

# Nalanda University signs MoU with S. Korean academy

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Monday between Nalanda University and Academy of South Korean Studies in Patna for academic linkages and collaborations. The vice-chancellors of both the universities were present.

"South Korea is one of the 17 countries that have signed inter-governmental MoU for supporting Nalanda University. We are really pleased to enter into this academic collaboration with AKS, which is one of the leading universities of South Korea, established by the Ministry of Education & Science Technology. The MoU is a testament to Nalanda's commit-

ment to building inter-Asian linkages," Professor Sunaina Singh, the newly appointed V-C of Nalanda University said.

## Joint research

The two universities agreed to enhance their bilateral ties through joint research programmes, faculty and student exchange, mutual sharing of data, academic research/education, joint teaching, cooperation in other areas to accomplish the purpose of the MoU. The MoU will be in effect for five years.

## Asia initiatives

"Nalanda will play soft power bridge between India and South Korea through India's 'Act East Policy' and

South Korea's new Asia initiatives. Nalanda hopefully will strengthen the bilateral ties through educational linkages," said Prof. Sunaina Singh.

Expressing happiness over the MoU, Academy of Korean Studies Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shin Jong Won said: "This MoU will contribute to the development of Korean studies and enhance friendships between the two institutions."

Recently, Nalanda University had also received a personal donation of US\$11,535 from South Korean professor Pyong-Rae Lee for establishing a scholarship fund for students at the School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions.