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In November 2014, Vice Chancellor Professor Mushahid Husain signed MoUs with the Allameh Tabataba'i University and the Amir Kabir University of Technology, Tehran. The signing of the MoUs is a historic landmark for MJP Rohilkhand University.

The **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre** was established in 2012 in the MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly (India) for the furtherance of studies on the age-old Indo-Iranian interaction. The Centre was inaugurated by His Excellency, Ambassador of I.R. Iran in July 2012. The **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre** conducts regular teaching of Persian Language at five different levels, for the benefit of the students of the University.

During the year 2013 there were many important activities at the **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre**. The **Library Section of the Centre** was inaugurated in February 2014 by the Hon'ble Mr. Ali Fouladi, (then) Cultural Counsellor of Iran Embassy, with a donation of Persian books and DVDs.

Media, including renowned newspapers and news channels took great interest in the activities of the **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre**. The **Doordarshan Urdu** and **Zee Salaam** telecast featured programmes on the **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre**. The **ANI News** in its channel appreciated the University commenting 'Rohilkhand University helps in carrying forward tradition of communal harmony.' [Sep 09 2014, 12:47 pm] <http://www.aninews.in/videogallery2/27703-ruhilkhand-university-helps-in-carrying-forward-tradition-of-communal-harmony.html>.

Two **Photo Exhibitions** were organized at the Centre. The exhibition on "Shahnamah of Firdowsi" was inaugurated by Mr. Ali Fouladi on 3rd February 2014 and the other on "Architecture, Arts and Crafts at the Holy Shrine of Mashhad, Iran" by Hon'ble Mr. Santosh Gangwar, Union Minister, Govt. of India, on 26th June 2014. Prof. Mushahid Husain, Vice Chancellor, presided the functions.

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The Centre organises regular screening of Iranian films and cultural events on Persian festivals, like Zayeshmehr and Nowroz. Lectures of Prof. Mushirul Hasan and Mrs. Nasrin Sadeghi were organised in 2015. Exhibitions, a Colloquium and a Research Project have been planned as the forth coming activities of the Centre. Academic exchange programmes for study in Iran shall be routed through the **Indo-Iranian Studies Centre**.

