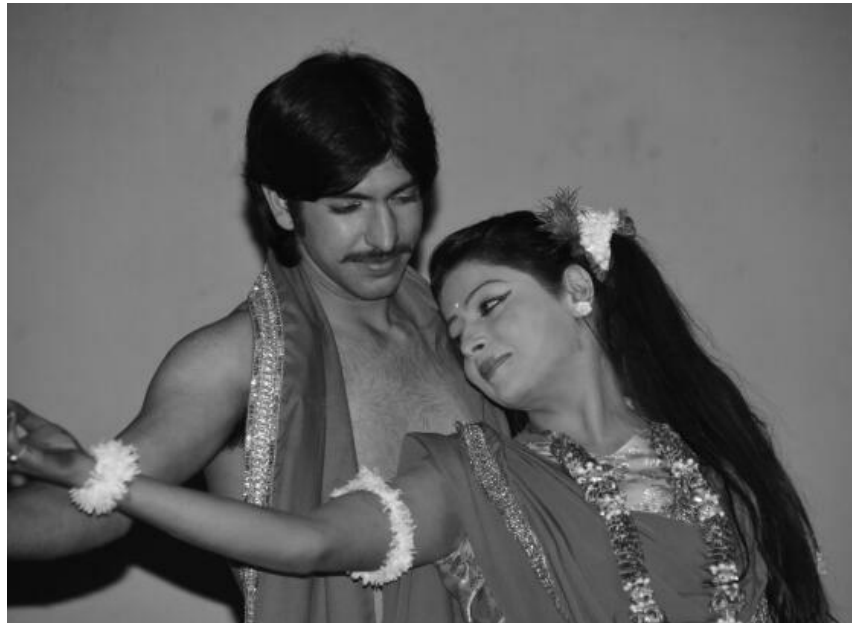




## Academy's 9-Day Long Drama Festival Concludes Fest Evokes Good Response from Theatre Goers

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The annual Drama Festival, which began on March 17 here concluded on Wednesday. The 9-day long festival evoked overwhelming response from theatre goers; mostly youth, who thronged the venue in large numbers and showed keen interest in every play which was staged as part of the annual event. During the festival, organized by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, nine plays in languages like Hindustani, Dogri, Hindi, Punjabi and Kashmiri were staged by as many theatre groups of the State. Responding to the demand of theatre groups, the Secretary JKAACL, Khalid Bashir Ahmad said that the annual drama festival will be held in the month of January-February instead of March when students are busy with exams.



He said the Academy would also explore holding of drama festivals at district headquarters. Pertinent to recall that during the festival several important plays like Hatak (Hindustani), Us Noo Kahin (Punjabi), Raj Darshan

(Hindi), Rath Main Kanger Wuchh Main Dav (Kashmiri), Solution X (Dogri), The Government Inspector (Hindi), Do Kori Ka Khel (Hindi), and Padav (Hindi) were staged. On the concluding day Abhigyan Shakuntalam was staged.

The play, based on the story of Kalidasa's Shakuntala, was directed by Ravinder Sharma. Shakuntala - the literary masterpiece has been translated into several languages around the world. The staging of its Dogri adaptation at Govt. Women's College Auditorium on Wednesday was thus highly appreciated by theatre goers. Director Doordarshan Jammu, Shabir Mujahid was the chief guest on the concluding day.

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