



## Gojri Literary And Cultural Meet Concludes

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Stressing to preserve the treasure of Gojri language by documenting its folk and modern literature, the participants on the concluding day of the 2-day Gojri literary and cultural meet called for speedy development of the language.

Organized by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages the meet was held here at K L Saigal Hall in which several writers, intellectuals, and artists from all over the State participated.

Academy's Chief Editor, Gojri section, Dr. Javaid Rahi impressed upon the Gojri writers, and intellectuals to play a strong role in reformation of the Gujjar community.

Later a paper reading session was held, which was presided over by Dr Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Regional Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations while prominent writer Dr Sabir Mirza, Secretary Academy Khalid Bashir and Chief Editor Dr. Javaid Rahi were also in the presidium.

Those who presented their papers included Choudhary Karam Din Chopra, Choudhary Fazal Mushtaq and Choudhary Naseem Poonchi.

The paper reading session was followed by short story recitation which was presided over by noted Punjabi writer, Khalid Hussain while Member of Academy's Central Committee, Ch Aqbal Azeem and Academy's Senior Editor, Gojri, Manshah Khaki were in the presidium. Those who read stories included Prof MK Waqar, Hameed Kassana, Parvaiz Choudhary, Adress Shad and Rashid Shabnum.

Later a musical programme was presented by Parvaiz Malik, Yusuf Arman and Tasleema Jaan. The event concluded with a Gojri mushaira which was presided over by veteran Dogri writer, Dr Lalit Magotra while Naseem Poonchi was in the presidium. The poets who recited their verses included Naseem Poonchi, Khakan Sajjad, and Bashir Lohar among others.

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