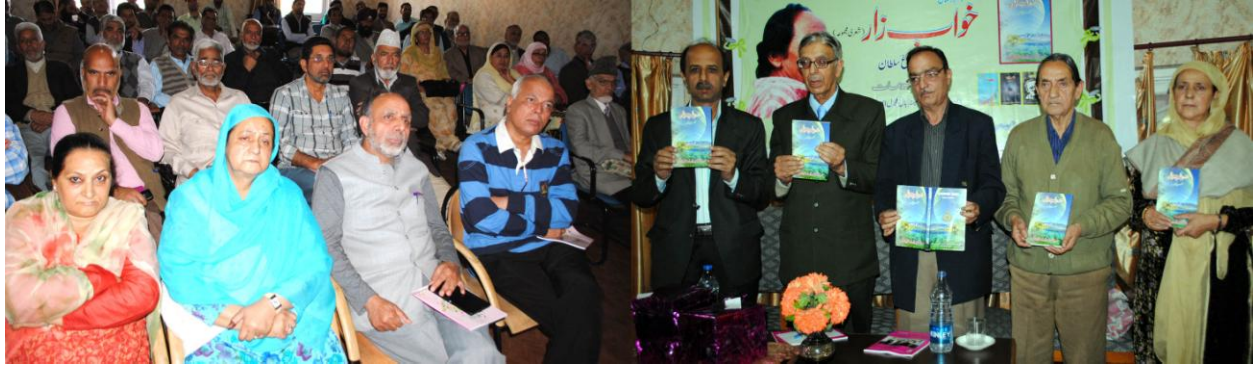


Khawab Zaar, Shuja Sultan's poetic collection released

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At a function organized at the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages' central office here, the poetic collection of noted Urdu poet, artist and broadcaster, Shuja Sultan, titled Khawab Zaar (The Garden of Dreams) was released by prominent poet and critic, Prof Hamidi Kashmiri. Shuja, a prominent representative of the contemporary Urdu poetry, who passed away in April 2008, had not published his poetry.



The absence of a collection of his poetry was felt by literary circles and lovers of his poetry upon which the Academy decided to publish it. The release function was attended by a host of prominent writers, poets and lovers of Urdu literature including Noor Shah, Rafiq Raaz, Dr. Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Shafiq Ahmad Qureshi, Shabeeb Rizvi, Nasir Mirza, Hamdam Kashmiri, Aijaz Kakroo, Mohiuddin Rishi, Sultan ul Haq Shaheedi, Shaiqa Mohi, Qazi Muhammad Amin and G R Hasrat Gada. Prof. Hamidi Kashmiri, Rafiq Raaz and Noor Shah highlighted Shuja's poetic excellence and appreciated the Academy's initiative to publish the late poet's collection. Prominent poet, Rukhsana Jabeen presented an in-depth paper on Shuja's poetry. Earlier, Secretary Academy, Khalid Bashir Ahmad, gave an overview of the Academy's publication programme and made a special mention of Shuja's poetic collection.

He recited some verses from the Khawab Zaar. An emotional Begum Abida Suja Sultan spoke about the poetic genius of her late husband and thanked the Academy for bringing to the light his poetic work. On this occasion, latest Urdu publications including, Mantoo Number, Tagore Number, Golden Jubilee Number and Ham Asar Urdu Afsana Number of Sheeraza were also released.
