



## Pahari Mushaira, Music Programme Held At Poonch

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J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a Pahari mushaira and paper reading session concurrently at Government Degree College, Poonch and Boys Middle School, Smote here on Monday. The event was presided over by noted Pahari writer, Hasamudin Betab. In his presidential remarks, Betab commended the efforts of the Academy in reviving of cultural activities in areas like Poonch and said that holding of literary events like these was appreciable as it provided an opportunity to poets and writers of different genres to express themselves freely. Earlier Academy's chief editor Pahari language, Dr. Farooq Anwar Mirza said that the objective behind holding of events like mushaira's and music programmes at places like Poonch was to afford opportunities to writers and poets of this important regional language so as to enable them to express themselves.

A large number of intellectuals, writers and poets from different parts of Poonch district attended the Pahari mushaira and paper reading session. The poets who recited their poetry include Sheikh Noor Ud Din, Mastoor Ahmad, Sheikh Azad Ahmad Azad, Khurshid Kirmani, Basharat Hussain Khan, and Mehmood Ahmad Tahir among others.

Soon after the mushaira was over, a paper reading session was also held in which several noted Pahari writers like Hasamudin Betab, KD Maini, Salim Javed Qureshi, and Gulsharan Singh read their papers on various shades of Pahari language. Later a music programme was also held in which artistes Mohammed Hussain Faqir, Sanjay Chamkeela, Master Kartar Chand, and Pradeep Khanna participated. Today's activities in Pahari language were part of several such events which were organised by the Academy in the twin districts of Rajouri-Poonch over the past one week.

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