), is delighted to announce the 5th Biennial International Conference on Construction Law & Arbitration, which will be held at Hotel The Lalit, New Delhi from 5th to 7th December 2025.

For nearly a decade, SCL-India has been at the forefront of shaping conversations around construction law and arbitration in India. Each of the four previous iterations, held in 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023, has been landmark in itself, attracting over 350 participants, including sitting judges, arbitrators, experts, senior legal practitioners, and engineers from across the world.

This year's conference marks another important milestone. Over three days, New Delhi will become a meeting ground for thought leaders, policymakers, academics, engineers, and practitioners who continue to redefine the practice of construction law.

From rethinking contractual risk allocation to strengthening dispute-resolution systems, and from integrating sustainability into project execution to adopting global best practices in construction arbitration, the conference will invite delegates to engage deeply with the challenges and opportunities of our time. It will also celebrate India's emerging position as a global hub for construction arbitration, reflecting the country's growing infrastructure ambitions and its commitment to legal excellence.

More than an academic gathering, the SCL-India's Biennial International Conference has always been a space for genuine dialogue, where professionals come together to build bridges between law and industry. The 2025 edition carries this spirit forward with renewed purpose, envisioning a future where construction law becomes not just a tool of resolution, but an instrument of progress.



Chairman's Message

Dear Delegates,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to SCL-India's 5th Biennial International Conference on Construction Law & Arbitration.

When SCL-India began its journey, our vision was simple yet ambitious, to create a platform that would bring together legal and technical minds to exchange knowledge, shape policy, and advance the understanding of construction law in the region. Today, as we host our 5th biennial conference, it fills me with immense pride to see how that vision has taken root and flourished.

Each of our previous conferences, from Delhi to Mumbai to Kerala, has shown the strength of collaboration between disciplines. Every edition has deepened our shared understanding of how construction law is not merely about contracts or claims, but about fostering trust, accountability, and innovation in how we build and resolve. This year, as we return to New Delhi, we do so with a renewed commitment to broaden that dialogue and take it to the next level.

The 2025 conference is not just a continuation, it is a reflection of how far we have come as a community. It is an opportunity to engage in conversations that are global in scope yet deeply rooted in our national realities.

SCL-India's greatest strength lies in its people, the delegates, members, speakers, and partners who believe in the power of dialogue to transform practice. Together, we have built something that goes beyond an event, a movement that celebrates the spirit of collaboration between law, infrastructure, and technology.

I look forward to welcoming you all to New Delhi, and hope that over the course of three days, you will find the discussions enriching, the perspectives inspiring, and the connections lasting.

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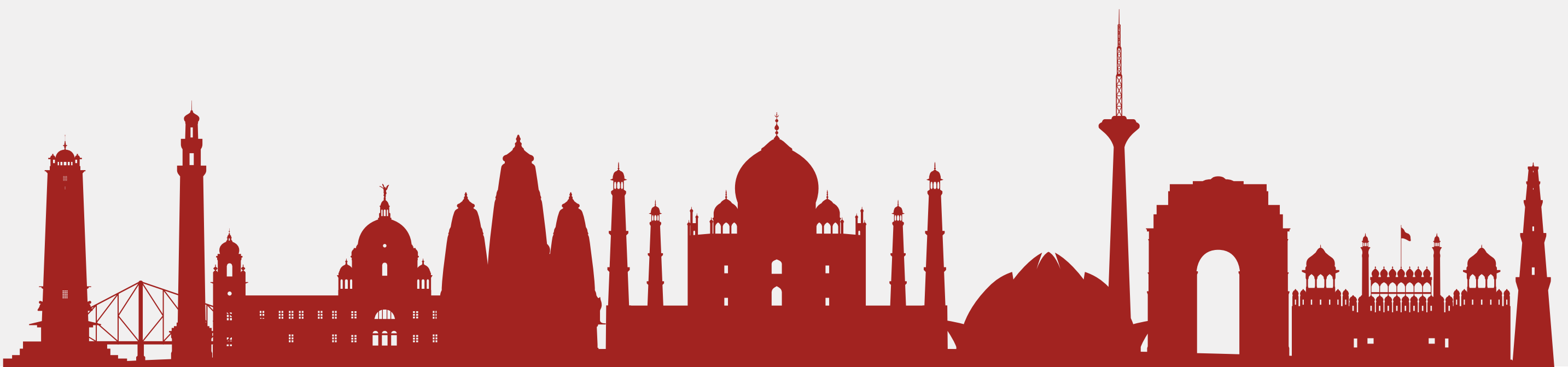


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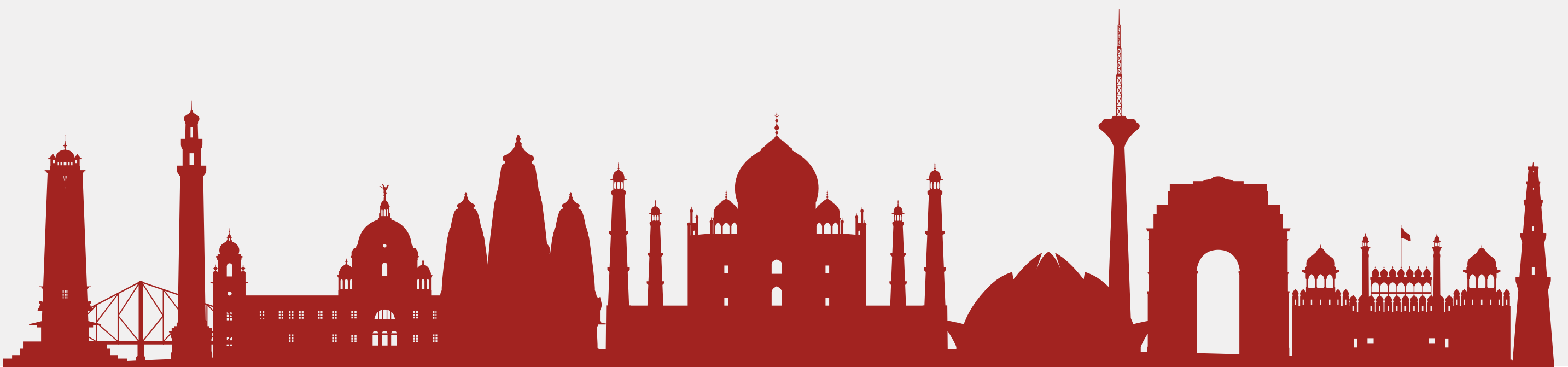
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| 15:30 – 16:30 | Registration/High Tea |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | Lamp Lighting |
| 17:00 – 17:10 | Welcome Address: Ratan K. Singh, Senior Advocate & Chairman, SCL- India |
| 17:10 – 17:20 | Special Address: Arun Chawla, Director General- Indian Council of Arbitration |
| 17:20 – 17:30 | Special Address: Lalit Bhasin, President- Society of Indian Law Firms & Chairman, CIArb.- India |
| 17:30 – 17:40 | Special Address: Justice Tejas Karia, Judge-Delhi High Court |
| 17:40 – 17:50 | Address by Guest of Honour: R. Venkataramani, Hon'ble Attorney General of India |
| 17:50 – 18:00 | Address by Guest of Honour: Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice, Government of India (TBC) |



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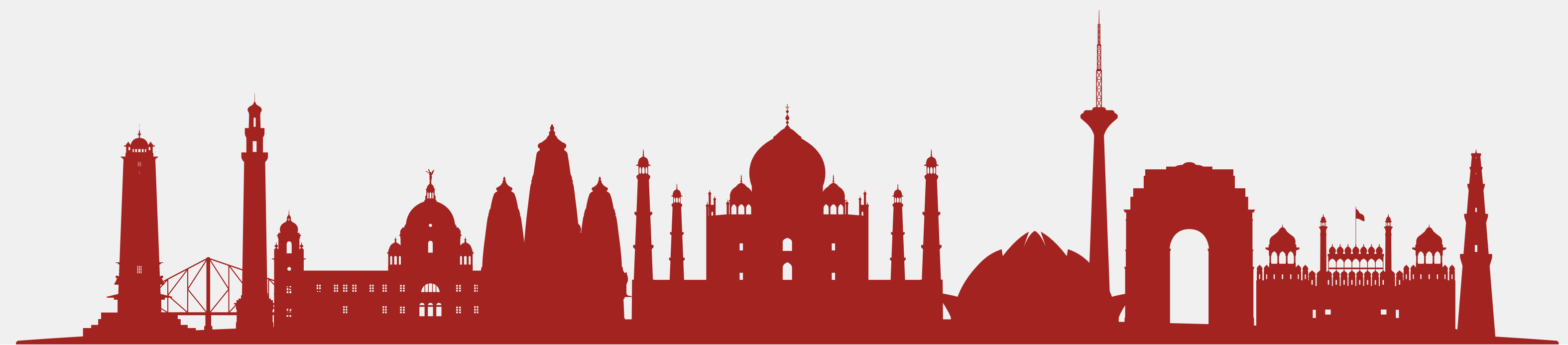
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| 18:00 – 18:20 | Keynote Address: Philip L. Bruner, Director-JAMS Global Engineering and Construction Panel of Neutrals |
| 18:20 – 18:30 | Presidential Address by Chief Guest: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India (TBC) |
| 18:30 – 18:40 | Vote of Thanks: Shashank Garg, Senior Advocate |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Session 1: Proof in Construction Disputes: Testing the Evidence Used to Prove Causation and Loss |
| 20:00 – 22:30 | Cocktail Reception and Dinner |



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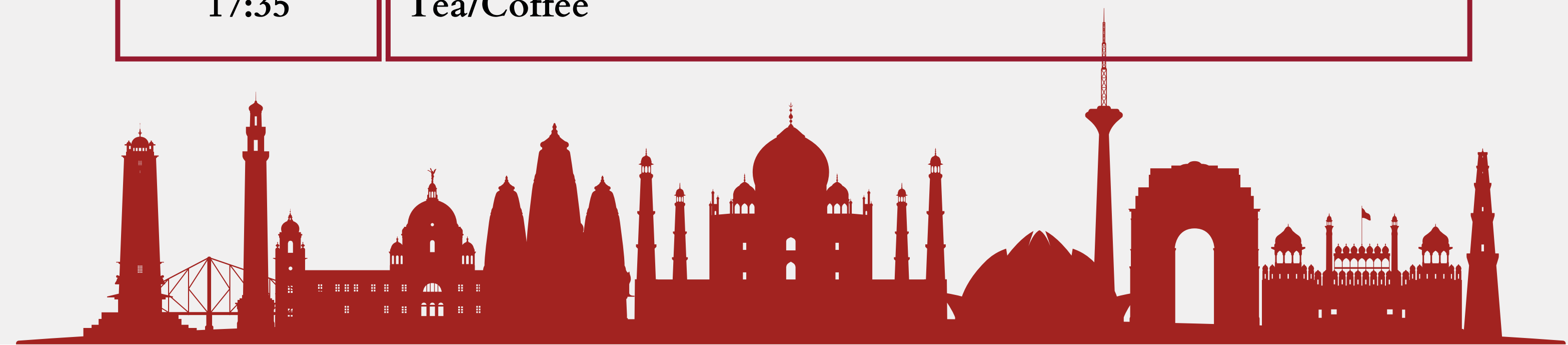
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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Registration / Tea & Coffee |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Special Address: Justice Philip Jeyaretnam, President-SICC, Singapore |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Session 2: Delay Analysis: Perspective of Arbitrator, Lawyer, Expert & Industry |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Session 3: Claim for Head-office Overheads and Profitability |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | Session 4 – Relevance and Art of Cross-Examination in Construction Arbitration |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Session 5 – Best Practices on Record Keeping for Construction Claims |
| 19:30 | Gala Dinner |



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| TIME | PLENARY SESSIONS |
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| 09:30 – 11:00 | Session 6 – Sub-contracting and Back-to-Back Contracts: Indian and Global Perspectives |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Session 7 – Defects Liability in Construction: Safeguarding Employers’ Rights to What They Paid For |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Session 8 – Delay Analysis for Linear Projects and Concurrent Delays |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Session 9 – Role of Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation for Construction Disputes |
| 17:00 – 17:05 | Vision SCL-India and & SCL-Mumbai’s Conference 2026 |
| 17:05 – 17:15 | Closing Address by Guest of Honour: Dr. Manoj Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | Valedictory Address by Chief Guest: Hon’ble Judge, Supreme Court of India (TBC) |
| 17:30 – 17:35 | Vote of Thanks |
| 17:35 | Tea/Coffee |



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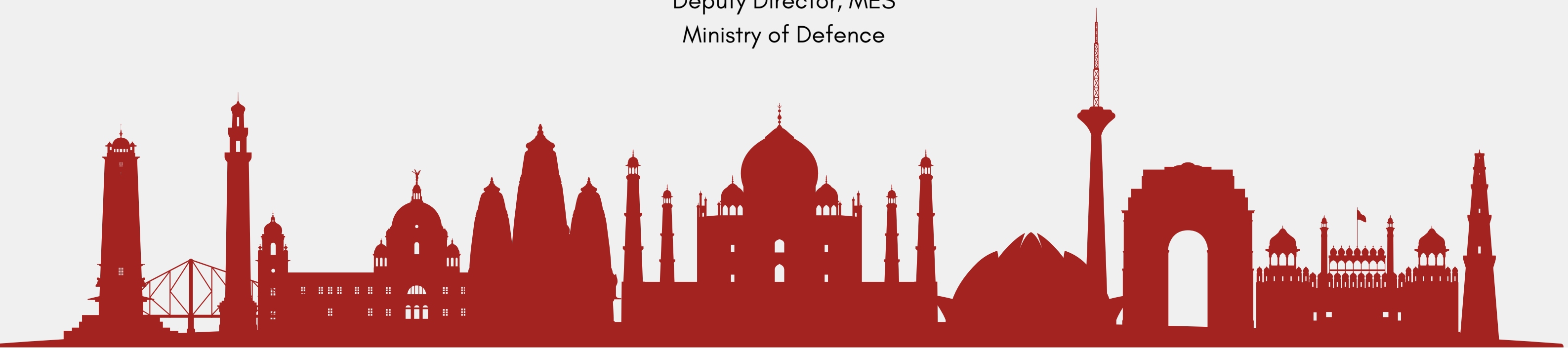
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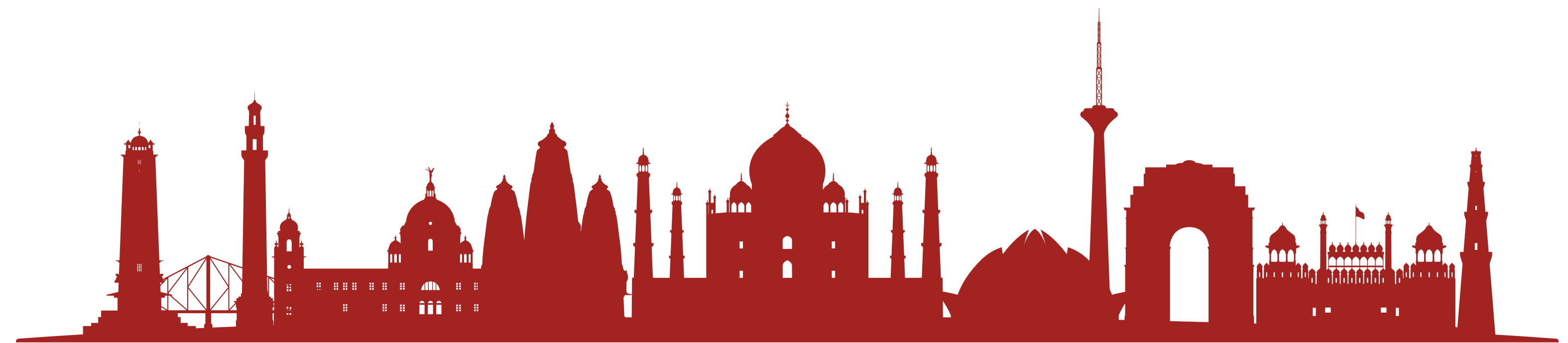
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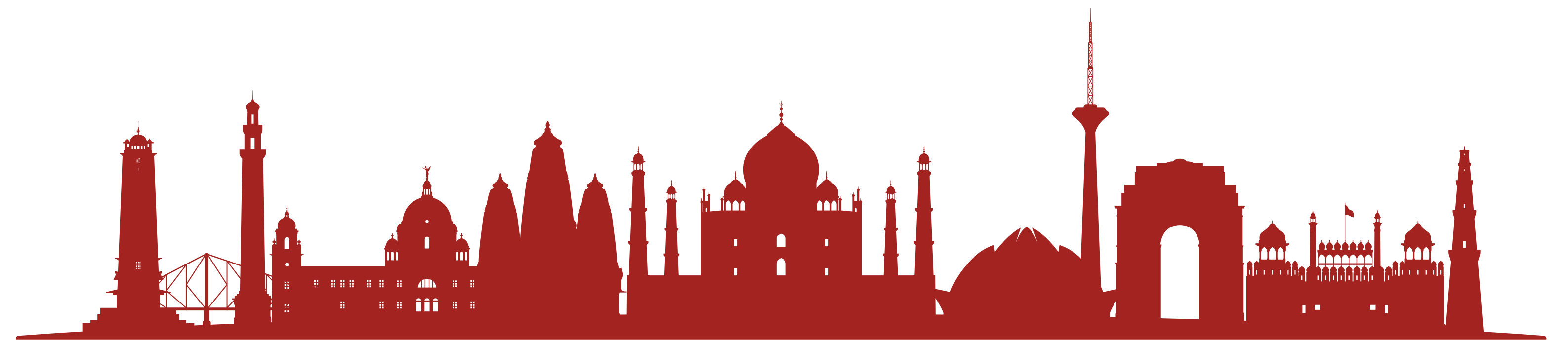
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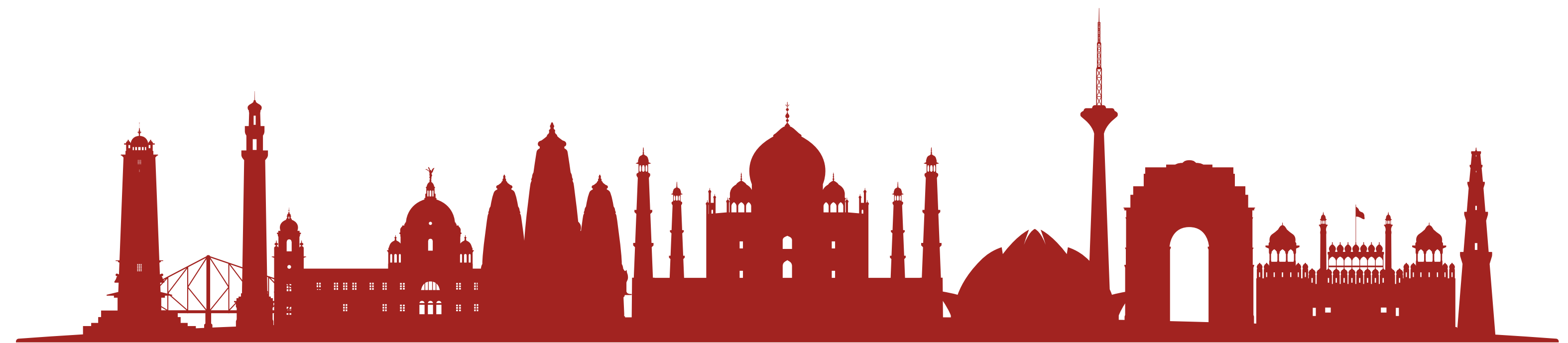
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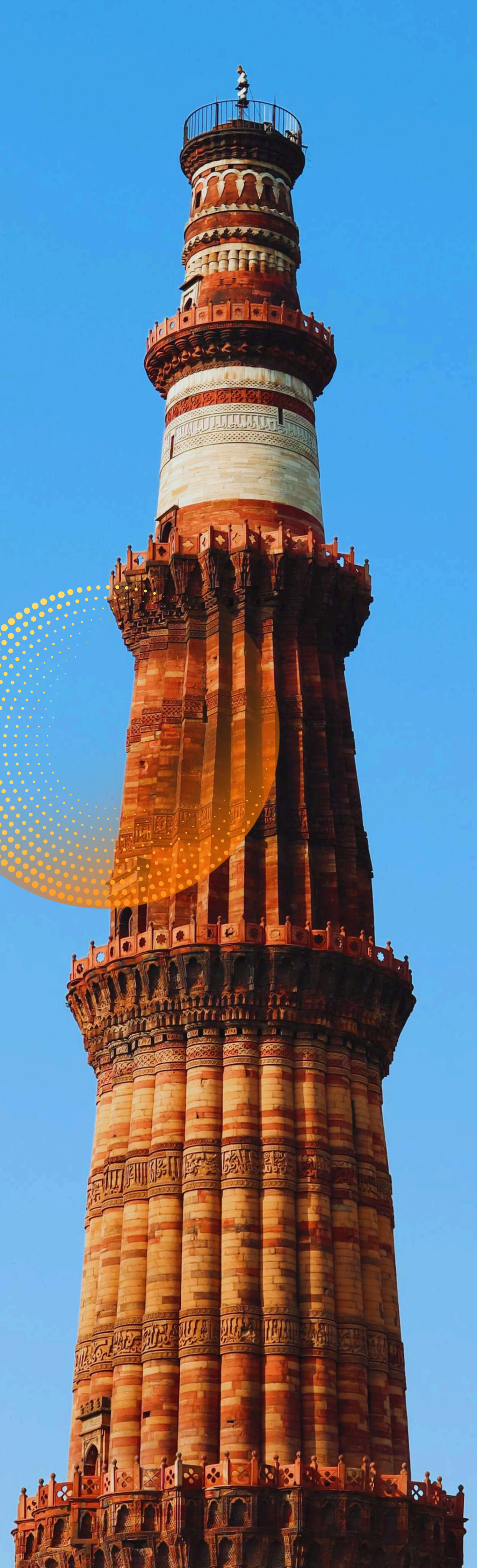
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