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## 'Phretay Munh' staged

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**JAMMU, Jan 5:** *In the ongoing first state level Budshah Theatre Festival - 2011, being held at Abhinav Theatre Jammu, Feroz Cultural Forum, Budgam presented a Kashmiri comedy play "Phretay Munh" written by Shaukat Shehri and Directed by Rafiq Ahmad Dar.*

The Festival is being organized by Ensemble Kashmir Theatre Akademi - EKTA (School of Drama -&- Repertory), Srinagar under the initiative of Bhawani Bashir Yasir, Chairman EKTA & Director EKTA School of Drama -&- Repertory, Srinagar; in collaboration with J&K Cultural Academy and sponsored by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India under the scheme of Cultural Functions Grants scheme.

The story of the play revolves round an act of theft, in which two thieves plan to break into the house of Janki Nath and as it is noticed by a god fearing man Khazir Bhat who tries to inform Janki Nath to be careful about the theft but before he reaches his house to inform him the thieves have done their job and Janki Nath takes Khazir Bhat to be the chief of the thieves or otherwise how he knew the plan of the theft, so calls police and in process all the three Janki Nath, his servant and Khazir Bhat are tortured by police in investigation.

But when police comes to know that the theft act has been done by professional thieves who are in connivance with police, the police release the three innocents that too after making a corruption deal with them. And when they get hold of the real thieves and ask them for their share the thieves arrange it after another theft in the house of the same police inspector who, after identifying it breaks into laughter.

The play simply exposes the black face of police and the system viz-z-viz the law and order.

The noted Kashmiri Playwright, poet, theatre activist, Sajood Sailani was the chief guest on the occasion and he gave away a memento of the Budshah Theatre Festival to Rafiq Ahmad Dar, the Director of the play.