

The 8th All India Conference of the "Voice of Russia" listeners' clubs ended in New Delhi on December 8.



On this day, the most active listeners and website visitors of the Voice of Russia gathered in Russian Centre of Science and Culture in the Indian capital. Some came with their entire families and with small kids - future listeners of the "Voice of Russia". And as it turned out, the tradition of listening to broadcasts from Moscow has been passed down from generation to generation in some families.

One of the listeners, 25-year-old Himanshu Sharma, a computer specialist who works in the Delhi branch of ABM, participated in the conference with his uncle Deepak Kumar, a longtime listener of the "Voice of Russia" and president of "New Delhi Listeners' Club". "Following the example of my uncle, I became an avid user of the sites of your radio" - said Himanshu Sharma.



“I was pleasantly surprised, and felt during the conference how thoughtfully you are not only delivering the information about your country, but also supporting the promotion of Hindi and Urdu languages” - said Himanshu Sharma. “I would call the sites of "Voice of Russia" in these languages global. They provide information not only about Russia, but represent a wide panorama of international events. Russia for many years has provided substantial support to India in economy, science. Now we are working together in these areas. I dream of traveling around the world and enriching my experience with the latest technological advances. To communicate with Russian programmers, I need Russian language. And I am pleased to learn it from the materials on the website of "Voice of Russia".



Among the participants were many who have been listening to the radio programmes from Moscow for decades, and now constantly visit the sites of the "Voice of Russia ". And, perhaps, they were among the most interested and friendly critics of certain moments concerning our sites. One of them is 60 -year-old Jayanta Chakrabarty, an Employee of the Government of India.

“I have been listening to the "Voice of Russia " (earlier it was called "Radio Moscow") for 17 years. While I was still a kid, studying in high school. I had a shortwave receiver, which my father gave me on my birthday,” says Jayant Chakrabarty, “and one day, quite by chance, I caught a radio station broadcasting from Moscow. I was attracted to the music. This was music from the Soviet republics: Lithuanian, Uzbek, Russian. ever since then I have been listening to all your programmes, and not only music. And now I constantly browse in your internet sites. Needless to say, they became very prompt and colorful. However, the printed materials are sometimes poorly legible and are placed in a too compressed space . This complicates the reading of the material. And one more thing: do not close your beautiful Bengali website! Learning of this intention by the " Voice of Russia", a large number of users have already switched to Bengali Sites of "Deutsche Welle " and " Radio China".



Well, we thank the participants of the conference for expressing their opinion and try to take a note of it. As well as the opinion of another participant of the Conference, our colleague from the Indian heartland, journalist Rahul Dwivedi. He is a freelance reporter for the newspaper "Daily News" from a small town near Lucknow. To get to the conference of club members and listeners of the "Voice of Russia " in Delhi, he covered a distance of almost two thousand kilometers, first by bus and then by train.

“It is great that the programmes of Russia can now be listened in India on FM, - he says. - But it is only in big cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore. But in remote parts of India, the Internet is not sufficiently widespread. So for us, transmission on shortwave remain important.

I started listening to the "Voice of Russia" a few years ago as a student at the Faculty of Journalism . My teacher advised me to listen to BBC, but having heard transmissions from Moscow, I became their regular listener. I love the style of presentation, reading by the announcers, and the programmes themselves, including news. "Voice of Russia", serving as a bridge between Russia and India responds to the interests of preserving peace on earth.”



As Rahul Dwivedi further noted, besides attention to current events, the Indians are always attracted to the Russian literature. To get to know it, we continue to listen to literary broadcasts which were revived by the "Voice of Russia", and visit the Voice of Russia sites if we have the opportunity.

According to the participants, the meetings and discussions that took place during the conference were fruitful, useful, important for personal contacts between clubs and listeners. Krishna Murari Singh Kisan, an active listener of the "Voice of Russia" and president of "Kisan Shrota Club" of Bihar summed the cordial atmosphere of the conference in his poem. He wrote it in the days of work of the conference in Delhi, and recited his work on its completion.

The Conference ended with a traditional Indian cup of tea and Russian sweets. The listeners had a relaxed conversation with members of the delegation of the "Voice of Russia", including the Head of broadcasting in South Asia Irina Maksimenko and special correspondent Natalia Benyukh.

And now a message for those participants of the "Voice of Russia" quiz -2013 on cooperation between Russia and India, who for various reasons could not attend the conference: Dear friends, we will send your Diplomas by mail .

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