Srinagar

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Mehjoor remembered in a unique style

The musical evening based on the poetry of Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor held the large number of audience at Badamwari spell bound by the melodious voices of Waheeld Jeelani and Rashid Jehangir. The programme was jointly organised by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and J&K Bank Ltd. under the directions of Dr. Haseeb Drabu, Minister for Finance and Culture with a twin aim of highlighting the contribution of poets of Kashmir in popularising the language and culture of valley and to entertain the audience with the melodious voices based on the poetry of these celebrated poets with focus on showcasing the indigenous kashmiri musical instruments like rabab, santoor, nut, tumbaknari etc. The Minister, in fact, wanted to inculcate sense of belonging to the past cultural traditions by glorifying the cultural ethos of the valley. The programme commenced with live performance of Rabbab followed by presentation of profile of Mahjoor and musical performance by Wheeld Jeelani and Rashid Jehangir. The programme concluded with musical ensemble of kashmiri instruments. A large number of people from across the valley, other states including a few foreigners enjoyed the beautiful evening in the backdrop of scenic surroundings. Another programme will be held at Iqbal Park next week end where the poetry of Abdul Ahad Zargar will be highlighted. Similar programmes will be organised in other places like Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonarmag on every week end as desired by the Minister for Finance and Culture.