## Srinagar: November 14, 2013

Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, today organised a condolence meet to pay tributes to Muhammad Assadullah Afaqi renowned scholar, writer and translator of the poetry of Sheikh-ul-Alam.

A large number of writers, artist and poets attended the event which was presided over by Ghulam Nabi Khayal.

Qazi Muhammad Amin, Nazrul Islam, son of late Assadullah Afaqi and Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary Cultural Academy were also in the presidium.



Ghulam Nabi Khayal while paying tributes to the late Afaqi, said that his compilation of the Sheikhul Alam's poetry is the most authentic so far. He said that Assadullah was not an individual but a movement who worked tirelessly to spread the message and teachings of the Sheikh ul Alam. In his address, he also urged that more and more writers should come forward to research on the Sheikhul Alam. Others who spoke on the occasion were Nazrul Islam Baba, Ghulam Nabi Baba, Ali Hassan, Prof. Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Dr. Aziz Hajini, Aijaz Ahmad Kakroo, M.Y.Miskeen, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn and Muhammad Ashraf Tak.

The speakers spoke about the literary contributions of the late Assadullah Afaqi and his relation with the Cultural Academy. Poetic tributes were also paid to the deceased.

Fateh Khwani for the departed soul was also held on the occasion.



Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary Cultural Academy presented the vote of thanks and Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad conducted the proceedings.