

## **ACADEMY ORGANISES ALL JAMMU URDU MUSHAIRA AT UDHAMPUR**

‘First such poetic sitting in four decades’



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The Udhampur district headquarters first time in four decades played host to an All Jammu Urdu Mushaira on Tuesday where eminent poets from the Jammu province recited their latest poems before a large and appreciative audience.

Organised by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages the mushaira was held at the Boys Degree College Udhampur. Pertinent to recall that the musharia was the first of its kind since 1969 when the last such event was held at Udhampur.

Secretary Academy Khalid Bashir Ahmad while speaking on the occasion said that he was glad to see that the Academy was able to arrange an Urdu mushaira at Udhampur after a gap of four decades. Khalid said that it would be Academy’s endeavour to promote literary and cultural activities in far off places of the state.

Lauding the role of Boys Degree College Udhampur and Department of Information, Secretary JKAACL said that he was thankful to these institutions for their support in arranging the event. He also thanked Principal Degree College, Udhampur, Dr. Nutan Kumar and District Information Officer, Udhampur Dr. Jagdish Mehra for their active participation in the event.

Prominent citizens, lovers of Urdu ghazal and students in large numbers were present. Among the poets who recited their verses included Arsh Sehbai, Sham Talib, Rind Bhaderwahi, Tanvir Bhaderwahi, Malik Singh Wafa, Raj Kumar Chandan, Sajjad Poonchi, Aijaz Sibte Nishat, Parvez Malik, Anand Swaroop, Ahtesham Bhat, Sabir Mirza, Balraj Bakshi, Manshoor Banihali, Betab Jaipuri, and Sudha Anjum Jain. Secretary Academy Khalid Bashir Ahmad also recited few of his verses on the occasion.

The mushaira was presided over by noted poet, Arsh Sehbai while Director Doordarshan Kendra Jammu, Shabir Mujahid was the chief guest. The event was moderated by Sajjad Poonchi.

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