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KCHR invites applications for  
**Inter-disciplinary  
Programme in  
Archaeology**

Pattanam Archaeological Site  
North Paravur, Kerala, India

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The Indian Institute of Archaeology (IndIA), an academic centre of the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) at Pattanam is inviting applications for *“Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology(PGDA): An interdisciplinary programme in Material Culture Studies”*. The KCHR which leads the multi-disciplinary archaeological research at Pattanam for the last nine years is a recognised research institute of the University of Kerala. Pattanam research has evolved into a major collaborative project involving leading universities and institutes worldwide.

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*First batch of students and faculty with Prof. P J Cherian*

### **Brief review of the course in the first year (2015-2016)**

In the beginning of 2015, KCHR launched the Post-Graduate Diploma Programme in Archaeology at Pattanam. The course title was “Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology: An Interdisciplinary Programme in Material Cultural Studies”. Out of 25 applicants, 7 students, with aptitude for archaeology were admitted for the course. The course commenced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2015, and will continue till the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.

Apart from two full-time faculty members, the modules were taught by specialists, senior scholars and young researchers who were invited from time to time. The students took active part in the 9<sup>th</sup> season excavation at Pattanam. They also participated in field visits, and various onsite workshops. The British Museum-KCHR International Workshop on Early Historic Port Cities: architectural features, construction techniques and conservation was organized at the Cherai Beach Resort near Pattanam. The students and the staff actively engaged with the scholars from India and abroad.

For the full review report approved by the Academic Monitoring Committee visit KCHR website/ Pattanam Archaeological Research (PAR) Facebook page

### **Course contents and objectives**

This one year residential programme designed from an interdisciplinary perspective would integrate different branches of social sciences, humanities and physical sciences. This residential course aims to train the students in various concepts and practices in history, archaeology and anthropology. The course would also explore the existing methodological practices of site-centric research, site conservation and museum studies. The student would be enabled to undertake a wide range of professional training/exposure allied to archaeology domain.

The three semester programme will consist of eight modules and a dissertation.

1. Theories in Archaeology
2. Introduction to Indian Archaeology
3. Exploration, Excavation and Documentation Methods
4. Cultural Archaeology and Environmental Archaeology
5. Material Culture Studies: Key concepts
6. Trade, Exchange and Maritime History
7. Archaeo-Sciences / Site Conservation /Heritage/Museum Studies.
8. Technology and Craft Production
9. The dissertation (10,000 - 15,000 words).

Year-long Capacity Building Programme:

1. Academic English: Reading, writing, how to listen to lectures, take notes etc.
2. Presentation skills: speaking, powerpoint and poster
3. Training on citations and plagiarism awareness

For more details of the syllabus approved by the Board of Studies, please refer to the prospectus available at the KCHR website/ PAR Facebook.

**Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction for the course is English.

**Eligibility:** Post graduates from any discipline or professional graduates with minimum 60% marks or equivalent grade in point scale system and proven interest in archaeology are eligible to apply. Socially/physically deprived students would get 5% concession in minimum marks and would be eligible for other due benefits. A working knowledge of English is mandatory since all the study materials and lectures are in English. Basic familiarity with word processing software is expected.

**Selection Procedure:** Selection will be on the basis of interview. Written test may be conducted if found necessary. Proven interest in archaeology and aptitude in methodological research will be the major criteria for selection.

**Scholarships:** The selected residential students will be provided a fellowship of Rs. 10,000 per month. This amount is for the academic well being of the students at Pattanam. The continuation of scholarship is conditional on student's performance during the course.

Tuition fee is Rs. 5,000/- per semester besides establishment and examination fees. The fee has to be paid at the beginning of each of the three semesters.

Evaluation and grading will be as per UGC guidelines.

The last date for receiving the application in the prescribed form is 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Friday). They may be sent to the Director, KCHR Camp Office, Pattanam, Vadakkekara P O, North Paravur, Ernakulam District, Kerala, PIN 683522, by post and in the email – [india.kchr@gmail.com](mailto:india.kchr@gmail.com)

The PGDA is scheduled to begin by 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2016.

### **Application Procedure:**

The application form can be downloaded from the following website: [www.kchr.ac.in](http://www.kchr.ac.in). An application must include the following documents:

1. A completed application form with a photograph pasted to the designated box.
2. Self attested photocopies of all the supporting academic documents like grade cards and certificates of Bachelors, Masters and other relevant degrees or diplomas.
3. A Statement of Purpose on the theme (1000-1500 typed words): Why do you want to study archaeology? How did you develop an interest in archaeology (e.g. movies, documentaries, museum visits, site visits etc.), and what are your future goals? What is the importance of studying archaeology? etc
4. Two letters of references, including at least one from a previous/present teacher in sealed and signed envelopes.



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