

Chief Justice interacts with Judicial Officers, addresses Kashmir Advocates Association

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Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, today interacted with judicial officers in the Conference Hall of the District Court Complex, Srinagar, and later attended a felicitation programme organised by the Kashmir Advocates Association.

During the interaction with judicial officers, Chief Justice emphasised the importance of discharging judicial responsibilities fearlessly, compassionately and with unwavering commitment to the rule of law. He highlighted the vital role of the judiciary in safeguarding citizens' rights, ensuring access to justice and maintaining public confidence in the justice delivery system.

Chief Justice stressed that collective responsibility, mutual trust and institutional harmony were essential for strengthening the functioning of courts. He encouraged judicial officers to work collaboratively, uphold the highest standards of judicial conduct and foster a peaceful and conducive working environment.

He expressed satisfaction with the professional competence and dedication of judicial officers serving in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and underscored the importance of continuous learning and guidance from senior judicial officers.

At the outset, Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, welcomed the Chief Justice on behalf of the judicial officers of the district.

He expressed gratitude for the interaction and reaffirmed the commitment of the District Judiciary, Srinagar, to quality adjudication, timely disposal of cases and reduction of pendency.

Later, the Kashmir Advocates Association organised a felicitation programme at the District Court Complex, Srinagar, to welcome the Chief Justice.

Speaking on the occasion, Adv. Waseem Gul, President of the Kashmir Advocates Association, extended a warm welcome to the Chief Justice on behalf of the legal fraternity and also welcomed the newly appointed Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar.

Highlighting the role of the District Court as the first accessible forum of justice for ordinary citizens, the Association President emphasised the importance of a constructive partnership between the Bench and the Bar.

He assured full cooperation in strengthening the administration of justice and sought the Chief Justice's guidance on improving court infrastructure, enhancing facilities for lawyers and litigants, strengthening legal aid, promoting alternative dispute resolution and providing structured training for young advocates.

The Association President also announced that the Association had accepted in principle the induction of five women lawyers into its Executive Committee, with the decision to be formalised shortly.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Justice expressed happiness at interacting with members of the Bar and the judiciary at Srinagar.

Drawing upon his experience as a lawyer, he emphasised the need to encourage and support women advocates, observing that their active participation was essential for the progress of the legal fraternity.

Chief Justice recalled the pioneering contribution of Cornelia Sorabji and stressed the importance of bringing women lawyers to the forefront.

Appreciating the Association's decision to induct women members into its Executive Committee, the Chief Justice described lawyers as vital custodians of access to justice and constitutional rights.

He urged the legal fraternity to respond to evolving societal expectations and emphasised the need to embrace technology, observing that failure to adapt could leave institutions behind.

The programmes underscored the shared commitment of the Bench and the Bar to strengthening the justice delivery system, upholding the rule of law and preserving the dignity and independence of the institution of justice.

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During the meeting, stakeholders broadly appreciated the traffic management plan, acknowledging its potential to improve traffic regulation and ensure smoother vehicular movement across the town. They also put forward several suggestions and proposed minor modifications aimed at

addressing local concerns and making the plan more effective. Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said that the primary objective of the administration is to ensure public convenience, smooth traffic movement and hassle-free access to essential services, while ensuring that traders and business establishments do not face any adverse

impact on their commercial activities.

He emphasized that the traffic management plan would remain responsive to public feedback and local requirements. The Deputy Commissioner assured the stakeholders that all genuine and feasible suggestions would be duly examined and incorporated wherever necessary for the larger benefit of the general public.

He reiterated that the administration is committed to adopting a balanced and practical approach to traffic management, keeping in view the needs of commuters, pedestrians, traders and other stakeholders, to ensure a more organised and efficient traffic system in Baramulla town.

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The Lead District Manager, Anantnag, elaborated on the banking aspects of the scheme explaining the requisite bank formalities, documentation, financial planning and other procedures involved in the

processing of loan applications. He also emphasised the importance of sound financial planning and proper documentation for the smooth processing of proposals by the concerned financial institutions.

The programme also provided an opportunity for participants to enhance their understanding of the scheme, clarify their queries and familiarise themselves with the institutional support available for pursuing entrepreneurial ventures.

The initiative reflects the commitment of Mission YUVA towards promoting entrepreneurship, encouraging self-employment and facilitating inclusive economic development by enabling Ex-Servicemen to explore viable business opportunities and contribute to the local economy.

World Mental Health Day Observed at NTPHC Dalwan Charar-i-Sharief

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In observance of World Mental Health Day 2026, an Awareness-cum-Programme and Free Neuro-Psychiatric Camp was successfully conducted by the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), ASYM District Hospital Budgam, under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) at NTPHC Dalwan, Block Charar-i-Sharief, District Budgam, a far-flung and hard-to-reach area of the district.

During the camp, more than 121 patients were provided free medical consultation, treatment, medication and counselling services.

Patients requiring further evaluation, specialised care and advanced management were referred to District Hospital Budgam for further treatment and follow-up.

The programme also aimed to raise awareness regarding mental health, promote early identification of mental health conditions, reduce stigma associated with mental illness and encourage people to seek timely professional help.

The residents highly appreciated and hailed the efforts of the Health Department for extending essential mental health services to people living in remote and underserved areas, bringing quality healthcare closer to their doorsteps.

The camp reflects the commitment of the Health Department and the District Mental Health Programme, ASYM District Hospital Budgam, towards ensuring accessible, affordable and comprehensive mental healthcare for all, particularly in far-flung areas of the district.



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An Udyam Jagriti programme under Mission YUVA was organised for Ex-Servicemen of District Anantnag to sensitise them about the scheme and apprise them of the opportunities available for establishing sustainable self employment ventures.

The programme witnessed the participation of the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer (ZSWO), Srinagar, Lead District Manager (LDM), Anantnag, Employment Officer, Anantnag, Career Counselling Officer, SBDU/BHD Anantnag, and officials from the Employment Department along with Ex-Servicemen from district Anantnag.

The ZSWO, Srinagar appreciated the initiative and highlighted its relevance for the Ex-Servicemen community. He encouraged the participants to make effective use of the opportunities available under Mission YUVA and explore entrepreneurship as a viable avenue for sustainable livelihood and economic independence.

The District Employment Officer urged the youth, particularly ex-servicemen, to avail benefits under Mission YUVA and work towards becoming successful entrepreneurs in the future.

Earlier, the Career Counselling Officer highlighted the significance of the programme, emphasising that the special initiative under Mission YUVA aims to familiarise Ex-Servicemen with available entrepreneurial opportunities and facilitate their transition towards self employment

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JKEDI Pulwama concludes Two Batches of ESDP under RAMP Scheme

PULWAMA, OCTOBER 10:

The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Pulwama, today successfully concluded two batches of the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme at the Government Degree College for Women, Pulwama.

Organised in collaboration between JKEDI and GDC (W) Pulwama at the district level, the 20-day training programme drew an enthusiastic response from students, who participated actively throughout the sessions.

Professor Sami Jan, Principal of the college, attended as the Guest of Honour. The valedictory function was also attended by Nafia Nazir, Range Officer, JKEDI South Kashmir; Raiyees Manzoor, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Pulwama; Dr. Suraiya, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, GDC Women Pulwama and other officers concerned.

Addressing the participants, Raiyees Manzoor emphasised the transformative power of entrepreneurship. "Entrepreneurship is the path to self-reliance. The future belongs to those who embrace emerging opportunities with a positive mindset and choose to become job creators rather than job seekers," he said.

Professor Sami Jan expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the programme and congratulated JKEDI for organising the 20-day training within the college. She noted that the collaboration between JKEDI and the institution had provided valuable practical exposure to students and would inspire more young women to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

Nafia Nazir further motivated the participants, encouraging them to convert the skills acquired during the training into sustainable enterprises and to view entrepreneurship as an empowering career option.

Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, SDM East Zubair Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Umar Gulzar, All Tehsildars other Senior Officers and Officials of the District Administration Srinagar attended the function and appreciated the contributions made by outgoing SDM West, Irfan Bahadur during his tenure.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended his best wishes to the outgoing SDM for his new assignment and future endeavours in public service. He lauded his dedicated services, professionalism and valuable contribution to the District's Revenue sector, particularly in digitization of Revenue records.

The DC also appreciated his role in ensuring the effective implementation of various public welfare initiatives within his jurisdiction. Other Officers and Officials present on the occasion also conveyed their best wishes to the outgoing SDM, expressing confidence that he would continue to make

valuable contributions in his new assignment.

The outgoing SDM, in his address, expressed his gratitude to the Officers and Officials of the District Administration Srinagar for their active support and cooperation during his tenure as SDM West.

During the event, the District Administration Srinagar extended a warm welcome to Seerat Baji on her appointment as Sub-Divisional Magistrate (West), Srinagar, and conveyed its best wishes for her new assignment.



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The District Administration Srinagar on Saturday organized a farewell function at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to bid a warm farewell to the outgoing Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) West, Irfan Bahadur, who has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam.

On the occasion, Seerat Baji, who assumed the charge of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (West) was also accorded a warm welcome by the Officers and other Staff of the District Administration.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, presided over the function.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz, Additional Deputy