



**Press Release**

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**Save water for future generations - Prof. Ainul Hasan  
MANUU observes World Water Day**

Hyderabad:

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) today observed World Water Day in a big way by organizing a special walk to sensitize the public about the importance of water conservation and also held an absorbing scientific session where eminent scientists & activists impressed upon the need to use water judiciously. Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-chancellor, who flagged off the walk in the morning, asked the students and general public to save water for future generations.

The walk was flagged off by the Vice-Chancellor from "Baab-e-Ilm" (main gate) at 7.30 am. More than 300 students, teachers, officer and staff member walked upto Bio-Diversity park where the dignitaries delivered the message about importance of world water day. A thought provoking message was sent by MANUU Drama club members through their "Nukkad Natak" on the future scarcity of water. Participants of the walk carry placards and banners with catching slogans & phrases highlighting the importance of the activity such as "When your bucket overflows someone else's will go dry", "Catch the rain where it falls, when it falls".

The event was organized by School of Sciences (SoS) and HK Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies (HKS-CDS). Prof. S M Rahmatullah, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Md. Zair Hussain, Registrar I/c, officials and Students from MANUU Model School also joined the walk. Prof. Shakeel Ahmed, Consultant, SoS was the coordinator of the programme and the Proctorial team coordinated with the local police to ensure smooth walk.

Later a scientific programme with the theme "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible" was held at DDE Auditorium of MANUU.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan in his presidential remarks said water is essential for living and we have to think about how to face the challenge of scarcity. Make the world a paradise by saving water. Deteriorating environment will lead to water scarcity, he added.

The Chief Guest, Dr. V M Tiwari, Director, National Geophysical Research Institute & Indian Institute of Chemical Technology while delivering the talk on "Heliborne Geophysical imaging of aquifers for sustainable groundwater management" said agriculture which is the largest sector of employment is 16% of GDP and 91% of agriculture is dependent on ground water. The biggest challenge for future farming is supply of water. Through his presentation, he explained in detail about water crisis, it's management, impacts of climate change etc.

Mr. M Vedakumar, Chairman, Deccan Heritage Academy & guest of honour while speaking on "Conservation of Historical Water Bodies in Hyderabad City" threw light on water systems of Deccan, urban sprawl of Hyderabad and loss of water bodies. Eutrophication, flooding and industrial pollution are the problems associated with urban water bodies, he pointed out.

The Guest of Honour Dr. V Govindankutty from Government College, Chittur through power point presentation spoke on "Deccani Qanats : Historic Urban Water Supply Systems of Medieval India" and explained in detail about qanats techniques also known as Karez which is underground water tunnel facilitating the water supply.

Prof. Syed Najmul Hasan, Dept. of Mathematics delivered the welcome address. Prof Mohammad Fariyad, Head, Department of MCJ convened the programme whereas Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui, Director, HKS-CDS proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Ira Khan, SoS briefed about the event and WWD.

The Programme was live streamed on MANUU-IMC Youtube Channel. A film on water conservation written by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was also screened on the occasion.

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