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**NATURAL HERITAGE PRECINCTS – DURGAM CHERUVU HILLOCKS –  
PLAQUE INAUGURATED**

On the eve of World Heritage Day on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, the HMDA inaugurated two Plaques one at Greenlands Guest House and the second at Sardar Mahal highlighting the important features of these buildings. On that occasion, it was decided to place Plaques on Heritage Precincts. As a part of this series, for the first time in the History of India the HMDA launched the programme of inauguration of Plaque on a Natural Site (Precinct) / Rock Formations highlighting the importance and background of Historic Durgam Cheruvu Lake on 10-06-2010.

**THE BRIEF ABOUT THE LAKE**

The Rock Formations on the Hillocks around Durgam Cheruvu were notified as Heritage Precinct, vide G.O. Ms. No.102 MA&UD Dept., dt.23-03-1998.

The granite formations of the Deccan Plateau are 2,500 million years old and have weathered to their unique balancing forms by wind, heat and rain. They are a part of the natural heritage and testimony to the geological history of the region. The picturesque and unique rock formations surround the lake that was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century during the Qutub Shahi period.

The programme was attended by Dr. R. Rajamani, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) Sri Ramesh Kamajosila, Sri Sanjay Torvi, Sri Sajjad Shahid, Mrs. Frauke Quader, HCC Members, Sri A.V. Bhide, Member Urban Planner, Sri Ziauddin, Chief Planning Officer, HMDA and also the members of Save Rocks Society.

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