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Learn Persian and Conserve our Indian Culture

Persian was the court language in India from 13th to 19th Century. Consequently, all Indian Languages contain a lots of Persian words in more or lesser degree, depending upon the language. Many Persian words are found in Modern Marathi as well. Similarity has been noticed between a few Sanskrit words & their Persian counter port.

At the time of the establishment of Bombay University in 1857, Persian was known as the language of the elite classes. Persian is being taught in Mumbai University eighty from the beginning. A Persian Department, which formed a part of the foreign language Department, Come into being as a separate Department in 1993. Certificate Course, Diploma & Advanced Diploma in Persian, launched by Persian Department have been receiving growing response. The Department has also been running the Post Graduate course of M.A. in Persian and the Research oriented Ph.D Course.

Persian being the court language in the past, the terms for the concept of law, popularly used Indian languages at present such as Kayda, kanoon and ain are Persian. For the same reason, many sources of Indian History such as Medieval coins & Inscriptions are available in Persian. That is why Historians of Medieval India essential. The translations of Ayurveda, Ancient Indian Astronomy, Indian Philosophy & Mythology, Sanskrit Literature & Panchatantra are available in Persian, which had been greatly useful to European Endologists. Thus a deep reflexion of Indian culture is felt in Persian, which needs to be studied continuously. The Contribution of Persian language is also seen in the dialogues of Indian films, Indian food items and Indian Music as well. Due to India's commercial relation with Iran. Persian language experts are in demand. Besides, New Educational Policy (NEP) has given Persian the status of Classical language of India.

The students of Persian department are employed as Teachers in schools, colleges, and University as well as employees at Iran Culture House, Iran Consulate, Mumbai, Ministry of External Affairs, Iran, U-Tube and in various Translation Agencied. For more Information about Department of Persian please visit : <u>https://mu.ac.in/department-of-persian</u>

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