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HYDERABAD HERITAGE WALK

On the occasion of “**WORLD HERITAGE DAY**” – 2023
“THE WALK TO GO BACK TO REMEMBER THE PAST”

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A HERITAGE WALK is organised today at 7.30 a.m. by Deccan Heritage Academy in association with TSTDC (Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation), GHMC, ASI, Hyderabad Circle, TSTD (Telangana State Tourism Department), JBRAC and Forum for a Better Hyderabad on the occasion of World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, which is celebrated every year on 18th April.

The Heritage Walk is started at Charminar by flag off by Shri Aravind Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD, Government of Telangana. Prof. Er. Veda Kumar Manikonda, Chairman, Deccan Heritage Academy presided over the meeting. Prof. G.S.V. Suryanarayana Murthy, South Zone Representative, ICOMOS, India, Smt. Rajeshwari, Jr. Conservation Assistant, ASI, Sri. Babji, Retd., ASI Officer, Smt. Shobha Singh, General Secretary, FBH, Sri. Cherupalli Anjaiah, Officer, TSTD, Lion S. Dhananjai, Ramraj, Farhan and other members from Civil Societies graced the occasion.

Shri Aravind Kumar, IAS, said efforts are taken place to conduct Heritage Walks in the City every week on Sunday since the World Heritage Day 2022 with the main objective to educate future generations about heritage and culture and make them responsible for preserving the heritage.

Prof. Er. Veda Kumar Manikonda said World Heritage Day is being celebrated all over the world since 1983 which was announced by UNESCO. He appraised the efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. KCR Garu, Hon'ble Minister for MA&UD Sri. KTR Garu and Sri. Aravind Kumar, IAS, MAUD who took initiative to restore dilapidated Step wells, Gateways, Mozamjahi Market, Clock Towers, Tombs, Mehboob Chowk, Clock Towers, Miryalam Mandi etc., as part of the conservation of Telangana heritage. He said that Telangana Government incorporated many steps to protect intangible cultural heritage, built and national heritage. For the protection of heritage of Telangana, a state with so much of unexplored historical wealth, Government framed Acts and formed Committees to safeguard the heritage. He also praised the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telangana State, with whose efforts Ramappa got World Heritage Status by UNESCO. He requested that the Civil Society groups and every citizen should come forward and take part to support the efforts of Telangana Government to bring World Heritage Status to Hyderabad. On this occasion, he congratulated Shri Aravind Kumar, IAS, MAUD along with other Government Departments like GHMC, TSTD, QQSDA, Tourism for the efforts in completing one year in conducting heritage walks. He expressed his happiness over involving Deccan Heritage Academy in conducting the Walks.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. G.S.V. Suryanarayana Murthy, said that Telangana State Government Departments and Deccan Heritage Academy is conducting Heritage Walks with an aim to make the citizens to know our past glory of Hyderabad and to make them responsible for conservation of our great heritage and tourism and to preserve it for future generations. He said we have vast range of heritage and architectural styles and to trace the city's cultural history.

The participants walked through Charminar, Laad Bazar, Motigally, Mehboob Chowk (Murgichowk), Iqbalud Doula Devdi, Secondary Entrance gate of Mecca Mazid... Jilukhana... Mahboob Chowk... Qurshidjhabahadur Palace... Iqbaluddaula palace... Khilawat and ended at Chowmohalla Palace. The participants experienced and relived the past glory of Hyderabad, the era of palatial mansions, heritage buildings and centuries-old mosques and Vernacular Architecture. The Historians, Architects, Engineers, Staff and Students from architecture colleges, JBR Architecture College, Oxford Grammar School, Himayatnagar, etc., joined the Walk.