

All India Folk Painting/Sculpture workshop inaugurated at Kala Kendra, Jammu

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Promotion and preservation of rich cultural heritage of the state is amongst the top priority of the State Government. This was stated here today by Smt. Priya Sethi, MOS Information, Education and Culture while inaugurating 10 day folk Artist demonstration cum training workshop at Kala Kendra adding that it will be their endeavour to work for cultural cohesion while seeking active support and participation from the people. Sh. Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner/Secretary Tourism and Culture was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Earlier, the Commissioner had an interaction with the participating artists and took a round of the work prepared by the artists. The workshop has jointly been organised by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Shahghralaya and the state Academy of art, Culture and Languages. The workshop is aimed at providing a platform to the local traditional artists for an interaction with the national artists drawn from different parts of the country. As many as 35 artists from Odisha, Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan are participating in the workshop which include 10 artists from the State. Earlier, welcoming the august gathering, the Secretary Academy said that the State of Jammu and Kashmir portrays the nature in its best and is also known for various art forms like miniature of Jammu region, Kashmir kalam of Kashmir and tanka paintings of Ladakh adding the Academy had been organising such camps and workshop since over fifty years and has one of the richest art collections in the country which include paintings of MF Hussain, Tyab Mehta, Laxmi Pai, Hassan Raza, GR Santosh, VR Khajuria, Master Sansar Chand Baru etc. While expressing thanks, Mr. Anand of Rashtriya Sanghralaya said that such camps will also be held in other parts of the State like Srinagar and Ladakh in the coming months.

Prominent in the audience include GR Hasrat Gadda, KK Gandhi, OP Sharma, Raj Bharti, Prof. Rita Jitendra, Soujaney Kumar, Commissioner, JMC etc.