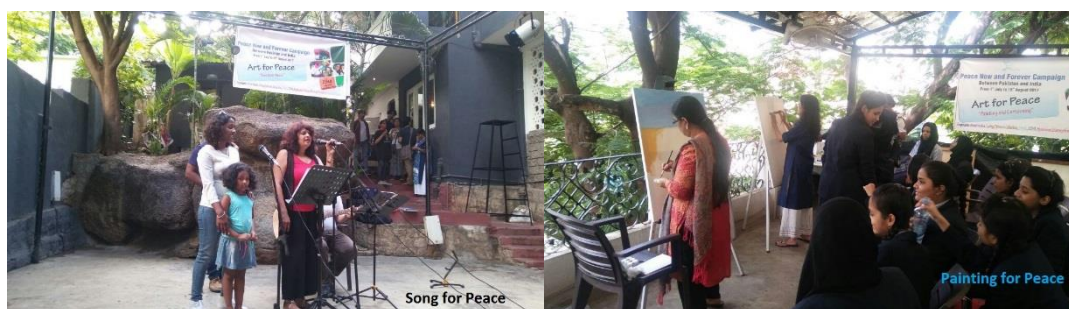


Press Note
Art for Peace
As Part of Peace Now and Forever Campaign
Between Pakistan and India
Date: 29th July 2017- Hyderabad

The Peace Now & Forever Campaign is conceived with the objective of addressing the deteriorating relations between Pakistan and India and to provide platforms to enable common people and civil society to demand peace and condemn attempts at war mongering in both countries.

The Art for Peace Program was organised on 29th July 2017 from 10:30AM to 9:00PM to showcase the love for peace and hate for war in various forms of art and culture like; Paintings and Cartooning by artists, English, and Telugu Poetry recitation; Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan, Play, Music, Documentaries and Panel Discussions as part of Peace Now and Forever Campaign between Pakistan and India being organised from 1st July 2017 to 15th August 2017 in different cities and towns of India and Pakistan.



The Art for Peace program was organised in Hyderabad by Aman Vedika, Caring Citizens' Collective, Chindu, COVA, Hyderabad Literary Festival, Sutradhar and The Little Theatre.

Four documentaries on India- Pakistan issues viz. Ek-One; Milne Do; The Bloody Line and Mukund and Riaz were screened followed by Two Panel Discussions Chaired by Sardar Nanak Singh Nishtar and Mr Kingshuk Nag. Panel Members were Dr Anand Raj Varma, Dr Mazher Hussain, Prof Sumanta Banerjee & Ms Chandana Chakraborty. Members of The Little Theatre Hyderabad comprising Mr Shanker Melkote, Ms. Chandana Chakraborty, Mr. Vijay Marur, Bizat Banerjee and B.S. Prakash read Sadat Hasan Manto's Titwal Ka Kutta, Poem on Radcliff Line by W.H. Auden, Excerpts from Urvashi Butalia's Partition Stories and concluded with the classic poem by Faiz Ahmed Faiz titled Subah- e- Azadi.



Ms. Shakila and her team enthralled the gathering with Peace Songs and eminent Painters and Cartoonists from Hyderabad expressed their anguish against war and desire for peace through their art.



Poetry Recitation in English was moderated by Prof. T. Vijay with Ms. Sridala Swami, Dr. Usha Raman and Ms. Vasanth Kannabiran reciting their poems on the themes of war, violence and peace. Ms Gogu Shayamala anchored the Telugu poetry session where poets Renuka Ayola, Sky Baba, and Shanthi Prabhodha presented their poems. Hindi Kavi Sammelam and Urdu Mushaira included poets Bhanwarlal Upadhyay, Laxminarayan Agarwal Atyab Ejaz, Mumtaz Sultana and Shahid Adeeli. Mr F M Saleem moderated the Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira.

The Day Long Event concluded with Siyah Haashiye a play based on the stories by eminent writer Sadat Hasan Minto and presented by Vinay Verma and his team from Sutradhar.

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