

Full Court Reference held on transfer of Justice Sreedharan

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JAMMU: A Full Court Reference was held at Jammu Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to bid farewell to Justice Atul Sreedharan on his transfer to the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

Chief Justice, Tashi Rabstan, in his address described Justice Atul Sreedharan a kind hearted person having great qualities of head and heart. He added that Justice Sreedharan was always in tireless search for delivering justice and has number of landmark judgments to his credit which will be of remarkable help and guidance. He further said that Justice Atul Sreedharan joined the High Court of J&K and Ladakh with a sense of purpose, bringing with him a steadfast commitment



to justice, a deep understanding of law and an unwavering dedication to fairness.

Chief Justice expressed heartfelt appreciation to Justice Atul Sreedharan for his exemplary services

and contributions to the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General described Justice Atul Sreedharan a gentleman par excellence and lauded his dedication

and commitment towards his judicial responsibilities. His tenure at the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, though brief, has been marked by judicial prudence, a keen sense of justice and a commitment towards upholding the rule of law. His insightful judgments and unwavering dedication to legal principles have left a lasting impression on the judiciary and the legal fraternity alike, he added.

Nirmal Kotwal, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu in his farewell address, praised Justice Atul Sreedharan for his dedication and commitment both on judicial and administrative front. He also highlighted the positive approach and respect of Justice Atul Sreedharan towards members of the Bar. Justice Atul Sreedharan ex-

pressed gratitude to Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Officers of the Registry and Judicial Officers for their undaunted professional commitment and the support extended to him during his tenure.

He also appreciated the talent of members of J&K Bar for their knowledge of Law and Professional competence. He also thanked his personal staff for their support and cooperation. He emphasised upon the young lawyers to display patience and work hard to ensure success in the profession.

Dignitaries present on the occasion included Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice

Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani while Justice Javed Iqbal Wani joined virtually from Srinagar wing of the High Court.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Sr. Additional Advocate General, Deputy Solicitor Generals of India, Jammu/Srinagar, President, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Sr. Advocates, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Judicial Officers and Officers of the Registry of the High Court were also present on the occasion. Besides, officers and officials of the High Court and a large number of advocates joined from Srinagar Wing of the High Court virtually.

Satish inaugurates centralized DL/RC printing centre Card type RCs to be issued first time; pending DLs to be cleared in 90 days

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JAMMU: Minister for Transport, Satish Sharma, today inaugurated Centralized Driving License and Registration Certificate Printing Centre at Transport Commissioner Office, Jammu for printing of DLs and RCs.

While inaugurating, the Minister said that this is the first time in the history of J&K that PVC Card type RCs will be issued to the vehicle owners. He said that the pending DLs will be cleared in 90 days.

The Minister appreciated the efforts of MVD in providing rapid services to the public and expeditious redressal of their grievances.

The Minister also highlighted the achievement of Motor Vehicles Department like providing of Rs 5 lakh subsidy for replacement of old, polluting buses/mini buses; issuance of Aggregate



tor Licenses under which licenses have been issued including national players also like OLA and Uber; Modern Institute of Drivers Training & Research (IDTR) and Automated Vehicle Inspection & Certificate Centre (ICC) are near completion at Kot Bhawal, Jammu and Samba respectively.

Satish further highlighted the forthcoming initiatives of MVD under MoRTH guidelines. These

included Automated Testing Station (ATS) under which Preliminary Registration Certificates have been issued to JKRTC for establishment of ATS at Jammu and Kashmir Valley; Vehicle Location Tracking Platform (VLTP) under Nirbhaya Framework for safety and security of women and children in Public Transport Vehicles; Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) for which J&K

RVSF Policy is at the final stage of Notification under which old, obsolete, end of life vehicles shall be scrapped in a scientific and non-polluting manner; Accredited Drivers Training Centre (ADTC) which shall provide both theory and practical training to the aspiring drivers, after successful completion of which, the Driving Skill Test shall be exempted for issuance of DL by the RTO/ARTO.

The Minister said that DL/RC Printing Center at Srinagar would be made functional within 30 days to clear the backlog printing of DLs.

The Minister also appreciated the efforts of the Department for revising J&K Road Safety Policy. He directed all the stakeholders to adhere to road safety measures according to J&K Road Policy-2025, in order to reduce number of road accidents to 50% by 2030.

Delegation of Kashmiri Pandits meets Chief Secy to discuss issues



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JAMMU: The delegation of Kashmiri Pandits led by Ranjeet Gurkha, President, Shri Shri Jagat Amba Sharika Chakreshwari Sanastha Trust, Devi Angan, Srinagar, called on Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, J&K, here. While speaking, Gurkha apprised the Chief Secretary about the latest developments of the Shri Shri Jagat Amba Sharika Chakreshwari Sanastha Trust.

The delegation comprised of ML Suthoo, Vijay Qazi, JK Khar, Adv Arun Dhar and B L Jalali. On the occasion, the delegation submitted a memorandum of demands to the Chief Secretary. Through memorandum, Ranjeet Gurkha demanded bringing of Shri Shri Sharika Chakreshwari Devi

Temple, Devi Angan, Hari Parbat, Srinagar, the presiding deity of more than 5100 years old, on tourist map of Jammu and Kashmir so as to increase the influx of local, national and international tourists.

He also demanded handing over of a temple of the trust in Gulmarg to Sanstha for its rehabilitation as it has tremendous demand of the devotees. While speaking further, Gurkha demanded completion of the approved projects within the stipulated time. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo heard the issues raised by the delegation patiently and assured necessary action.

In the end, the delegation expressed gratitude to Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo for taking out time from his busy schedule and listening to the issues patiently.

DEO engages with political parties

RAMBAN: In a significant step towards ensuring a free, fair, and transparent electoral process in Ramban, District Election Officer (DEO) Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary conducted an interactive session with district-level representatives of political parties.

The meeting aimed to foster collaborative efforts in strengthening electoral mechanisms within the legal framework, in line with the directives of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The meeting was attended by Deputy District Election Officer (Dy. DEO) Abdul Jabbar, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) 54-Ramban S. Harpal Singh, and senior representatives of various national and state political parties.

During the meeting, the DEO apprised the political representatives about the ECI's ongoing initiatives to enhance electoral participation and transparency. He emphasized that political parties are key stakeholders in the electoral process, as identified by the Commission, and encouraged them to proactively utilize this platform for engagement.

He urged the representatives to submit their suggestions in a structured and written format to ensure their concerns and recommendations are duly considered.

"Political parties play a pivotal role in the democratic framework, and their inputs are invaluable in strengthening the electoral system. The Election Commission has established this decentralized mechanism to facilitate direct engagement and constructive dialogue with all stakeholders," the DEO stated.

During the meeting, political party representatives raised various issues and shared their suggestions, which were thoroughly discussed. The meeting served as a platform to address electoral concerns and streamline the process in a manner that upholds democratic values.

Similar interactive meetings were also convened at the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) level across the district to ensure wider participation and comprehensive feedback from all stakeholders.

Dy CM hosts Iftar Party

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary hosted an Iftar party, extending warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of holy month of Ramadan. The event, held in Jammu, brought together community leaders, dignitaries and residents in a spirit of unity and harmony.

While interacting with the invitees, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the importance of Ramadan as a time for reflection, compassion and togetherness. "This Iftar gathering is a celebration of our shared values and the rich diversity of Jammu and Kashmir. I hope this occasion further strengthens the bonds of peace and prosperity across our region," he remarked.

The Iftar party was attended by Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, Former Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah, MLAs, Former Legislators and senior officers.

FIR registered for overloading, vehicle seized

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DODA: Continuing drives against Motor Vehicle Act violations, the Traffic Police National Highway under the supervision of SSP Rohit Baskotra registered a case FIR for overloading and endangering the human lives at Doda Sector.

Traffic Police team of Traffic Sub-Division Doda-Kishtwar seized an overloaded passenger Vehicle (Mini Bus) bearing registration No:-JK06A/4027 during routine Traffic Checking at Doda. It was found that the vehicle was overloaded with 30 excess Passengers against the seating capacity of 24 as per R.C and hence endangering human lives. On this, a case FIR No. 64/2025U/S 281/125 BNS stands registered at Police Station Doda. The Vehicle has been seized on the spot and further investigation of the case is going on.

While sharing the details, SSP Traffic Rohit Baskotra said that stringent action is being taken

against MV Act Violators amid a sustained drive launched by Traffic Police NHW.

"Traffic Police have published a detailed advisory for all types of commuters travelling on NHW in which parents were also advised not to send their wards to school in private vehicles being used for commercial purpose as it is in contravention to law and jeopardizes safety of the students" SSP Traffic said.

He urged the public to clear Traffic violation Challans pending in different courts the lists of which have been published in M-Parivahan Portal. He appealed commuters to follow Traffic rules and join hands to make the UT roads safe for all type of users, right from pedestrian to vehicle owners. People can complain against visible traffic violations on traffic helpline numbers -9419993745-9906023617, besides Toll Free Number-18001807043 TCU-8491928625.

JDU's chief spokesperson Liyakat Ali joins BJP

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JAMMU: Janata Dal United (JDU), Chief Spokesperson, Liyakat Ali Dar, after resigning from his party, joined BJP in presence of the senior leaders at Trikuta Nagar office.

He was inducted into the BJP by party President Sat Sharma CA, General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, and other leaders.

Sat Sharma CA, on this occasion, said that the BJP is gaining a stronger foothold in Kashmir, attributing this to the leadership and governance model of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BJP's development-oriented approach and commitment to good governance are being recognized across the Valley. More leaders and people are joining hands almost on daily basis because they see a future of long-lasting peace, stability, and progress under BJP's vision,



said Sharma.

Sat Sharma CA further said that the people of Kashmir are convinced that strengthening BJP in their region would mean days of peace, progress and prosperity, with no space for hartal, bandh call, stone pelting, violence etc. The ground situation after the abrogation of Article 370 have resulted in developing the faith of the people in the

Modi-led government and the BJP.

Ashok Koul, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized that the party is scaling new heights in Jammu and Kashmir with every passing day. The BJP is reaching new milestones in the Union Territory. The growing support for the party in Kashmir reflects the people's trust in our policies and leadership," Koul

remarked.

He assured that the BJP's policies will continue to transform Jammu and Kashmir, bringing economic growth, better infrastructure, and a stronger sense of security among the people.

Liyakat Ali Dar said that his decision to join the BJP was influenced by the party's commitment to peace, security, and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Labour Commissioner issues notices to inactive trade unions for non-compliance

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JAMMU: In a significant move to streamline trade union activities in Jammu & Kashmir, the Labour Commissioner & Registrar Trade Unions Chandan Singh has issued show cause notices to trade unions that have failed to comply with mandatory legal requirements, including the submission of Annual Returns.

This action follows a first-of-its-kind interactive meeting held at Shram Bhawan, Jammu, where the Labour Commissioner engaged with trade union representatives from the Jammu division. During the meeting, he emphasized the importance of adherence to legal obligations under the

Trade Unions Act, 1926, particularly the timely filing of Annual Returns under Section 28 of the Act.

The Labour Commissioner made it clear that unions failing to fulfill their statutory duties risk cancellation of their registration. He urged trade unions to maintain proper records, abide by their by-laws, protect the rights of their members, and conduct elections in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

The show cause notices have been issued to inactive trade unions that have not submitted their Annual Returns for multiple years. These unions have been directed to provide an explanation within one month; failure to do so will result in the cancellation of their

registration.

Trade unions are required to submit their pending Annual Returns through the Single Window JK platform to ensure compliance with the Trade Unions Act, 1926, particularly Section 28, which mandates the timely filing of Annual Returns. Trade unions can visit the Single Window JK portal and follow the prescribed steps for online submission.

The Labour Department reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring transparency, accountability, and the efficient functioning of trade unions in Jammu & Kashmir. Trade unions have been urged to take immediate corrective measures to avoid legal repercussions.

GCET concludes 140 hours IT and Soft Skills Training Prog

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JAMMU: Government College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu (GCET) on Thursday concluded the 140-hour Intensive Advanced IT & Soft Skills Training program aimed at enhancing students' employability. The program held under the mentorship of Principal Dr. Samer Sharma was organized by ICT Academy in collaboration with Redington Foundation.

The program was designed to equip final-year students with both technical expertise and soft skills, empowering them to meet the demands of the competitive job market.

Professor ECE Dr. Subhash Chander, in his

address, expressed appreciation for the successful completion of the program. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in bridging the gap between theoretical and practical knowledge, which is essential for careers in research, industry, and academia.

HOD CSE Prof. Simmi Dutta also congratulated the trainers, organizers, and participants, reaffirming her commitment to supporting similar skill development programs in the future. The program received valuable insights and hands-on training sessions from industry experts Adil Yousaf and Rashmi Rao, who worked closely with students to develop practical skills alongside their academic knowledge.

Awareness prog on three new criminal laws held at Pargwal

JAMMU: An awareness campaign on 3 new criminal laws was organised today in Tehsil Pargwal under the directions of District Administration Jammu.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Khour Satish Kumar Sharma was the chief guest. He explained the concept of zero FIR, E FIR, incorporation of audio visual evidence etc.

Senior Prosecuting Officer Rohit Tidywal was the guest faculty/ Resource person who explained the three new laws in detail.

Manjeet Singh also highlighted key provisions of the three new laws including 7 day timeline for submitting medical report by medical officer in rape case, provisions for children etc.

JMC holds 'The Kindness Exchange' initiative

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), in collaboration with B.Ed. College, Canal Road, Jammu, organized a massive donation drive at the RRR Centre in Ward No. 59, Paloura, Jammu. Students, teachers, and citizens enthusiastically contributed used clothes, toys, books, shoes and other essential items, exhibiting the spirit of community service and sustainability.

Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, JMC, graced the event and also donated used clothes & household items. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the dual purpose of the initiative - 'The Kindness Exchange'.

"It is not just about charity, it's about environmental stewardship and collective responsibility", he said. The Commissioner also said that

every household has items that can find a new life with those in need. By donating these, we can prevent them from clogging drains, polluting water bodies or ending up in landfills.

Dr. Yadav underscored the initiative as a collective endeavour, urging citizens from all walks of life to donate unused items including clothes, toys, shoes and books at the RRR Centres. "Through 'The Kindness Exchange', JMC aims not only to reduce waste but also to ensure these resources reach those in need, giving them a second life," he asserted.

He urged citizens, especially youth, students and NGOs to donate unused items at their nearest centres and transform waste into welfare. He requested citizens to contact the 'My Jammu' toll-free helpline at 18001807207 for any assistance.