

Penn Museum Inks MOU with Shiv Nadar University

PHILADELPHIA — In an effort to foster global interdisciplinary collaboration and exchange, the Penn Museum has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shiv Nadar University's Center for Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Studies (CAHMS). The program aims to facilitate scholarly cooperation, communication, and exchange, while enhancing educational opportunities for students and professionals.

Potential areas of cooperation include faculty exchanges, undergraduate and graduate student research opportunities, and shared training initiatives in archaeological sciences, research methods, digital archaeology, and heritage studies.

"Shiv Nadar University has established itself as an important center for research, education, and public engagement in India. CAHMS offers an innovative and holistic approach to theory, method, and representation of the South Asian past in contemporary contexts, which well aligns with the public and academic missions of the Penn Museum," Dr. Stephen J. Tinney, Co-Interim Director, Deputy Director, Chief Curator, and Head of Collections and Research at the Penn Museum. "This welcome partnership will advance our collective commitment to scholarship, professional training, and outreach in this important area of the world, and we look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration."

Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Dean of International Partnerships, Professor, and Head of the Department of Economics at Shiv Nadar University, said the MOU reflects their steadfast focus on partnering with the greatest institutions across the world to strengthen engagement and pursue cutting-edge research.

"We are delighted to join hands with Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania in this effort and are confident about building deep collaboration in the areas of archaeology, heritage and museum studies; an area that has immense potential and a true reflection of multidisciplinary at SNU," Dr. Chatterjee said. "This is yet another step in offering education and experiences of truly global standards to our students and faculty."

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