

Press Release

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**Literary traditions need second rung poets and writers
to thrive: Prof. Shamim Hanafi**

Hyderabad:

No literary tradition can thrive merely on the shoulders of its literary giants. Second rung poets and writers play an important role in the development of any language. These thoughts were expressed by Professor Shamim Hanafi, the famous literary critic, playwright, and Urdu poet in his keynote address at the inaugural session of the three-day national seminar on Nawab Mirza Khan Dag Dehlavi organised by the Department of Urdu, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Urdu language, New Delhi.

On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU, Dr. Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, shared the university's plan to soon launch a peer-reviewed journal of social sciences in Urdu.

Dr. Taqi Abedi, the Indian Canadian physician who is also a poet and scholar of the Urdu language, exhorted the young research scholars to do more research on different aspects of Dag's poetry. Dr. Abedi was the Guest of Honour at the function.

Prof. Naseemuddin Farees, Dean, School of Languages, Linguistics & Indology described Dag as "the poet of finer emotions."

The programme started with the recitation of verses of the Holy Quran.

Prof. Abul Kalam, HoD, Dept. of Urdu, welcomed the guests, and Dr. Omair Manzar, Asst. Prof., Lucknow Campus (MANUU) anchored the programme. Dr. Mosarrat Jahan, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Urdu, introduced the guests, and Dr. Bi Bi Raza Khatoon, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Urdu, presented the vote of thanks.



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