



Mushaira

Jashn-e
Bahar

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An introduction to Mushaira Jashn-e-Bahar

Now in its 19th year, mushaira Jashn-e-Bahar is the biggest such event of the capital city of India.

Attended by approximately 5,000 lovers of Urdu poetry in New Delhi every year, it has travelled to several places across India.

The mushaira celebrates the joy of the season and of creativity as expressed through Urdu Verse.

It is organized with the sole objective of keeping alive and nurturing the traditions of Urdu and our Ganga-Jamni Tehzeeb that were born in and have flourished in the soil of Hindustan.

Promoting amity and friendship through poetry, this international mushaira brings together the finest Urdu poets from different parts of the globe.

The purpose is to keep alive the tradition of a poetic dialogue between poets and their audience and also to contribute to the efforts of taking Urdu to a wider cross-section through filming and audio-visual documentation of the event as well through the national media which has supported us throughout our journey.

Jashn-e-Bahar Trust

Headed by Urdu Activist Kamna Prasad, the non-profit Jashn-e-Bahar Trust is dedicated to serving the cause of Urdu. Well known among Urdu lovers for its annual mushaira Jashn-e-Bahar, it constantly involves itself in activities related to nurturing the rich, syncretic traditions of Urdu and works towards developing friendship and amity among the people of the sub-continent who share this common heritage.

The mushaira, the publication of the Jashn-e-Bahar Souvenir and the production of the Video and Audio Recordings of the mushaira are annual activities of the Trust.

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The Trust is also involved in developing a database on contemporary Urdu poets and runs the website www.jashnebahar.org which has become an effective interface between poets, Urdu lovers and the media.

In collaboration with its sister organization Jiya Prakashan, Jashn-e-Bahar Trust annually releases a collection of a classical Urdu poet in Devnagri with the aim of reaching the best of works in the language to those who have an interest in the language but cannot read the script. Jiya Prakashan has published books on Mirza Ghalib, Meer Taqi Meer, Kabir, Daag Dehlavi, Ahmad Faraz, Sahir Ludhianvi, Akbar Allahabadi, Nazeer Akbarabadi and Jigar Moradabadi.

Meka Films, another of its sister concerns, has made several films on Urdu related subjects. Prominent among these are: 'Kahkashan' – a series broadcast on Doordarshan comprising bio-pics of eminent Urdu poets; 'Urdu Hai Jiska Naam' – a four part documentary on the history of Urdu for the Ministry of External Affairs; and the latest 'Dastan-e-Urdu' – a 13-episode docudrama series for Doordarshan that traces the history of the language from its genesis to the modern times.

For more details visit www.jashnebahar.org

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