

A Certificate of Merit and a Certificate of Appreciation were conferred by India-Russia Friendship Society to the Russian Centre of Science and Culture (RCSC) in New Delhi and Mr. Fedor Rozovski, Counsellor and Head of the Cultural Department, Embassy of the Russian Federation in India, Director, RCSC in New Delhi, respectively, at a grand function organised in the Parliament House on January 23, 2013.



Mr. Jai Prakash Agarwal, M.P. (Lok Sabha), Chairman of the Lok Sabha Housing Society, President, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC), Patron-Chief of India-Russia Friendship Society, presented the Certificates.

The representatives from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in India who attended the function comprised Mr. Denis Alipov, Minister-Counsellor, Mr. Sergei Karmalito, Senior Counsellor, Counsellors, Dmitry Chelyshev, Mr. Vladimir Barkov and Mr. Maxim Kozkov, and others. The participants from the Indian side included Major Dalbir Singh, Secretary, All-India Congress Committee (AICC), Mr. Suresh Malik, General Secretary, DPCC, Dr. R. B. Singh, General Secretary, India-Russia Friendship Society, Mr. Harsh Kapoor, Media Coordinator, DPCC, Mr. Harkishan Jindal, General Secretary, DPCC, Mr. Rajendra Malik, AICC Member and General Secretary, DPCC.

In its Certificate of Merit, the India-Russia Friendship Society recognised the significant contributions made by the RCSC in New Delhi to Indo-Russian friendship and cooperation. "It is momentous to

acknowledge the remarkable services rendered by the RCSC for more than 40 years on bilateral relations in different spheres of life, particularly art and culture, promotion of Russian language and literature”, the citation said.



A Certificate of Appreciation was conferred on Mr. Fedor Rozovskiy for his magnificent contribution to the development of India-Russia friendship.

Accepting the Certificates, Mr. Fedor Rozovskiy expressed profound gratitude for considering the RCSC for the great honour. “In fact, whatever little we could do in the field of furthering people-to-people friendship between our two great countries, it is obviously because of the cooperation of the Indian well-wishers and friendship organizations such as India-Russia Friendship Society, Federation of Indo-Russian Youth Clubs, and many other societies and associations of India”, he said. Mr. Rozovskiy further noted: “I can assure you that the RCSC with its well-established traditions and reputation will preserve its purposeful endeavours to elevate Russian-Indian strategic partnership to higher plateaus in the humanitarian sphere.”



In the course of its 48 years of existence, the RCSC has organized important cultural events in Delhi and other parts of India to bring Russian heritage, history, culture and traditions closer to broad Indian masses. The clubs and schools, including the School of Russian Classical Ballet, Institute of Russian Language, Art School, Botwinnik Chess Academy, attached to the RCSC, are making significant contribution to deeper mutual trust and affection between the peoples of our countries. The Centre has always disseminated true and impartial information on contemporary Russia to the people of India.

The 65th Anniversary of Indo-Russian Diplomatic Relations, marked last year, gave a boost to the development of bilateral humanitarian cooperation. The RCSC was the epicentre of the major events. It hosted the Inauguration of the Days of Moscow in Delhi, Exhibition of Paintings from Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg, Concerts by eminent musicians.



The RCSC has the privilege of having the gracious presence of high-ranking dignitaries in the past. To mention but a few are: the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. M.S. Gorbachev, the late Mr. I.K. Gujral, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, Mrs. Lyudmila Putina, former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Home Minister Mr. Shivraj V. Patil, former Speaker of Lok Sabha Mr. Somnath Chatterjee, the late Mr. Arjun Singh, the late Mrs. Nirmala Deshpande, Mr. Sachin Pilot, Ms. Priya Dutt, and others.