

## IIT-Gandhinagar to set up R&D centre on archaeology

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-GN), will establish a centre for research and development (R&D) on Archaeology here, with a view to facilitating protection of national heritage.

IIT-GN would join hands with other institutes such as Pune's Deccan College, Chennai-based Sharma Centre for Heritage Education and MS University to develop synergy on R&D, and to offer a national facility eventually for conducting cutting edge research in the arena.

"A lot of new science and technology has come, which has changed the way archaeology is being practised. We think we can offer a continuum approach right from basic archaeology all the way to science and technology," IIT-GN Director Prof Sudhir Jain told PTI.

"A small initiative has been taken to establish a R&D centre on archaeology here, in this direction. We shall be working in coordination with other varsities and institutes," he said adding that it is important to protect our past.

IIT-GN will collaborate with these institutes in next few months, for which preliminary work has already begun.

Archaeological Survey of India, Mysore, has a branch that works on deciphering text or languages discovered from ancient sites called — Epigraphy.

In a bid to revive archaeological practices by providing a technological interface, IIT-GN has proposed to start offering few post doctoral fellowships to archaeologists and start a minor programme on archaeology from the next academic session.

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