Press Release

PITB-ALD TO HOLD TWO DAY SEMINAR ON "KNOWLEDGE ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHIVES"

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The Punjab Information Technology Board and the Archives and Libraries Department (S&GAD), Government of the Punjab, in collaboration with Columbia University's Group for Experimental Methods in the Humanities, is holding a seminar on 'Knowledge Architectures and Archives,' on March 12 and 13, 2018. The seminar will be opened by Dr Umar Saif, Chairman, PITB on March 12, 2018 Monday at 3rd floor Arfa Software Technology Park with Mr Umar Rasool, Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab will feature scholars from Harvard, Columbia, Stanford and Oxford universities, among others.

The seminar will bring together scholars from the world's leading universities for two days of discussion, deliberation and action on the nature and role of knowledge in the modern world, the importance and use of archives, and the application of technology in bringing together different strands of knowledge and information together.

It will be the curtain raiser for the Digitization of the Punjab Archives project which aims to open this great repository for greater public use. Under this project hundreds of thousands of pages of documents from the Mughal era to the post-colonial period will be scanned, catalogued, annotated and made available to the general public on a specially designed portal. This project will enhance knowledge of our past, enabling scholars to engage with more local sources, and give a fillip to research on Pakistan.

The Punjab Archives are one of the largest archives in South Asia, and span a period of over three hundred years with documents ranging from the British India, to Princely India, Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf, Nepal, Central Asia and China.