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Intellectuals interact with writer, theologian Mian Bashir Ahmad Academy – DDK host interactive session at Baba Nagri under 'Qadawar' series

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Renowned social and cultural figures of the State Thursday visited prominent theologian, scholar, Gojri writer and mystic, Mian Bashir Ahmad at his Wangat residence. The visiting dignitaries were accompanied by Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Dr. Aziz Hajini. During three hour long interaction different dimensions of life and times of the prominent writer-theologian were discussed. A known spiritual figure across Jammu and Kashmir, Mian saheb has a wide appeal among people of the State particularly those belonging to Bakerwal, Gujjar and Pahari communities. A progeny of Hazrat Nizamudin Larvi, Mian Bashir Ahmad is a household name in the State. Popularly known as Mian Saheb, the 92 year old theologian, during the interaction, talked at length about various important historical events of his life and also spoke about various historical developments to which he has been a witness. A four time member of the State Legislative Assembly, Mian Bashir Ahmad was closely associated with various top rung leaders of India and has also been instrumental in promoting Gojri language and culture. In 1987, he gave up politics and dedicated himself to promotion and development of Sufi religious practices. To date the writer-theologian has authored around one dozen books in Gojri and Urdu. Today's interaction with the writer-theologian was held under "Qadawar" series, under which noted literary and cultural personalities of the State are being profiled by Doordarshan and JKAACL. The recordings of such interactions are consequently telecast by Doordarshan on prime-time. Talking about the importance of the 'Qadawar' series, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Dr. Aziz Hajini said that under this initiative the Academy hosts face-to-face interactions with the unsung but important personalities of the State with a view to profile their life and times for archival purposes. Elaborating Dr. Hajini said that apart from TV telecast the deliberations held with the noted writer-theologian will also be published in a special Gojri edition of Academy's literary journal Sheeraza, adding, the video footage too will be retained for archival purpose. Today's meet with Mian Bashir Ahmad started with paper reading by noted Gojri writer, Choudhary Iqbal Azeem. In his paper Azeem highlighted various aspects of life and times of the prominent writer-theologian. Among others the Secretary JKAACL was accompanied by MLC, Zafar Iqbal Manhas, journalist, Shujaat Bukhari, Director Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, Gulab-ud-Din Tahir, former Director Radio Kashmir, Ghulam Hassan Zia and former Director Programmes, Doordarshan Srinagar, Salamudin Bajad.

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