

**Press Release**

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## **Call to preserve rare deccani manuscripts : Prof. Siddiqui**

### **Hyderabad:**

Rare manuscripts and documents pertaining to the history & heritage of Bahmanis kingdom are lying scattered in the area and in private possession. There is an urgent need to obtain and preserve them, as they contain invaluable research material. Haroon Khan Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies (HKCDS) shall take a lead in this direction.

Eminent Scholar, Prof. Mohd. Suleman Siddiqui, former Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University expressed these views today at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) while delivering the keynote address in the inaugural session of two national seminar on "Bahmanis and their Contribution to the Deccani Polity, Society, Economy, Culture and Literature".

Dr. M. A. Sikandar, Registrar presided over.

Prof. Siddiqui while referring to his own research and field work, described how volumes of rare manuscripts related to Bahmanis era got spoiled due to negligence of private custodians. He also expressed the need to preserve the documents and manuscripts of Asif Jahi's dynasty of Hyderabad. Prof. Siddiqui, who had served as the first Registrar of MANUU, gave detailed description of Bahmani kingdom's Gulbarga Phase (1347-1422) and Bidar Phase (1422-1538). The first one was influenced by North Indian traditions and the second one bore international hall marks, he said. Persian architecture is prominent at Bidar. Prof. Suleman Siddiqui, an expert in Islamic Studies, suggested that HKS-CDS shall at least organize two seminars every year.

Mrs. Rani Indira Dhanrajgeer, Eminent Scholar & Ambassador of Deccani Culture in her brief address described India as country which welcomed every nationality with an open arm. She also donated Rs. One lakh to the Centre for its research and academic activities.

Dr. Mohd. Abdul Qayyum, Archaeologist, Prof. Ashraf Rafi, noted Urdu Scholar and Prof. M. N. Sayeed, Ex-Chairman, Karnataka Urdu Academy, Bengaluru also spoke.

Earlier, Prof. Mohd. Naseemuddin Farees, Director, HKCDS & Seminar in his welcome address described Bahmani rulers as Secular who continued the local traditions and laid the foundation of "Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb" (*Pluralistic Culture*). Their legacy needed to be revived, he said. Prof. Shahid Naukhez Azmi, Joint Director, Centre proposed vote of thanks.

## **'Rock Walk' at MANUU**

### **Hyderabad:**

The Society to save rocks conducted 'Rock Walk' in MANUU Campus on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 to highlight the importance of Rock Conservation. The walk started at 3.30 pm and last till dark.

The aim of the Walk was to show walkers the stunning granite formations that still exist in the landscape of the campus and how to preserve them. Rock conservation is the new year resolution of the society.

Ms. Frauke Quader, Secretary, Society to Save Rocks along with nature lovers visited Maulana Azad National Urdu University to participate in this walk. This short but interesting walk in MANUU campus arouse the curiosity of the participants.

Prof. Mohammad Fariyad, Programme Coordinator, NSS Cell along with the team of NSS Volunteers has coordinated and participated, making the walk memorable and successful. Dr. E. Satya Prakash, Associate Professor, HCU, Mr. G. R. B Pradeep, Joint Secretary, Rock Society, Mr. Ravi Setlem, Member, Rock Society, Dr. Alimuddin Khan, Dr. Afroz Alam, NSS Programme Officer, Mr. B. Bikshapathi, NSS Officer, Mr. P. Habibullah, Section Officer and others also participated in the walk.

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Note: News and photographs are being sent through email also.

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**Lecture on Indian Film Heritage at MANUU**

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Instructional Media Centre (IMC) at Maulana Azad National Urdu University is organizing second MANUU Knowledge Series Enrichment Lecture “India’s Film Heritage: Rich, Diverse, Endangered” on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019, 10:30 am at IMC Preview Theatre, MANUU Campus.

Mr. Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, National award winning filmmaker, Film Archivist and the founder of Film Heritage Foundation will deliver the lecture. Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Vice-Chancellor will preside over.

Mr. Dungarpur’s award winning Film “Celluloid man” will also be screened on the occasion. This documentary pays tribute to India’s legendary archivist P.K. Nair and his life.

According to Mr. Rizwan Ahamd, Director, IMC, the idea behind organizing the lecture is to create awareness and educate people about glorious past of Cinema and its history and different phases of cinema since its inception.

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M N Sayeed: Dr. M. N. Sayeed addressing the inaugural session. (L-R) Dr. Mohammad Abdul Qayyum, Dr. M. A. Sikandar, Prof. Mohammed Suleman Siddiqui, Prof. Ashraf Rafi, Mrs. Indradevi Dhanrajgeer. (Back side) Prof. Shahid Naukhez and Prof. Naseemuddin Farees.



Suleman Siddiqui: Prof. Suleman siddiqui delivering keynote address. (L-R) Prof. Naseemuddin Farees, Dr. M. A. Sikandar, Dr. M. N. Sayeed, Prof. Ashraf Rafi, Mrs. Indradevi Dhanrajgeer. Prof. Shahid Naukhez (Back side).



