

A Captivating Walk along Musi River to explore River's Rich History

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Dr. Hyder, a well-known cardiologist and participant of the VoH Badge 2024 program, emphasized the deep emotional bond that Hyderabadis share with the Musi river, saying, "Musi holds a special significance for me." Today, the Musi river and heritage interface walk took place, organized by ICOMOS India in collaboration with Deccan Heritage Academy Trust (DHAT).

Er. Vedkumar Manikonda, Chairman, DHAT led 60 participants on a captivating journey, exploring the river's rich history and its importance in the present & to bringing back its glory and also civil society to be friends of Musi river in restoration initiatives .The walk continued to Osmania General Hospital, where he delved into the history of hospitals in Hyderabad. He also explored the fascinating relationship between nature and culture, emphasizing the importance of preserving this connection. He highlighted the historical 1908 floods and emphasized the importance of the Pranahitha tamarind tree in rescuing lives, urging for the preservation of such invaluable natural heritage.

Ar. Nitin Sinha, Secretary of ICOMOS India, highlighted the crucial connection between nature and cultural heritage, underscoring the pressing need for preservation in the face of ongoing transformations.

Artist Laxmi Narayana & Ganesh, the artists, expressed admiration for the VoH program and promised to showcase artistic appreciation during the award ceremony. An exciting competition has been launched, inviting participants to create their own posters or reels.

During the discussion, **Dr. Vasanta Sobha** provided detailed insights into the significance of the Musi river in the heritage zone and its role in the architectural evolution. One notable highlight was the mention of design of Osmania General Hospital.

Ar. Indira Kolli emphasized the importance of each participant becoming a warrior to preserve our endangered heritage.

Ar. Pragati, an Associate Professor from JBR Architecture college , expressed her congratulations to all the participants for being a part of this program and commended the program.

Ar. Bindu Bhargavi concluded the 6th session of VoH badge programme.

Mr Qhyzer,Raghu, Ibrahim and civil society participated .

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