

9-Day annual drama festival gets underway Fest will showcase 9 plays in equal days

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The annual Drama Festival 2013 got underway at Government Women's College Gandhi Nagar Auditorium here on Sunday. Inaugurated by member J&K Legislative Council, Vijay Bakaya, the festival would showcase nine plays in various local languages during a span of as many days. Organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages the theatre ensemble continues a long-standing spring tradition in the promotion and propagation of theatre in the State.



On the inaugural day today, the Tapeswar Dutta directed play in Hindustani, 'Hatak', based on the story of Saadat Hassan Manto was staged. Describing the festival

as a meaningful event, Vijay Bakaya said that such activities provide opportunities to local playwrights for showcasing their world view .He said that drama is an important and potent medium to put your point of view across and bring about change. He hoped that the Academy would make efforts for holding such events in far off places of the State also so that the world view of the people of these areas could also be broadened.

Earlier, while commenting on the event, Secretary Academy, Khalid Bashir Ahmad said that by holding such events an attempt is being made to promote the age old traditions of theatre in the State. Khalid said that the event provides an opportunity to local playwrights to share their work with the public, adding that the plays pinpoint the pulse of current thought pattern of local playwrights and their emerging views of the world.

Reiterating Academy’s pledge of boosting creative activities in all forms of art, the Secretary said that the Academy is committed to promote theatre traditions of the State. A large number of people viewed the inaugural play and appreciated the performance of artists. Pertinently, a panel of theatre experts will watch all the plays staged during the festival and adjudicate these for awards in direction, set designing and acting etc.
