

Craftsmen of Khambhat to train archaeologists in IIT-Gn

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Come August, and forty archaeologists from various universities, institutes and museums, who deal with excavations of beads and ancient stone technology, will be trained at a workshop organ-

ised by the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar.

The Archaeological Science Centre of IIT-Gn will be conducting the five-day short course cum workshop on 'History, Science and Technology of Stone Beads' from August 10 to 14. The development of

stone beads through the ages, literature/epigraphical references, typology, techniques and sciences involved in interpreting the past technology will be discussed including a one-day field trip to Lothal and Khambhat.

Dr Alok Kumar Kanungo,

Assistant Research Professor, Archaeology said, "The study of stone beads, involves scientific investigations as well as understanding of the cultural perspectives. There is also a need of standardization of bead studies in terms of typology and technology among the various researchers."

Kanungo added, "As of now, we have received applications from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and USA."