



The Role of Persian Language before Independence in India

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Abstract

The role of Persian language in India was very important and it was used as the second official language of India, the Persian language considered as the language of culture and science of subcontinent, before the British colonized India. The Persian language was replaced by English Language in India in 1832. Before 1832, the Persian language was spoken by people from Sind to Bengal. The Farsi language is used among the Indian people as only the same language among them where as Indian languages differed from group to group and the people had the different dialects in every place of Subcontinent. The Farsi was never an indigenous language of India. It was used as a lingua-franca of many middle-eastern and Asian countries, from around 1000 A.D. - 1800 A.D. In India particularly, it was used as a language of culture and education in several Muslim courts. It was customary to know Farsi, along with Sanskrit, by both Hindu and Muslim scholars in those times, chiefly because the rules of the game demanded it.

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