**Press Release**

**A seminar cum ghazal programme**

**AN EVENING DEDICATED TO GHALIB TODAY AT JKK**

Jaipur, 6 August: A seminar cum ghazal programme  -- *‘Ek Shaam Ghalib Ke Naam’* was held today at Jawahar Kala Kendra in collaboration withGhalib Institute, New Delhi. The event began with the inaugural address by Secretary of Ghalib Institute, Professor Sadiq-ur-Rahman Kidwai. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Vice Chairman of Ghalib Institute, Mr. Aimad-uddin Ahmed Khan. He said that it is indeed a matter of pride that India’s two renowned establishments – JKK and Ghalib Institute are together paying a tribute to Ghalib. He also gave an insight into Ghalib’s life and the vast multitude of literature developed around him.

 Eminent scholars such as Prof. Shamim Hanfi, Prof. Sharif Hussain Qasemi, Mr. Saurabh Srivastava, Prof. Ali Ahmad Fatemi, Mr. Jagroop Singh Yadav, Mr.A. Rahman, Mr. Moazzam Ali and Dr. Syed Raza Haider, among others presented their papers on the topic *‘Ghalib Aur Aihad-e-Ghalib’*(Ghalib and his times). They threw light on the various colours of Ghalib’s *shayari* and the elements of *insaniyat* and *hindustaniyat* in it. The academicians also stressed the fact that the relevance of Ghalib cannot be undermined in any period of time be it the past, present or future. The concluding remarks and vote of thanks was given by Curator, JKK, Mr. Abdul Latif.

The seminar was followed by a performance of Ghalib’s ghazals by renowned singer of the Delhi Gharana Ustad Iqbal Ahmad Khan. He rendered some popular ghazals of Ghalib such as *Bazeecha-e-Itfal Hai Duniya Mere Aage*, *Dil-e-Nadan tujhe hua kya hai* and *Naqsh Fariyadi Hai*.

It is to be recalled that the event was a part of the weekend cultural programme at JKK. Tomorrow a musical programme entitled *‘Barkha Ritu Aayi’*will take place in which daughter of renowned singer and Padma Vibhushan awardee Late Pt. Kumar Gandharva – Kalapini Komkali will render traditional as well as semi classical compositions such as *thumri*, traditional *bhajans*and songs. The event will be held at 7 pm at Rangayan. The entry to the event is complimentary and on a first come first serve basis.