

Vice President of India to release the Book 'The Arabic Translation of Majma' Ul-Bahrain Of Dara Shikoh'

Press Release

ICCR is organising the Book Release of 'The Arabic Version of Majma' Ul-Bahrain Of Dara Shikoh', by Shri Amar Hasan Swami. The book will be released by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India, who will be the Chief Guest and will be presided over by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President ICCR. The programme will also witness the release of the song 'Atulya Bharat Desh Mera', by Mr Anand Karki, renowned Gazal Singer of Nepal. The event is scheduled to be held on September 09, 2022 at Azad Bhawan Auditorium, ICCR New Delhi from 04:00 PM onwards. Members of the Diplomatic corps, distinguished dignitaries and media representatives will be attending the event.

The book was first published in 1655 which was an outcome of 9 years of in-depth research and study undertaken by Mughal Prince Dara Shikoh, and is regarded as his magnum opus. It is a short treatise that compares Hinduism (Vedanta) and Islamic (Sufism) faith. In his book, Dara Shikoh wrote "there were not many differences, except verbal, in the ways in which Hindu monotheists and Muslim Sufis sought and comprehended truth." Complied in 144 pages and Foreword penned by distinguished Indian scholar in Persian language, Prof. Azarmi Dukht Safavi; it is published by Al-Intishar Al-Arabi (Arab Diffusion), Lebanon. The book is an attempt to spread India's spiritual and philosophical literature and texts among Arab audiences. It is an attempt to help Arab readers formulate better understanding of India thus aiming at contributing towards furthering strenghting and deeping the Indo-Arab cultural ties.

The Song 'Atulya Bharat Desh Mera' is a song written, composed, and sung by Shri Anand Karki, who hails from Nepal. The song celebrates India's unparalleled synergetic culture at a very historical point of time when the sovereign socialist secular democratic Republic completes 75 glorious years of Independence and the whole nation is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

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