

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4585
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

Funds to Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art and Culture

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a)&(b): Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, is an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Culture, dedicated to the promotion of literature in the 24 Indian languages. Sahitya Akademi collaborates with the State Akademies as well as literary organizations while organizing its literary activities in different states including Jammu & Kashmir.

Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages is one of the recognized State Akademies. The details of various literary activities organized by Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages are as follows:

- (i) Seminar on "Humour in Kashmiri Literature" at Government Degree College, Banihal, J& K (18th -19th March, 2019).
- (ii) 'Mulakat' programme with young Kashmiri writers at Jammu, J&K (8th January, 2019).
- (iii) Birth Centenary seminar on 'Fazil Kashmiri' at Jammu, J&K (23rd-24th December, 2018).

- (iv) 'Asmita' programme at Jammu with noted Kashmiri women writers (17th December, 2018).
- (v) 'Kavi Anuvadak' programme at Jammu where Sri Ghulam Rasool Josh presented his Kashmiri poems and its Dogri translation was presented by Sri Ravinder Kaul (17th November, 2018).
- (vi) 'Kavi Anuvadak' programme at Jammu where Sri Mohan Singh presented his Dogri poems and its Kashmiri translation was presented by Sri R.L. Shant (17th November, 2018).
- (vii) Seminar on 'Folklore' at Jammu (4th-5th December, 2017).
- (viii) 'North East and Northern Writers' Meet' at Srinagar, J&K (28th-29th October, 2017).
- (ix) Birth Centenary seminar on 'Dinu Bhai Pant' at Jammu (17th-18th June, 2017).
- (x) "Jammu & Kashmir Literary Festival" in Delhi (21st - 22nd March, 2017).
- (xi) "Meet the Author" programme with Ms. Champa Sharma, noted Dogri writer at Jammu (16th January, 2017).

(c) Separate fund/ budget are not earmarked for the State Akademies.
