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## HYDERABAD HERITAGE WALK On the occasion of "WORLD HERITAGE DAY" – 2025

"Step into History and rediscover the timeless charm of our city's glorious past!"

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On the occasion of World Heritage Day—also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, celebrated every year on 18th April—a Heritage Walk was organized ON 18<sup>TH</sup> April at 7:30 a.m. by Deccan Heritage Academy Trust in association with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hyderabad Circle, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation (TSTDC), JBRAC, and the Forum for a Better Hyderabad and other civil societies.

The walk was ceremoniously flagged off at Charminar by Er. Veda Kumar Manikonda, Chairman of Deccan Heritage Academy, who also presided over the event.

Prof.Ar.G.S.V.Suryanarayana Murthy, South Zone Representative, ICOMOS,India, Dr.G.Jayasree, Dept. Of AIHC & Archaeology, Osmania University, Sri.Kotaih Vinjamuri, Deputy Superintendent, Chemist, ASI, Dr. E. Sai Krishna, Assistant Archaeologist, ASI,Smt.J. Rajeshwari, Conservationist, ASI, Sri.Sairam and Sri.Sudhakar, Executives from Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation, Sri.S.Prabhakar, DTO, Paryataka Shakha and Sri.D.Srinivas, Heritage Walk Inchage,Sri.D.Shyam Sunder Rao, Sthapathi, Dr.Dyavanapalli Satyanarayana, Curator, Telangana Tribal Museum, Sri.P.Veeramallu, President, Bouddha Tatwa Foundation, Staff and Students from City College, JBRAC, Oxford Grammar School, SRDP, Vasavi School, students from vaishnavi architecture college and other members from Civil Societies graced the occasion.

**Er. Veda Kumar Manikonda elaborated** on the historical significance of key heritage buildings between Charminar and Chowmahalla Palace.

He urged citizens to recognize that heritage preservation is not solely the government's duty—it is a collective responsibility.

He said in connecting people with Hyderabad's glorious past and encouraging public awareness and responsibility in heritage conservation and tourism.

He emphasized the efforts of Department of Heritage Telangana, Government of Telangana State and Deccan Heritage Academy Trust in inclusion of Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs Site in the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites of India and further said that efforts are on the way to get the World Heritage Tag.

**Speaking on the occasion Prof.G.S.V.Suryanarayana Murthy,** highlighted the importance of such walks. He shared insights into the historical and architectural legacy of the Charminar.

The participants walked through Charminar, Laad Bazar, Motigally, Mehboob Chowk (Murgi Chowk), Iqbal ud Doula Devdi, Secondary Entrance gate of Mecca Mazid...Jilu Khana...Mahboob Chowk...Qurshid jha bahadur Palace.....Iqbal ud daula palace...Khilawat and finally ending at the majestic Chowmahalla Palace. The walk offered participants a living experience of Hyderabad's past, marked by palatial mansions, centuries-old mosques, and vernacular architecture, rekindling pride in the city's rich and diverse cultural history.

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