

PRESS RELEASE

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Professor Sadiq Naqvi Memorial Lecture

The Saiyid Hamid Library, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) organised the 'Professor Sadiq Naqvi Memorial Lecture' on 'An Outline History of Socio-Cultural and Mystic Life in the Deccan' on its main campus in Hyderabad on July 19, 2023. Professor Suleman Siddiqi, former Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad, delivered the lecture. The lecture was attended by more than 150 faculty, staff, students, research scholars and invited guests.

In his lecture, Professor Siddiqi discussed the magnificent synthesis of composite culture of the Deccan from the Bahmani Period to the Asaf Jahis 6 and 7, emphasising their contribution to the water bodies and generous donations to temples, as well as their overall contribution to the development of the Deccan. Professor Siddiqi stated that we must preserve the engineering marvels of the mediaeval period, which we have in the form of monuments from that era, while acknowledging the technological advances in the field. As responsible Indian citizens, society must recognise the significance of culture and act as a steward of heritage and culture.

Professor Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU, praised the late Professor Sadiq Naqvi, an eminent historian who spent a significant portion of his tenure teaching in the Department of History at Osmani University, Hyderabad, in his presidential address. Dr. Sadiq Naqvi's family members have established a Gold Medal to be awarded on a rotating basis to the top graduate of the Department of History, Department of Islamic Studies, Department of Urdu, and HKS Centre for Deccan Studies, according to Professor Hasan.

Ms. Saraswathi, a former student of Professor Sadiq Naqvi, introduced him to the audience and recalled him as a wonderful teacher and a kind individual. Salarjung Museum Board Member and Bhavan's New Science College Chairman, Dr. S. Jai Kishan reflected on his time spent with Professor Sadiq Naqvi as his former student.

Mr. Ali Naqvi, based at Chicago, USA, expressed his gratitude to MANUU for instituting a gold medal in the name of his father, late Professor Sadiq Naqvi.

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, the Programme Director, informed the distinguished audience of the book donations made by the family members of Professor Sadiq Naqvi. He also informed that Professor Deepak Kumar (an eminent historian and Honorary Professor, MANUU) and Mr. Mir Firasat Ali Khusrow have also donated a rich collection of books to the university's central library. In his brief address, Professor Deepak Kumar emphasised that faculty members should spend more time perusing research-oriented books in the library.

Professor Sk. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar of MANUU, praised Professor Suleman Siddiqi for delivering the memorial lecture and hailed all the distinguished guests for their support to MANUU. Dr. Faisal Mustafa, Assistant Librarian, MANUU extended a formal vote of thanks.