

International Seminar Honours Memory of Professor Syed Amir Hasan Abidi

An International Seminar on Persian Literary Heritage was organized in the memory of Persian scholar Professor Syed Amir Hasan Abidi by the Department of Persian Language and Literature of the University of Delhi on Thursday, February 28, 2013. H. E. Dr. Ali Larijani, the honorable Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Iran, also participated in the same.

Mr. Gholamreza Ansari, the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in India, Professor Syed Shahid Mehdi, Secretary, Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), Dr. Saeedof, the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dr. Khwaja Ikramuddin, Secretary, National Council of Promotion of Urdu Language, Ali Fauladi, the Cultural Counselor of Iran, and a large number of Persian scholars and professors from Iran, Italy and Kazakhstan participated in the opening session of the three day seminar.

In the beginning, Professor Mrs. Bilqis Hussein, Head of the Persian Department of the University of Delhi, while welcoming the guests described the aims of organizing the seminar. She also talked about the life and literary as well as scholarly achievements of Professor Amir Hasan Abidi.

Afterwards, Mr. Larijani while expressing happiness over his presence in the seminar termed the Persian language as an element of bond between the two people of Iran and India. He said that these two nations have got common roots and have lived together for long periods.

The Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in India termed the Persian language as a link of India with its past and said that the Persian language can greatly influence the expansion of cultural, scientific and political ties of the two countries. He added that this language can have an important role in the political and economic stability of the region.

Dr. Khwaja Ikramuddin, Secretary, National Council of Promotion of Urdu Language, in his speech stressed that the Urdu and Persian language groups can have more cooperation with each other. He expressed his readiness to accord any kind of cooperation in the field of research in Urdu and Persian languages.