Cultural Imprints of the Indian Subcontinent at Pattanam

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The Exhibition "Pattanam Unearthed: Histories, Cultures, Crossings" curated by him at the National Museum, New Delhi is the first major exhibition on Pattanam. It showcases India’s maritime contacts that intersected at the legendary port-site of "Muziris" or "Muciri Pattinam" two thousand years back. The exhibition would also highlight the advanced methodology and meticulous documentation practised in the multi-disciplinary archaeological research at Pattanam.

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