

UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (Late) Madanjeet Singh:

(16 April 1924 – 6 January 2013)

Born in Lahore: 16 April 1924. Joined the Indian Foreign Service (1953 - 1982), and served as diplomat in Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Laos, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, USSR, Consul General in South Vietnam, and as Ambassador in Colombia, High Commissioner in Uganda, Ambassador in Rwanda, Ambassador in Burundi, and Ambassador in Finland. Appointed to the United Nations Educational and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, as Director in the Cultural Sector (1982 to 1985) — in charge of Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind; History of Africa; History of the Caribbean; History of the Civilization of Central Asia; History of Celtic group of languages; and The World Encyclopaedia of Contemporary Theater. Supervised the Cultural Sector publications, books and periodicals. Prepared reports on the 1982 World Conference on Cultural Policies, Mexico City; the Terminal Report on Amarbayasgalan Monastery in Mongolia; and the restoration and preservation of ancient manuscripts in the Museum of Ulan Bator. Represented UNESCO at a number of international conferences on education and culture. Author of several books and monographs: Indian Sculpture in Bronze and Stone (1951), Etruscan Cave Painting (1953), India, Painting from Ajanta Caves (1954), Indian Miniatures (1963), Ajanta, Paintings of the Sacred and the Secular (1964), Himalayan Art (1968), The White Horse (1976), Madanjeet, The Early Sixties (1986), This My People (1989), The Sun in Myth and Art (1993), Renewable Energy of the Sun (1996), The Timeless Energy of the Sun (1998), The Sasia Story (2005), The Oral and Intangible Heritage of South Asia (2007). A painter and a photographer of international repute, his paintings were exhibited at the 1953 Biennale in Venice, Italy, and purchased by the Museum of Modern Art, Stockholm, Sweden, and by private collectors. He also produced an award-winning documentary in Rome on the Buddhist paintings in Ajanta caves, and recently a DVD on The Oral and Intangible Heritage of South Asia. Imprisoned in 1942 during Mahatma Gandhi's Quit India movement. He declined to accept a Padma award offered by Government of India in 2006, as he believes that there is no higher award than a Tamra Patra which he received as a Freedom Fighter on 12 August 1972. In recognition of his lifelong devotion to the cause of communal harmony and peace, the biennial "UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence" was unanimously created by the 52-member UNESCO Executive Board at their meetings in Paris and Fez (16 May to 4 June 1995), marking the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. In 2000, he was designated as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador on the United Nations' International Day of Tolerance. In 1995, Madanjeet Singh founded Sumitra Foundation (SF) for family planning and protection of the environment in India and South Asia Foundation (SAF) in 2000, to promote regional cooperation among the eight SAARC countries — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.



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UNESCO GOODWILL AMBASSADOR **MADANJEET SINGH THIRD MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Venue:

UMISARC Auditorium

Date:

16 April 2018, 10.30 AM

**UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asia
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cordially invite you to the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
Madanjeet Singh Third Memorial Lecture

on

A Hero of Peace and Humanism

by

Dr. Sayed Makhdoom Raheen

Former Minister of Information and Culture, Afghanistan &
Former Ambassador of Afghanistan to India

Prof. Gurmeet Singh

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University

has kindly consented to preside over the function

Special Guest

Mme. France Marque

Principal Trustee, Madanjeet Singh Foundation

Guests of Honour

Shri N.Ram

President, Madanjeet Singh Foundation

Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar

Chairperson, SAF – India Chapter

Shri Naveen Chawla

Advisor, Madanjeet Singh Foundation

PROGRAMME

1030 Hrs	University Anthem
1035 Hrs	Welcome: Dr. A.Subramanyam Raju
1040 Hrs	Video Screening
1050 Hrs	Honouring Guests
1100 Hrs	Lighting of the Lamp
1105 Hrs	Presidential Address : Prof. Gurmeet Singh
1120 Hrs	Special Guest : Mme. France Marquet
1135 Hrs	Guest of Honour : Shri N. Ram
1150 Hrs	Guest of Honour : Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar
1205 Hrs	Guest of Honour : Shri Naveen Chawla
1220 Hrs	Memorial Lecture : Dr. Sayed Makhdoom Raheen
1250 Hrs	Prize Distributions
1300 Hrs	Vote of Thanks: Dr. S.I. Humayun
1310 Hrs	National Anthem
1315 Hrs	Group Photo
1320	Lunch