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Press Release

Kashmiri novel 'Yotaam Saier Paeth Gow' released

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JKAACL Friday released a Kashmiri novel titled 'Yotaam Saier Paeth Gow' at an impressive function held here at Seminar Hall of the Academy. The novel has been authored by noted writer, TV producer and playwright Dr. Sohan Lal Kaul. The function was presided over by noted writer Ghulam Nabi Khayal while President Adbi Markaz Kamraz, Dr. Shujaat Bukhari was the chief guest. Noted litterateur Faroog Nazki attended the event as guest of honour.Speaking on the occasion, Khayal praised Sohan Lal Kaul for his versatile personality. He said Kaul was a multi-talented literary figure who had excelled in several fields, including drama and theatre. "His scholastic works have brought him name and fame," Khayal said, adding that Kaul had made great contribution to fine arts as well as literature. Earlier in his welcome address Secretary Academy, Dr. Aziz Hajini called upon the author to come up with more literary work on Kashmir depicting its rich cultural ethos, art and traditions and magnificent landscape. He assured full support to such endeavours. "The novel reveals socio-cultural history of Kashmir and portrays several eventful incidents in a colourful manner. It must be read as it has focus on the recent Kashmir flood," Hajini said, adding, the writer should continue his mission of writing novels. Expressing his views, Dr. Shujaat Bukhari said that the novel of Kaul was absorbing, beautifully crafted and deserved to be appreciated for its fresh outlook. "We need to promote such type of literature as there is dearth of novel writing in Kashmiri," Bukhari said. Nazki while praising the effort of the author said that such innovative ideas should keep on dominating literary discourse. As part of the event, Head Department of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir, Prof. Shad Ramzan read an extensive paper on Kaul's latest novel. Among others the function was attended by several prominent literary figures of the Valley including Dr. Rafeeq Masoodi, Ayash Arif, Rafiq Raaz, and Shabir Mujahid.

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