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Postdoctoral Fellowship at IIT Gandhinagar

Project title: Indigenous Heritage as a Facilitator for Sustainable Development Goals

Project description: Archaeological Sciences Centre at Humanities and Social Sciences Discipline at IIT Gandhinagar is looking for two exceptionally bright postdoctoral researcher to conduct interdisciplinary research focusing on Indigenous Heritage as a Facilitator for Sustainable Development Goals. The PDFs are expected to develop: 1) a new culturally-informed model for using cultural heritage to facilitate sustainable development goals; 2) protocols to protect indigenous cultural heritage and intellectual rights, as a basis for developing culturally informed, viable and sustainable economic opportunities for Indigenous groups; 3) new and experimental methods in archaeology which have been utilised by archaeologists in places like Australia when working with indigenous artifacts and indigenous heritage, but are hitherto unknown or highly undeveloped in the South Asian academy; and 4) data collection including oral histories of indigenous communities in northeast (Naga) and west India (Bhil) and Australia, collect archival data, and develop indigenous cultural and intellectual property protocols.

Eligibility: A PhD in Cultural Anthropology / Heritage Sustainability / Ethnoarchaeology / Social Archaeology / Indigenous Archaeology / or allied fields, with good publication record. Applicants are expected to be proficient in (a) field research, (b) data acquisition and critical analysis, and (c) oral and written communication skills.

Preferred: Scholars (below 35 years of age) having field research experience on the Nagas, Bhils or Australian Aborigines, publications on indigenous communities, and interest in heritage and wellbeing.

Application procedure: Interested candidates must send their curriculum vitae (max. 800 words), Ph.D. and Master degree/Marksheet and a cover letter (Max. 400 words) explaining how their previous research expertise and interests would fit the current position requirements, their motivation for this position and future career goals. The CV must contain contact details of three references. All the documents must be submitted as a **single pdf file** to Alok Kumar Kanungo (alok.kanungo@iitgn.ac.in).

Deadline to apply: August 15, 2020 or until this posts are filled.

Duration: The initial appointment will be for **one year**, extendable for another year based on the performance.

Salary: INR 45,000 to 55,000 per month as per the institute norms (based on experience and qualifications)