

Chief Justice inaugurates NDPS at District Court Srinagar

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Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan, today inaugurated the newly created Court of Special Judge (NDPS), in District Court Complex Srinagar.

The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District & Sessions Judge Srinagar and other judicial officers of the District Court, Srinagar. Jaffer Hussain Beg expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Justice for his exceptional leadership.

The Chief Justice inaugurated the facility in presence of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Registry officers including Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General High Court of J&K and Ladakh; M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice; Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar Judicial Srinagar and other Judicial officers of District Court Srinagar.

The Chief Justice interacted with the undertrials in NDPS Cases lodged at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Central Jail Agra and District Jail Poonch through virtual mode and enquired about their whereabouts. He directed the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar to provide free Legal Aid Defence Counsel to



those who are in need of same.

This new court marks a significant step towards strengthening the legal infrastructure in the district, ensuring efficient and effective handling of cases related to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Following the inauguration, the Chief Justice engaged in a productive interaction with Judicial Officers and members of the Bar. The discussions focused on key strategies to further bolster the legal infrastructure in the district. This session provided a platform for discussing challenges and exploring collaborative

strategies to improve the efficiency and accessibility of justice.

The event concluded with a plantation drive conducted by District Legal Services Authority Srinagar in collaboration with Kashmir Concern (NGO) which was held under the guidance of Jaffer Hussain Beg and under the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Srinagar.

Justice Tashi Rabstan planted the first sapling and the plantation drive was enthusiastically participated in by all dignitaries, including Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar and other judicial officers, fostering a spirit of collec-

tive responsibility towards the environment.

Justice Tashi Rabstan emphasized the vital role of strengthening the legal infrastructure to ensure a robust and accessible justice system for all. He highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between the judiciary, the bar and the community to ensure that legal services reach every corner of society.

This event serves as a testament to commitment of the judiciary to provide efficient and accessible justice to all citizens, while also acknowledging the importance of environmental stewardship.

DC Bandipora visits Fire Victims of Dawar

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Thursday conducted a visit to the fire-affected families in Dawar, Gurez, following a devastating fire that impacted many commercial structures and residential House.

During the visit, the DC met victims to assess the situation and offer support.

He said, "We understand the hardships faced by the families and are here to ensure they receive the necessary aid for their recovery and rehabilitation."

Emphasizing the importance of swift action, the DC said that essential resources, including food and other essentials were delivered promptly to help the affected.

He instructed the offi-



cers for proper assessment of damages.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by SDM

Gurez, Mukhtar Ahmad, Tehsildar and others.

MD JK Rural Livelihoods Mission conducts Tour of Shopian District

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Dr. Shubhra Sharma, Mission Director (MD) Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) today conducted a tour of District Shopian to review ongoing initiatives and interact with the local Cadre and Self Help Groups (SHGs).

The interaction was held at the District Mission Management Unit (DMMU) in Shopian, where she engaged with the SHGs, discussing their progress, challenges and future plans.

During her visit, the Mission Director inspected several livelihood activities initiated by the SHGs in District Shopian. These included the JKRLM-NABARD Rural Mart, an Apple Grading Unit, a Tailoring Unit and a Wool Shop, all established under the initiatives of JKRLM Shopian. These units are contributing to income generation and skill development in the district, sup-



porting local communities to achieve economic self-sufficiency. A key highlight of the tour was the inauguration of a newly established Computer Lab at DMMU Shopian. This facility will serve as a significant resource for SHG members, offering digital literacy and training opportunities to enhance their skills, partic-

ularly in areas like financial management, online marketing and e-commerce. The Mission Director was accompanied by State Mission Managers and District Managers from Shopian during the tour. The visit underscores the Mission's commitment to fostering self-reliant rural communities and supporting SHG-

led livelihood projects across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. The Mission Director's interaction with the SHG members and her encouragement for digital empowerment and local enterprise development marks a positive step toward realizing the vision of self-sustainable rural economies.

Judicial Officers of Pulwama felicitate Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan

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The Judicial Officers of Pulwama today felicitated Justice Tashi Rabstan on his elevation as the Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The felicitation ceremony celebrated the distinguished journey of the Chief Justice and his remarkable contributions to the judiciary.

The officers team led by Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Pulwama, extended their heartfelt congratulations and expressed admiration for the exceptional leadership qualities demonstrated by the Chief Justice. The Judicial Officers lauded the Chief Justice for his efforts in enhancing institutional efficiency and fostering professionalism within the judiciary. His proactive role in augmenting judicial infrastructure across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh, especially in



remote areas, has been instrumental in improving the quality and accessibility of justice, they added. They said that his tenure as Chief Justice promises to further consolidate these achievements, building a robust and responsive judicial system for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

On behalf of the entire judicial fraternity of Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar conveyed profound gratitude and extended best wishes to the Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan. He expressed confidence that un-

der his stewardship, the judiciary would continue to thrive, upholding the ideals of fairness, justice, and inclusiveness.

The felicitation ceremony witnessed the presence of M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Manzoor Ahmad Zargar, Special Judge, NDPS, Pulwama, Dr. Noor Mohammad Mir, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Pulwama, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pulwama, Fariqa Nazir, Special Mobile Magistrate, Pulwama, Danishta

Shafi, Judicial Magistrate, Pulwama, Fakhurunnissa, Judicial Magistrate, Pampore, Muneer Ahmad Bhat, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Awantipora, Uzma Amin, Principal Magistrate, JJB, Pulwama and Amaan Nissar, Judicial Magistrate, Tral.

The event concluded with the officers reiterating their commitment towards carrying forward the Chief Justice's vision, ensuring an efficient justice delivery system that remains accessible and responsive to the needs of the people.

Health Deptt Baramulla, J&K AIDS Control Society organize Comprehensive Health Camp in Sopore

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Ishtiyaq, NSS Program Officer and Prof. Ishfaq, Convener of the Financial Aid Committee, also addressed the attendees.

They provided insights into various committees and their roles within the college. The program was well-attended by faculty and a substantial number of students from the 1st, 2nd, and 5th semesters.

DC Bandipora hands-over Critical Care Ambulance to Gurez Health Department

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Thursday handed over a critical care ambulance to the Health Department for the Gurez sub-division, enhancing healthcare access in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the ambulance was procured through funds provided by NHPC under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, reflecting the organization's commitment to community welfare.

He said, this ambulance will play a crucial role in saving lives and ensuring that residents of Gurez have more access to essen-



tial medical services which is vital for improving healthcare infrastructure in remote areas.

Qadri said that this initiative is expected to greatly

benefit the residents of Gurez, ensuring timely medical assistance and enhancing overall healthcare delivery in the area.

The handover ceremony

was attended by HoP NHPC Bandipora, Lakhmi Chand; CMO Bandipora, Rafi Ahmad Salathi along with other officials and stakeholders.

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