

Afghanistan-India Joint Cultural Week Festival- 2017

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Afghanistan and India's relation is envisioned on a wider spectrum which is witnessed through the prism of mutual trust, people-to-people contact, historical linkages and bilateral ties. To take the indo-Afghan relation to the trajectory level, the Afghanistan-India cultural week was organized on 29-30th November, 2017. Aimed to exchange culture, Knowledge and education three day event brought together academicians, experts and government officials. The three- day program was sponsored by the India-Afghanistan Foundation and ICCR.



The event was inaugurated on 29th November 2017 at the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to India, The program was attended by Prof. Mohammad Rasool Bawari, Acting Minister of Information and Culture of Afghanistan, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of Culture-Republic of India, Dr. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Ambassador of Afghanistan to India and Ambassadors of Iran, Tajikistan, Turkey, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Sri Lanka, a part from many Indian and Afghan academicians.



First day of the Cultural week programme started with Joint Academic Seminar followed with Handicrafts and Art exhibitions held at Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) on 30th November, 2017. Dating back to history, India-Afghanistan share commonalities in art and handicrafts which is acknowledged globally for its fine work. Prominent artists and craftsmen from India and Afghanistan jointly showcased their artistic work. At the outset, the joint India-Afghanistan art gallery was officially inaugurated by the Dr. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, the Ambassador of Afghanistan to India and Namrita Kumar, Acting General Director, ICCR.



Indian music is famous in Afghanistan and the collaboration of Indo-Afghan music traces back to 650 - 700 years old. Students are the future of any nation for bringing in development in the country. Therefore, it is imperative to motivate the youth for national building. The third day of the India-Afghanistan cultural week was celebrated by joint student's program and folklore music with dance performances in ICCR on December 1st, 2017 in New Delhi. In this program the prominent artists' from India-Afghanistan jointly performed and mesmerized the audience.

The Afghanistan-India Cultural Week Festival was a jubilant moment for both the countries and have been witnessing a strengthened relation of people-to-people contact spreading across the globe.

