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Development of Arabic Studies in India

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ABSTRACT

In recent times, Arabic has emerged as one of the most important international languages and is spoken by a large group of masses in Asia and Africa. The teaching of Arabic language is essential from various points of view like socio-religious, job opportunities as well as Indo-Arab relationship. The history of Arabic studies in India dates back to the pre-Islamic period. Significantly enough that Arabic was used as the medium of secret talk during the war of Kuru and Pandu. India has been one of the most famous non-Arab states where Arabic language grew, developed and flourished on a large scale. The soil of India has given birth a good number of poets, writers, Islamic thinkers etc. whose noble works can be compared to any work of any great Arab scholar. At present, Arabic is taught in numerous schools, madrasahs, colleges and universities apart from some special training centers in the four corners of India particularly with a view to preparing students for availing the growing job opportunity in the Arab world. In this brief research paper efforts will be made to highlight the contribution of India to the development of Arabic language and literature along with the great importance of the Arabic language by focusing on its bright employment prospects to the present context.

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