PRESS RELEASE

Admission for Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology

The State Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu had established the Institute of Epigraphy in 1974, with an intention of augmenting the archaeological human resources in the State. By taking into consideration of the recent dynamic changes in the field of Archaeology, the Department has now suitably restructured the curriculum and syllabus on par with the University Grants Commission guidelines and offer the full time course as Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology for two years and henceforth the Institute of Epigraphy will be named as **"Institute of Archaeology",** Government of Tamil Nadu.

So far, students with post graduation in Tamil, History, Archaeology only were admitted to the course. Considering the urgent need to nurture the multidisciplinary approach to Archaeology, the basic qualification to seek admission to this course has now been fixed as Post Graduations in Arts, Science and Engineering with a minimum of 55% of marks.

With an intention of imparting advanced archaeological knowledge to more number of students, the annual intake of students has been raised to 20 by Government of Tamil Nadu, with the monthly stipend of Rs.5,000/- to each student.

The present restructured course with four semester consists of various subjects like Archaeology Principles and Methods, Human Evolution and Prehistoric Archaeology, Indian Epigraphy and Palaeography, Indian Numismatics and Museology, Indian Architecture, Indian Iconography, Marine Archaeology, Applications of Sciences in Archaeology, Heritage Management and Conservation – Indian Antiquarian Laws, Use of latest technology in Archaeological Excavations, Scientific Analysis of Antiques and Artefacts.

With the help of reputed academicians from well known Universities and Educational Institutions in the field, relevant practical trainings will also be conducted. All India Heritage tour will be one of the main highlight of the course.

Students successfully completing the present restructured Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology course can play a positive role not only in the field of Archaeology but also in Museum, Tourism and Conservation of Heritage sites including Temples as well as in academic field.

Interested candidates seeking admission to this course can apply online through the website of Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology **www.tnarch.gov.in**
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