



Culture an important ingredient for sustainable

Development : Pramod Jain

Culture is essential for lasting peace and sustainable development adding that for a culturally diverse region like Jammu and Kashmir, culture remains the first and foremost mode through which peace and harmony could be achieved further stating that if left aside, leaves little room for social and economic progress that is mutually beneficial for a community. This was stated here by Pramod Jain, Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture Govt. Of India. He was speaking at the valedictory of 10 day Folk Painters and Stone Carvers workshop jointly organised by the J&K Academy of art, Culture and Languages and Indira Gandhi Rashtrya Manav Sanghralaya , Bhopal. As many as 30 folk artists from Odisha, Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka including 12 artists from Jammu and Kashmir state participated in the workshop. The workshop which was inaugurated by Smt. Priya Sethi, MOS Information, Education and Culture on 7th of this month was aimed at providing a platform to the local artists for an interaction with the senior artists of the country and showcasing the miniature

paintings of the State to them which occupies place of pride in the country as well as abroad. Earlier in his welcome address, the Secretary, Academy highlighted the aims and objectives of holding such an all India level camp in the state which has a thousands years traditions in fine arts including paintings and sculpture addsidng that under the instructions of the Commissioner, Tourism and Culture Mr. Shailendar Kumar, the workshop was jointly organised with IGRMS, Bhopal. The Director IGRNS Prof. Sarit Kumar Choudhary said that their sanghrayala wants to spread their activities in the culturally rich state of Jammu and Kashmir and assured that such workshop and camps will also be held in others parts of the state like Kashmir and Ladakh in near future. The prominent present at the functions include GS Hasrat Gadda, Padmashri Jitender Udhampur, Raj Bharti, noted theatre activist Mohan Singh, ND Jamwal, KK Gandhi, TS Batra, etc. Dr. A S Amn, Additional Secretary, JKAACL presented vote of thanks to the distinguished audience.