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Academy to move to districts; shuts in-house activities Issues broad-based calendar of activities with emphasis on promoting genuine talent

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In a decision that would give a major boost to cultural and literary activities in the State, the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Monday issued a calendar of district poetic symposia and Bazm-e-Sheeraza. The initiative taken by the Secretary Academy, Dr. Aziz Hajini aims at promoting literary and cultural activities in various districts and areas of the State. "It would give full information to the target public about various cultural programmes and afford them the opportunity to witness these," Hajini stated. "This exercise besides ensuring broad-based participation of genuine budding and senior poets would also be held judiciously and transparently," he added. Pertinently, up till now the Academy had been holding poetic symposia mostly at its own offices with staff in audience. "This is what is needed to be discouraged as mushaira's and cultural activities are for the general public and not for the staff of the Academy," Hajini said. As part of the new initiative mushaira's shall now be conducted across the State mostly at district level with participation of senior poets including genuine budding talent. Apart from decentralizing holding of poetic symposia, the Academy has also decided to hold Bazm-e-Sheeraza at academic institutions like universities, colleges and schools. "The Bazm-e-Sheeraza is being started concurrently and would complement the decentralized poetic symposia series being held from August this year," Hajini elaborated. The Secretary Academy also elucidated that the Academy would keep on holding special mushaira's on special occasions like national and international level conferences, and events. "As an innovation and to begin with we intend to hold mushaira's in floating boats, on full moon nights under candle light and at tourist spots etc," the Secretary said. For successful culmination of the new initiatives duties have been assigned to several senior functionaries of the Academy who have been entrusted select districts for initiation of these newly launched programmes.

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