



Academy holds All India Urdu Mushaira

Poetic sitting attracts poetry lovers in large numbers

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As part of the Republic Day celebrations, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages organized an All India Urdu Mushaira here on January 28. Prominent Urdu poets of the country, besides J&K, participated in the mega literary event and enthralled the audience with their latest verses. Speaking about the mushaira Secretary Academy, Khalid Bashir Ahmad said that the Academy has a tradition of hosting this annual event at Jammu every year. According to him the event affords opportunities to poets to recite their latest poetry before poetry lovers of the state.



The Mushaira started at 5 P.M. at the Police Auditorium, Gulshan Grounds. Poets who recited poetic verses at the poetic sitting include Abdul Ahad Saaz, Ibrahim Ashk, Shahpar Rasool, Krishan Kumar Toor, Sardar Panchi, Arsh Sehbai, Rafiq Raaz, Shafaq Sopori, Rukhsana Jabeen, Liaqat Jafri, Balraj Bakshi, Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Syed Raza, Khalid Karaar, Nazir Azad, Zahid Mukhtar, Sham Talib, Ahmad Shinas and Sagar Sehrai among others. Pertinent to mention that Jammu is known for hosting successful Urdu mushairas where audience relish good verses.



The mushaira was presided over by noted poet-critic, Prof. Hamidi Kashmiri and it drew people in large numbers who appreciated the poets with thundering rounds of applause. The main attraction of the mushaira were poets like Ibrahim Ashq, Shahpar Rasool, Abdul Ahad Saaz and Sardar Panchi who landed in Jammu from far off places like Delhi, Mumbai, Punjab and U. P. and enthralled audience with their

powerful rendering of poetic verses. The audience in the 300 seater Police Auditorium also appreciated the poetry of local poets like Khalid Karar, Liaqat Jafiri, Arsh Sehbai, Betab Jaipuri, Shafaq Sopori, Nazir Azad and Rikhsana Jabeen whose poetry rendering was well received by poetry lovers. The poetic sitting was moderated by Ayaz Rasool Nazki.
