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A call to preserve our Heritage

Issued by the Rumi Library, IUST, Kashmir

In alignment with the National Mission on Manuscripts, which emphasizes “*collaboration with academic institutions, private collectors, and research organizations to expand the digitization and dissemination of manuscripts*”, the Rumi Library humbly requests to the general public in donating and preserving valuable historical materials. Many priceless manuscripts and artefacts remain in private hands, often passed down through generations or held in personal collections, yet at risk due to lack of scientific preservation.

These materials include:

- Handwritten manuscripts in any language
- Artefacts of historical and cultural significance
- Rare printed materials
- Photographs, drawings, coins and paintings
- Religious scriptures
- Personal records documenting significant national or local events

An important advantage of the Rumi Library at IUST is its strategic, flood-safe location, offering secure, long-term protection for such collections. This geographic strength positions the Library as a key regional hub for manuscript and heritage preservation.

We invite individuals, families, collectors, and institutions to join our mission. You can either donate your materials or simply allow us to digitize them and return the originals. All items will be handled with the highest care. Every contributor will be acknowledged and receive a certificate of appreciation.

For contributions or guidance on preservation, please contact us at librarian@iust.ac.in or call us at 8860328319; 8803861481.

Together, let us protect, preserve, and promote our written and cultural heritage for present and future generations.

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