

Call to issue postage stamps on Bhitai, Diplai

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HYDERABAD, Feb 8: Scholars, intellectuals and journalists have urged the federal government to release postage stamps in commemoration of great Sufi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai and great man of letters Mohammad Usman Diplai.

They said at a programme marking Diplai's 32nd death anniversary at the Sindh Museum organised by the Sindh culture department and Sindhi Sahafi Sangat late on Thursday night that the government should publish Diplai's works.

Sindh Minister for Culture Sassui Palijo said in a written message read out at the programme that Diplai's great work of literature was his historic novel, Sanghar, in which he had depicted characters from history.

The culture department would soon organise a function to highlight his works, she said.

Former vice-chancellor of Sindh University Mazharul Haq Siddiqui, director general of culture Mohammad Ali Manjhi, Dr Habibullah Siddiqui and Mohammad Ali Diplai, son of Usman Diplai, also spoke on the occasion.