

# Indian network for memory studies (INMS)

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## In news

IIT Madras launched Indian Network for Memory Studies, recently

## About Indian Network for Memory Studies(INMS)

- It is the **first formal national network in the field of Memory Studies in India and Asia**, which has been formed under the aegis of the international Memory Studies Association, Amsterdam.
- It will coordinate complex engagements with 'memory' from different institutes including cultural studies centres as well as **neuroscience laboratories and industry research on AI and related fields**
- INMS is founded by Dr. Avishek Parui and Dr. Merin Simi Raj, Assistant Professors (English), Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, who will also be its Chairpersons.
- INMS has emerged from the Centre for Memory Studies, IIT Madras, which has been **funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India**
- **It also received funding from** XR Lab, TCS Chennai, and Anglo-Ink, Chennai.
- It will open up research and internship opportunities for Indian students as well as international scholars through an annual membership programme in collaboration with the International Memory Studies Association.

**The Vision of Indian Network for Memory Studies include:**

- **Offering an India-centric model of memory studies** departing from the established Eurocentric models in theory and practice.
- Producing and promoting an innovative **interdisciplinary engagement** with the complex cognitive, cultural, and machinic modes of memory.
- Examining the processes of encoding and effacement that simultaneously inform acts of remembrance and reconstruction in private as well as shared orders, and how such processes may be recorded as well as represented by a range of fields such as fiction, history, media, urban geography, and technology.
- Producing exhibitions, conferences, workshops, and special journal issues on a range of themes in Memory Studies, in collaboration with partners from academia and industry.
- Academically accentuating as well as **promoting the rich research on imperialism, Partition, and post-colonial identities** through the interdisciplinary lenses of memory studies.
- **Re-creating Indian and South-Asian pre-colonial, colonial, and postcolonial events** and identities using the model of memory as reconstruction, foregrounding the textuality and the technology informing processes of remembering.

### **International Memory Studies Association**

- The Memory Studies Association was launched symbolically at its inaugural conference in Amsterdam (3-5 December 2016)
- The MSA is a professional association for Memory Studies scholars, as well as those who are active in museums, memorial institutions, archives, the arts and other fields engaged in remembrance.
- The objective is to become the most important forum for the memory field – both through an annual, international

and interdisciplinary conference and through a strong online presence.