Padma Shri Award conferred on Tajik scholar

Government of India conferred Padma Shri award for 2018 on Prof. Habibullo Rajabov, a renowned Indologist from Tajikistan. Padma awards are among the highest civilian awards in India given in various disciplines/fields of activities, viz., art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. ‘Padma Shri’ is given for distinguished service in any field.

Prof. Rajabov is currently Professor Emeritus of Hindi at the Central and South Asian Department, Institute of Languages, Literature, Oriental Studies and Writing Heritage, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan. He has studied Indian languages, literature and history for more than 50 years. Professor Rajabov has written fourteen books and published over 200 articles on Indian philology. His works are well recognized in cultural and literary circles. He has translated several works of famous Indian writers into Tajik language. Professor Rajabov is the first Tajik national to receive the prestigious Padma Shri award from India.

Embassy organizes Exhibition on Monuments of India

Embassy of India in Dushanbe organized an exhibition on ‘Monuments of India’ by Indian artist Kashinath Das at the Ismaili Centre, Dushanbe from 24-30 March 2018. 25 selected paintings of monuments from different regions of India were exhibited. The exhibition attracted a large number of art lovers.
Embassy organizes seminar on Indian Traditional Medicines with participation of Indian expert delegation

An Indian delegation of experts visited Tajikistan on 14-15 February 2018 for creating awareness about Indian traditional medicines and developing linkages between businessmen of the two countries.

The visiting experts delivered lectures at the Tajik National University and spoke about the beneficial aspects of Ayurveda and other alternative Indian medical systems.

On 15 February 2018 Embassy of India in Dushanbe organized a seminar on Indian traditional medical system where Ambassador Shri Somnath Ghosh and Ms. Rustamova Manzura, Deputy Chairman, Tajik Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivered their remarks. This was followed by presentations by experts and a short documentary on Indian traditional medicine and a question-answer session with the audience. The seminar was attended by about 120 Tajik experts and businessmen.

Indian Film Festival in Dushanbe

Embassy of India and Satyajit Ray Club, Filmmakers Union of Tajikistan organized a 6-day Indian film festival from 20-25 April 2018 at Zebunissa theatre in Dushanbe. The festival was inaugurated jointly by Ambassador Shri Somnath Ghosh and the Deputy Minister of Culture of Tajikistan Ms. Zever Davlatzoda. Six famous movies were shown during the festival. All of them were dubbed in Tajik language and had English subtitles. The festival attracted huge crowds and the hall was filled to its full capacity.
On 19th March 2018, Embassy of India gifted 10 Ambulances to various regions of Tajikistan. The recipient regions were Asht, Konibodom, Panjakent, Isfara, Temurmalik, Khorog, Ishkoshim, Murgab, Shamsiddin Shohin and Panj. Ambassador Shri Somnath Ghosh handed over the keys and documents of the vehicles to representatives of the regions at a ceremony organized at the Embassy of India, Dushanbe. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador said that as a strategic partner India is committed to assist Tajikistan in its socio-economic development. He added that all such assistance is without any conditions. In his speech, Mr. Shaidullo Sharipov, Head of Department of Health and Innovative Technologies, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, expressed gratitude for the friendly assistance.

India had earlier gifted ambulances to Hukumats in GBAO region during 2013 and 2015. The cooperation between India and Tajikistan in the field of health sector is expanding as many Tajik nationals visit India for availing affordable and quality medical treatment and consultation.

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Sanskrit Learning Classes in Dushanbe

Embassy of India has recently commenced Sanskrit language classes at the Indian Cultural Centre, Dushanbe and the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan. The classes are open to Tajik nationals as well as the international community based in Dushanbe. Those interested in learning Sanskrit can register themselves and avail of the facility free of cost. Detailed information about timing of the classes can be had from the Embassy reception.

Commemoration of 100 Years of Champaran Satyagraha

To commemorate 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha, Embassy of India in Dushanbe conducted an online quiz on the historic event for the members of Indian community in Tajikistan. The quiz was held for three consecutive working days from 12-16 April 2018.
Lecture on 'Tajik Festival of Nauruz in Indian Subcontinent'

Embassy of India in Dushanbe organized the 8th lecture of the ongoing series commemorating 25 years of friendship between India and Tajikistan on 20th March 2018 at Institute of Studies on Asian and European Countries. Prof. Ghayasuddin Kadirov, Senior Member of Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan presented a paper on 'Tajik Festival of Nauruz in Indian Subcontinent'.

Seminar on 'Mirza Ghalib and his contribution to Persian literature'

Embassy of India in Dushanbe in cooperation with Tajik State Institute of Languages, Dushanbe organized a seminar on 'Mirza Ghalib and his contribution to Persian literature' on 16 February 2018 at the cultural hall of the institute. The seminar was inaugurated by Ambassador Shri Somnath Ghosh and H.E. Mr. Davlatzoda Muzaffar, Deputy Minister of Culture of Tajikistan along with Rector of the Institute and representatives from Ministry of Education. At the end of the seminar, students of the Indian Cultural Centre, Dushanbe presented a dance and music programme based on ghazals of Mirza Ghalib.

30 Indian nationals participate in Dushanbe Half-Marathon

More than 30 Indian nationals participated in Dushanbe Half-Marathon on 21 April 2018. All of them completed the race and at least four of them in less than two hours time.
Commemoration Lecture on ‘Cultural Relations between India and Tajikistan from historical perspective’.

The 9th lecture of the ongoing series commemorating 25 years of Friendship between India and Tajikistan was organized on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at Institute of Studies on Asian and European Countries. Prof. Mirzo Molloahmadov, Senior member of Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan presented a paper on ‘Cultural Relations between India and Tajikistan from historical perspective’.

On this occasion Embassy of India gifted 4 sets of Computers, printers, photocopiers and scanners to India Study Centres at State Tajik Institute of Languages and Tajik National University, Indira Gandhi Library, Dushanbe and India Tajikistan Friendship Society.

11 Tajik candidates attend training courses in India under ITEC Scholarship Programme from February to April 2018

Eleven Tajik nationals visited India from February to April 2018 for attending various training courses under Government of India's ITEC scholarship programme. The courses were technical in nature and included subjects like Advanced IP Technology, CADD Engineering, Intelligent Networks, Banking, Finance, Management, Web Designing, Health Security, Self-Employment, Skill Development and English Communication.

Every year Government of India allocates 150 scholarship slots to Tajikistan under ITEC programme. All expenses on the courses are borne by Government of India.

15th PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS CONVENTION - JANUARY 21-23, 2019

Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in association with Government of Uttar Pradesh, is going to organize 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention from January 21-23, 2019 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The 15th PBD Convention will be followed by participation in Kumbh Snan in Allahabad (January 24, 2019) and Republic Day Parade (January 26, 2019) in New Delhi. The theme of 15th PBD Convention is: “Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India”.

Embassy of India, Dushanbe, invites all PIOs and NRIs living in Tajikistan to participate in the 15th PBD Convention on above-mentioned dates, in large numbers and make the event a successful celebration of strength and unity of Indian Diaspora.
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Prime Minister’s money scheme for common people, is a national programme in India for financial inclusion. The programme aims at providing universal access to financial services such as opening of bank accounts, remittances, credit, insurance and pension in an affordable manner to all citizens of India.

Under the programme, an account can be opened in any bank branch by submitting any one of officially valid documents with zero balance. Some of the special benefits under the scheme include assisted interest on deposit, accidental insurance cover, modest life insurance cover, easy transfer of money across India, access to pension and insurance products and direct benefit transfer of funds under government schemes. After satisfactory operation of the account for six months, a modest overdraft facility is permitted.

PMJDY was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 August 2014. On the first day itself, more than 15 million people opened accounts under the scheme. On 20 January 2015, the scheme entered into Guinness book of world records setting new record for the most bank accounts opened in one week. Till date, more than 31.44 million accounts have been opened with deposits of over USD 12 billion.

India’s financial inclusion efforts have been recognized by World Bank in its latest Global Findex Report, according to which, of the 51.4 crore bank accounts opened globally from 2014 to 2017, 55% were from India. This clearly points to the success of the scheme which has resulted in rapid increase in financial inclusion in India. The number of account holders in the country has risen from 53 percent in 2014 to 80 percent of population in 2017.
Incredible India: Destination ‘Srinagar’

Kashmir is one of the most amazing holiday destinations in India. Located on the banks of river Jhelum, Srinagar, the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir is the first stop for most travellers to Kashmir. The vast Dal lake and its deep waters carry the most popular of Srinagar’s attractions: houseboats and shikaras. Several visitors spend a great part of their holiday aboard in these water-borne hotels, watching the lake’s traffic float from the cushioned balconies.

On the shores of the Dal lake are the great Mughal Gardens, a heaven of many-hued flowers and playful fountains. On the two great hills that overlook the city and the lake are Hari Parbat and Shankracharaya, two ancient temples, which attract a large number of visitors. The medieval mosques, imposing fortress walls and simple shrines adorn the city. In the old city areas, there are wooden Islamic shrines with pagoda-like roofs, spires of old temples, centuries old bridges and bustling markets.

The markets of Srinagar offer a vast variety of the most refined crafts from the light and soft pashmina shawls and intricately hand-woven carpets to delicately carved woodwork and glittering copperware.

While in Kashmir, one can enjoy horse-riding though the meadows of Gulmarg and Pahalgam, the spellbinding beauty of Sonamarg and the architectural treasures of Pandrethan and Parihaspura.

In the rich Kashmir cuisine, one can taste the mouth-watering gushtabas and irresistible walnut tarts or even a handful of warm, roasted chestnuts cracked open in the sun.

With its vast Dal lake, exquisite pleasure gardens, romantic shikara and houseboat rides and the ageless grace of its architecture, Srinagar city is a fitting introduction to the many enchantments of the Kashmir valley.

Srinagar is well connected with Delhi both by road and air. Several domestic flights operate daily from Delhi to Srinagar and vice-versa.
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