

Advani lauds State Government's initiative to encourage theatre

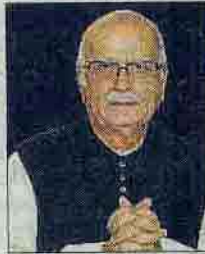
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BHARATIYA Janata Party Parliamentary Board Chairman and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani has described the cultural initiatives being taken by Madhya Pradesh Government as commendable.

Advani has written in his blog on Monday, that opening of school of drama with the initiative of 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.

Culture Minister Laxmikant Sharma said that the State Government would certainly perform better in the sphere of culture under the leadership of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan after praiseworthy remarks made by Advani.

In his blog, Advani also lauded the play, 'Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai' staged by well-known film actor Anupam Kher on the opening day



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of school of drama. He was very much impressed by the performance of Kher who stole the stage show. Advani said that he had seen a performer doing a play alone for one hour, 70 years ago, when he was a student of St Patrick High School in Karachi.

Advani said that he recalled that the performer was from Ireland and played 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 was literature-based, while Anupam Kher's play was autobi-

ography-based.

Advani wrote that 'Kuch Bhi Ho Sakta Hai' play reflects the incidents which Anupam Kher came across during his struggle in Bollywood. He said that Anupam Kher left the impact of his comedy and intellect in his two-hours' play by making it entertaining for the audience.

Advani also said that he visited film industries in Trivendrum, in Mumbai and later in Hyderabad. He said, "I raised a demand why should film industry not be set up in Bhopal during my visit on inauguration of school of drama on Saturday."