

Regarding need to collaborate with Pakistan to facilitate for guided tours, cultural festivals and academic exchanges at Indus Valley Sites situated in Pakistan-Laid

SHRI SUBBARAYAN K. (TIRUPPUR): It is 100 years since John Marshall announced the discovery of "Civilization of the Indus Valley" on September 20, 1924. The cumulative evidence from genetic, linguistic and archaeological studies reveal strong Dravidian ancestry of the 4500 year old civilization. Two Indus Valley sites are in the present day Pakistan. Harappa in the Punjab region and Mohenjo-Daro near the Indus river in the Sindh region. Facilitating visits to these archaeological sites can promote cultural exchange and heritage tourism. Union Government should initiate steps to collaborate with Pakistan to facilitate guided tours, cultural festivals and academic exchanges to these sites.