



**Institute of Indo Persian Studies**

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Hosts

### *Persian Summer Classes*

**20<sup>th</sup> June-1<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

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### **Persian Summer Classes**

**IIPS hosted Persian Summer Classes for the students of the George Washington University, Washington DC in New Delhi. Persian Summer Classes were held from 29th June to 1st August 2016 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (Monday to Friday) in, New Delhi.**



### Inaugural Session of the Summer Classes 2016



**Dr Diya Dutt**

Dr Diya Dutt, Deputy Director, United State-India Educational Foundation, New Delhi inaugurated Summer Classes of Persian.

Dr Dutt in her inaugural speech introduced the educational activities of USIEF under Fulbright programmes. She said that US government in 2006 started a critical language enhancement programme for young Americans to master foreign languages. In 2008, India became an equal funding partner to this programme and has emerged as one of the largest Fulbright programmes in the world. She further stated that the main objective for introducing the programme is to build up national security and strengthen international relations with other countries. Thirteen languages including Persian, Urdu, and Panjabi have been specified for the programme to train the students in knowing language and culture of the particular region.



### **Professor Syed Akhtar Husain, President, IIPS**

Professor Husain in his presidential remarks emphasized on not only the need of learning Persian language but also culture and civilization of Persian speaking countries. He said that culture makes a language efficient and sweet. Therefore, only speaking a language is not enough but to understand culture and literature through the medium of language fulfills the objective of learning a particular language. He further added that IIPS has designed its syllabus for Persian Summer Classes focusing not only on Persian language but on Indo-Persian literature and culture, too. Dr Husain also thanked Dr Pardis Minuchehr, coordinator of Persian Programme, George Washington University, USA for cooperating with IIPS to host the Persian classes in India.



## Class Room Activities



Students reading Persian Literature



Persian Calligraphy Class

Faculty members from various universities of India, Iran and Tajikistan were invited to deliver lectures and impart knowledge of language, literature and culture to the enrolled students. Apart from Persian language teaching, syllabus included selection from classical and modern Persian literature such as the *Gulistan of Sa'di*, *Diwan of Hafiz*, *Masnawi of Rumi*, *Rubaiyyat of Khayyam*, *Chahar Maqala of Nizami Aruzi*, *Ghazals of Amir Khosrow* and poems of Sir Mohammad Iqbal and short stories of Sadeq Hedayat. Ms. Nahid Morshedlou, Ministry of Education, Iran, Ms. Zalbunniso Malakhova from Academy of Sciences, Tajikistan, Dr Mahmood Alam from English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, Dr Md. Arshadul Quadri from Lucknow University, Professor Aleem Ashraf Khan, Delhi University, Mr. Nadeem Akhtar and Mr. Syed Mohammad Kazim, Research Scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University and a host of other Persian experts were engaged to teach the students



**Mr. Connor Pierce:** *It was a great experience to learn Persian language here along with learning many a thing like philosophy, customs and understanding the aspects of life which takes you beyond merely learning a language”,*



**Ms. Bonnie Waxman** from George Washington University said that *Rigorous class schedule from 9 O'clock in the morning till 5 O'clock in the evening have been really satisfying. The efforts made by Dr Syed Akhtar Husain are praiseworthy as he not only arranged classes but also took a great care of all of us throughout these weeks.*

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*When I compare myself and my Persian of today with that of the first day I came here, I found it significantly improved-*Ms. Emily Salwen

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## Extra-Curricular Activities

Persian Summer Classes was not limited only to class room teaching. All the students of George Washington University were taken to different places of Indo- Persian historical and cultural interest such as Kolkata, Hyderabad, Agra, Jaipur, Amritsar and in and around Delhi to explore past glory of Indo-Persian culture and traditions.



Taj Mahal, Agra



Victoria Memorial, Kolkata



US Independence Day Celebration in New Delhi



Red Fort, Agra



Elephant ride in Jaipur



Synagogue, Kolkata

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The six weeks' Persian Summer Classes concluded with a valedictory session held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Dr Shernaz Cama was invited as a Chief Guest at the function

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*Zoroastrianism is a faith exhorts its followers to follow good principles of light against darkness. I seek my three friends from USA to look into Persian history deeply and research truly into its role in making the world civilization*

**Dr Shernaz Cama, Director, UNESCO Parzor**

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