

## Academy pays musical tribute to Rosul Mir Dooru resounds with melodious numbers based on Mir's verses

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J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages Monday paid rich musical tributes to the 19<sup>th</sup> century legendary Kashmiri poet, Rosul Mir, at his ancestral place, Dooru. An impressive function was organised to celebrate the Rosul Mir Day in the south Kashmir village which was attended by thousands of his fans congregating at Dooru.



Among the poets of Kashmir, Rosul Mir stands out as a leading versifier who wrote romantic poetry at a time when spiritual poetry in Kashmir was reigning supreme. He has been likened to the famous English bard, Jhon Keats, like whom he died at a very young age.

The programme was inaugurated by noted Kashmiri poet and litterateur, Prof. Rehman Rahi. Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture, Raman Bhalla, presided over and Minister for Tourism, G. A. Mir was the chief guest. Among others, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Lone, District Development Commissioner Anantnag, Talat Parvez, Director Tourism, Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer, Verinag Development Authority, Chief Education Officer, Anantnag and Additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Dr. A. S. Amn were present.

Prof. Rehman Rahi described Rosul Mir as the poet of love and highlighted the contemporary sensibilities in his verses that made him enormously popular among the masses. He said Mir brought Kashmiri poetry at par with that of Persian a century and a half ago. Minister for Tourism, G. A. Mir complimented the Academy for organizing a grand musical tribute to the outstanding poet of Kashmir and also hailed the institution for holding a two-month long Kashmiri folk festival in the valley recently. Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture, Raman Bhalla, also paid rich tributes to the poet.

Organised in collaboration with Departments of Information, Education Tourism and Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar, the musical tribute titled, *Chaani Lolaray*, taken from Mir's famous verse, featured noted singers Abdur Rashid Haafiz, Rehmat Ullah Khan, Muneer Mir, Shazia Ahmad and Ghulam Mohiuddin Shah Arabali enthralled audience with the poet's beautiful verses and mesmerizing music. Students of various educational institutions also presented musical items based on Mir's poetry. A special performance in Kashmiri folk theatre, *Bhand Paether* was also presented. The programme was anchored by Muhammad Amin Bhat.



The Rosul Mir Day is celebrated at Dooruu with fanfare and huge public participation. Traditionally, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages has been participating in the annual musical event. People in large numbers attend the function and remember one of the greatest romantic poets of Kashmir whose name and fame has travelled far and wide through his beautiful verses.

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