

Advani lauds MP Govt for establishing Drama School

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Bharatiya Janata Party Parliamentary Board Chairman and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani has described the cultural initiatives being taken by Madhya Pradesh Government as commendable.

Advani in his blog has written on Monday that with the opening of school of drama at initiative of the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Culture Minister Laxmikant Sharma will bring prosperity not only in stage-art but in film and television sectors as well.

With title A commendable cultural initiative by MP, Advani lauded the efforts of Madhya Pradesh Government for establishing its Drama School, saying, "I first saw a mini film city in Trivandrum, later in Mumbai and thereafter in Hyderabad. So, I had an occasion to remark in Bhopal last Saturday: Why can't Bhopal have a film city?"

The national School of Drama set up in New Delhi by Sangeet Natak Academy has contributed immensely towards providing talent to Bollywood. And Indian cinema today has acquired a high place even in World cinema. Advani further mentioned, "I am sure, the initiative taken by Shivraj Singh and his Minister for Culture Laxmikant Sharma will further enrich the field, not only of theater but also

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of cinema and television." He also pointed out that a galaxy of theatre celebrities led by Vijaya Mehata, Prahlad Kakkar, Mahesh Dattani, Ramgopal Bajaj and Piyush Mishra were present at the inaugural function.

In his blog, Advani also lauded the play, 'Kuchh Bhi Ho Sakta' staged by well known film actor Anupam Kher on the opening day of school of drama. He was very much impressed by the performance of Kher who stole the stage show. Advani said that he saw a performer doing a scene alone for one hour 70 years ago when the former was a student of St Patrick High-School in Karachi.

Advani says he recalls that performer was from Ireland and playing the role of Shylock a character of William Shakespeare's drama 'Merchant of Venice'. Advani said that the solo performance, which he had watched during his school days childhood, was literature based while Anupam Kher's play was on auto-biography based.