

Folk artists keep audience spell bound at Shalimar Garden

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Tourists visiting the famous Shalimar Garden on Sunday afternoon were in for a pleasant surprise when they were treated to soulful Kashmiri folk music and theatre performances by local artists. As part of its effort to promote folk music and theatre, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages Sunday held a cultural show at the famous Mughal Garden here where performers presented assortment of Kashmiri folk music and theatre.



A large number of people including tourists witnessed the show that included presentations of *Chhakri*, *Bhand Paether* and *Dhambali*. The artists received applause and appreciation from the audience for their performances.

A similar programme is being held at Pahalgam on May 18 and at Gulmarg on May 25.

Pertinently, the Academy held a series of folk cultural programmes at various tourist destinations last year that were appreciated by locals and tourists alike. In all, 56 programmes were organized in a period of over two months at Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Mansbal, Zabarwan Park, Chinar Bagh, Kokernag, Verinag and Achhabal.



The Sunday's programme at Shalimar Garden lasted for three hours and kept the audience spell bound. The performers included Ghulam Mohammad Ahangar & Party (*Chhakri*), Bomai Luke Theatre (*Bhand Paether*) and Alamdar Dhambali Dance Clum (*Dhambali*).
