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ISLAMABAD, MARCH 08, 2018: President Mamnoon Hussain said that revival of fine arts in the country is need of the hour and the Government will always continue to promote this cultural heritage. The President said this while talking to the Advisor to Prime Minister for National History and Literary Heritage Division Irfan Siddiqui who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Thursday. Eminent calligrapher Ashraf Heera and artist Waqas Ahmed Shaiq were also present in the meeting. Waqas Ahmed Shaiq also presented a precious portrait of Quaid-e-Azam to the President on the occasion.

The President emphasized that the rejuvenation of fine arts and participation of the youth in it not only shows that our new generation has a keen interest towards our cultural heritage but also reflects that it will also be a source for the revival and strengthening of our culture and national development. The President underscored that the study of history reveals that those nations which have tried to follow the path of development by neglecting their cultural heritage have failed in this regard. On the other hand, nations which remained connected to their cultural heritage and also tried to promote it were successful in every respect, he added. He underlined that cultural values create such a depth and beauty in the conduct and lifestyle of the culturally rich nations like Pakistan which becomes a guarantee of their success and development. It can be considered that cultural values provide basis for the educational, cultural and economic development and they also enhance the passion for progress among the people, he said.

The President also commended the efforts of National History & Literary Heritage Division under the leadership of Advisor to the PM Irfan Siddiqui for the promotion of fine arts. He also appreciated the work of both artists and also awarded them with cash prizes
