Insha-i-Darab

Persian Heritage of Kashmir- Celebrating Kashmir's Cultural Legacy

About Khwaja Mohammad Amin Darab

Born: 1308AH/ 1890-91CE   Died: 1979 CE   Buried: Khywan, Narwara

Born in Narwara, Srinagar, Darab belonged to a prominent Kashmiri family of traders and landowners: the Drabus. Darab's lifelong interest in the Kashmir's contribution to Persian *adab* is best highlighted in his meticulous documentation of the works of one of Kashmir's greatest Persianate poets, Ghani Kashmiri. Published in 1980 under the title "*Diwan-i Ghani*", the volume reflects Darab's desire to preserve and promote this historical link between Kashmir the land and Persian the language. He also worked on preparing an edition of Baba Dawood Khakhi's, *QasidayahLamiyah*, which unfortunately remained unrealized. Aside from his poetry, Darab was also a respected calligrapher, some of his handwritten *rukas* show his command in the *nastaliq* script.

About the Exhibition:

To revive Persian language in Kashmir Valley, manuscripts of the last Persian Poet of Kashmir: Khwaja Mohammad Amin Darab were put on display.

An exhibition on Persian manuscripts, which are written by Khwaja Muhammad Amin Darab, a poet, chronogram writer and a calligrapher in Srinagar has put a spotlight on the fast-fading language in Kashmir. Around 73 rare manuscripts, including 11 books, written by Darab have been put on display at the Amar Singh Club in Srinagar.

This exhibition was an invitation to individuals and families across the geography to preserve and share their family archives.

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