

## **Shiv Nadar University Delhi-NCR and Spain's Universitat Pompeu Fabra Sign MoU for Collaboration and Exchange in Archaeology**

**Greater NOIDA, 20 July 2021:** Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR's Center for Archaeology, Heritage & Museum Studies (CAHMS) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the intent of establishing a program of collaborative partnership. This would enable scholarly cooperation, communication, exchange, and enhancement of interdisciplinary training for students and professionals. The potential areas of cooperation include but are not limited to student opportunities at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, shared initiatives in archaeological sciences, research methods, digital archaeology, heritage studies, and faculty exchanges.

**Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Dean of International Partnerships, and Professor & Head – Department of Economics, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR,** said: “We are delighted to partner Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), an exceptional institution that – among other things - shares our passion for research. This partnership is part of our continuous efforts in enabling students and faculty to engage with and benefit from global peers and mentors. Joining hands with UPF underlines our commitment to establishing Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, as one of India's premier destinations to study Archaeology and other disciplines in Humanities and Social Sciences, and to seriously creating new knowledge that helps us develop a better understanding of the world we live in.”

This is the second such partnership for the CAHMS at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, after signing a similar MoU with the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Museum.

**Dr. Marco Madella, ICREA Research Professor in Environmental Archaeology, CaSEs Research Group (Culture and Socio-Ecological Dynamics), Department of Humanities - Universitat Pompeu Fabra,** said: “The University Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona (UPF) is happy to have signed an MoU with the Center for Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Studies (CAHMS), Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR. This is an excellent occasion to forward our links with South Asia and India in particular, and to create new research and teaching dynamics in collaboration with Shiv Nadar and the CAHMS. Our aim is to develop a vibrant collaborative environment where archaeologists from India and Spain can collaborate in training the new generation of professionals in South Asia as well as develop new research opportunities.”

**Dr. Jaya Menon, Professor & Head - Department of History and Center for Archaeology, Heritage & Museum Studies, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR,** said: “We are happy to announce the MoU between the CAHMS, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona. CAHMS was established to bring together archaeologists working on South Asia to create a platform for collaborative research, and to train students in archaeological methods. We look forward to a proactive collaboration with UPF especially in the field of archaeological sciences.”

The CAHMS at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, brings together students of the humanities as well as the natural and social sciences to provide training in archaeological methods, curatorial skills and heritage ethnographies through a range of immersive experiences. It is a concentration of archaeologists and scholars of cultural heritage that is on course to establishing itself as the premier center in South Asia for Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Studies.

### **About Shiv Nadar University, National Capital Region (NCR):**

[Shiv Nadar University](#) is a student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University offering a wide range of academic programs at the Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral levels. The University was set up in 2011 by the Shiv Nadar Foundation, a philanthropic foundation established by Mr. Shiv Nadar, founder of HCL. The University is in the quest to become a globally acclaimed center for learning and innovation in the fields of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Management. The core of the University

consists of a select, world-class faculty with doctoral and postdoctoral experiences from ranked universities all over the world.

Shiv Nadar University has been recognized as one of the ten private '**Institutions of Eminence**' by the Government. In the NIRF (Government's National Institutional Ranking Framework), the University has been the youngest institution in the 'top 100' Overall list, and its score has been rising steadily. In NIRF-2020, it ranked 56 in the 'University' category. Shiv Nadar University has been accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), valid for a period of five years from 26 November 2019. It is also among a select group of green-field institutions in the country which were awarded the prestigious Atal Incubation Center grant by the NITI Aayog, Government of India, in the very first round in 2017.

**About Shiv Nadar Foundation**

Established in 1994, by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a US\$ 10 billion leading global technology enterprise, the Foundation is committed to the creation of a more equitable, merit-based society by empowering individuals through transformational education, and to bridge the socio-economic divide. Over the last 27 years the Foundation, has directly touched the lives of over 30,000 alumni and students through its marquee institutions in literacy, K12 and higher education. Today, the Foundation has a community of over 100,000 constituents, which includes not only globally dispersed alumni and students but also faculty members, corporate executives, and extended families.

The Foundation has invested ~\$1bn in its six landmark institutions and initiatives across education and art. Currently over 12,600 students and over 2,000 faculty members are part of the Foundation along with around 19,000 strong globally dispersed alumni community.

The Foundation's students have gone to study at some of the best institutions globally including the Ivy League in the US and top universities in other countries including Australia, Singapore, China and UK. Students are also working across major corporations, including Goldman Sachs, Honda, HP, Schindler, and several others both in India and across other geographies. Faculty across the Foundation institutions are drawn from the best Indian and international universities, with a strong focus on research and innovation.

The Shiv Nadar Foundation pursues the philosophy of 'Creative Philanthropy'. It is a powerful model which envisages creation of institutions that are built to last and continue to impact future generations. It is an approach that allows sustained institutionalized philanthropy for long-term, high impact, socio-economic transformation.

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