



Folk fest has audience hooked at Verinag

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As part of the two-month long Kashmir folk festival folk artistes staged performances at Verinag here on Saturday amid thundering applause from the audience. Inaugurated on May 4 at Pahalgam the fest has so far traversed several tourist destinations of Kashmir like Gulmarg, Kokernag, Zabarwan Park, and Chinar Bagh. Comprising 56 events the festival would conclude on July 5. In a span of two months folk music events would routinely be held at venues like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Kokernag, Verinag, Achabal, Chinar Bagh and Zabarwan Park on different week days.

Organised jointly by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and Department of Tourism, J&K, the festival is aimed at introducing visiting tourists to rich and diverse cultural heritage of Kashmir. Today's programme at Verinag had performances by Ghulam Mohammed Ahanger, Dhambali Dance Club, Chuyan, Kulgam and Devsar Bhagat Theatre, Gondipora. Besides tourists and locals, today's programme at Verinag was, among others, witnessed by Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Farooq Ahmad Lone, Additional Secretary, Academy, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Chief Executive Officer, Verinag, Nazir Ahmad Thakur and Tourist Officer, Rubina Shaheen
