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JKAACL kick starts district level poetic symposia
Mushairas to address local aspirations, cultural sensibilities: Hajini

Srinagar, August, 05, 2015:

J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Wednesday formally started the process of decentralization of its activities and hosted maiden district poetic symposia at Kralwari Chadoora. The mushaira was co-sponsored by Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar. The maiden district level mushaira, which began at 2:00 P.M., was attended by several prominent poets of the State. Representing languages like Kashmiri and Urdu, the composite mushaira was the first of its kind in a series launched by the Academy for broad-based participation of genuine budding and senior poets of the State. Minister for Agriculture, Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura was the chief guest on the occasion. The function was presided over by member legislative council, Zafar Iqbal Khan Manhas. Speaking on the occasion, Hanjura said that the initiative of the Academy to hold activities at public places was welcome as it afforded opportunities to the people to participate in big numbers. Recalling the great contribution of Abdul Ahad Azad to Kashmiri poetry, Hanjura said that efforts are required to be made for promoting and highlighting the legacy of the late poet. Echoing similar sentiments Manhas said that by taking cultural activities to the grass-root level the Academy was promoting the cause of local culture. He impressed upon the Secretary Academy to imbibe European model which lays stress on cultural identity and does not compromise with it. Manhas, who has headed JKAACL as Secretary, said that for proper promotion of cultural ethos of the State the Secretary Academy is required to maintain direct liaison with the President JKAACL as, according to him, it is only through such an interaction that institutions like Academy can deliver. Earlier in his welcome address, Secretary Academy, Dr. Aziz Hajini said that the practice of district level mushairas is aimed at promoting literary and cultural activities in various districts and areas of the State where such activities were not being held normally. Laying stress on the need of having broad-based literary events across the State, Hajini said that Academy's mushairas shall now try to address local aspirations and cultural sensibilities. Organised on the eve of death anniversary of noted Kashmiri poet, Maqbool Shah Kralwari, the mushaira at Chadoora witnessed poetic renderings by poets like Ghulam Rasool Josh, Ali Mohammed Shiraazi, Assadullah Assad, Rehman Lateef, Gulshan Badrani, Khurshid Khamosh, Sonallah Sanobar, Ghulam Rasool Aijaz, Wali Mohammed Khusbaash, Ghulam Mohiudin Choupan, Ghulam Nabi Owaisi, and Ghulam Mohammed Shahbaz. The event was coordinated by Academy's assistant editor, Encyclopaedia, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad Shah.

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