

**JAMMU & KASHMIR STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY
HIGH COURT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR AT JAMMU

**“Chief Justice Releases Annual Newsletter of J&K State Judicial Academy”
“Complements J&K State Judicial Academy for its good work”
“J&K has excellent people with huge wealth of knowledge”**



PRESS RELEASE

Jammu, March, 12, 2018: Jammu & Kashmir State Judicial Academy organised a function regarding “Release of Annual Newsletter for the year 2017-18” on 12th of March, 2018 in the J&K State Judicial Academy, at Janipur, Jammu.

The Newsletter was released by Hon’ble Mr Justice, Badar Durrez Ahmed, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K alongwith Hon’ble Mr Justice Alok Aradhe, Chairman J&K State Judicial Academy, Hon’ble Mr Justice Janak Raj Kotwal, Member, J&K State Judicial Academy today on 12th of March, 2018. All the Judicial Officers of Jammu District participated in the function.

Proceedings were conducted by Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik, Director, J&K State Judicial Academy. In his introductory remarks Mr. Malik extended warm welcome to Hon'ble Mr Justice, Badar Durrez Ahmed, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K, Hon'ble Mr Justice Alok Aradhe, Chairman J&K State Judicial Academy, Hon'ble Mr Justice Janak Raj Kotwal, Member, J&K State Judicial Academy, Mr. Sanjay Dhar, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Judicial Officers for gracing the occasion. While welcoming Lord Chief Justice, dignitaries and guests Mr. Malik highlighted the major achievements of the Judicial Academy during the year, 2017 including Hosting of the North Zone Regional Conference, the first ever Roundtable Conference on Juvenile Justice and the Induction Training Programme for newly appointed Munsiffs. He said that the deliberations and discussions held in the Academy for the last one year have been documented in the newsletter for the benefit of all stakeholders dealing the administration of Justice. He lauded the role of Hon'ble Chief Justice and Hon'ble Judges of High Court of J&K including Chairman and Members of State Judicial Academy for their wholehearted Support and guidance to the Academy.

Hon'ble Mr Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed, Chief Justice High Court of J&K while addressing the Judicial officers complemented the J&K State Judicial Academy. He said that J&K has excellent people with huge wealth of knowledge. He said,

"This is actually one of the oldest Judicial Academy & it has a specific purpose in my mind and that purpose is to create an atmosphere where all Judicial Officers interact with each other & share their experiences on all aspects of life, liberty, judging, law & issues which concern human beings, because after all, what does a Judge do? He solves human related issues or atleast he tries to solve. It is not the result that matters, it is the attempt you make in achieving that result that matters. There is perhaps nobody who attains the goal he has set for himself. I don't think there is any body. Everybody wants more. But everybody travels a journey. So it is the journey that is important not the end result. And your journey is to go closer & closer to justice to ensure that people get justice. It will never be the case that everybody gets justice. Because all human beings are flawed. It is rightly said, "To err is human, to forgive divine." You will every time find in human making an error either consciously or unconsciously. You have been given a divine job to ensure that you get closer & closer to the justice so that the people come to you with the sense that whatever problem they face atleast here in this court room they will walkout with some degree of success. And what I want to see in every Judicial Academy is full participation of the Judges & Judicial Officers. But I want that the Judicial Academy should be a vibrant institution where people come & debate fearlessly. We are human beings; only thing is that I have more experience than you. You gain something from my experience & I gain something from your practical day to day work. Each one of us brings special set of experiences, a special set of knowledge. When a child is born, a child is born with clean mind, absolutely clean mind. You actually see in a child a divinity, there is no ill-will against anybody, and he carries no

baggage. But as the Child develops the first interaction with his mother, then with his grandparents, with his brothers, sisters, cousins, then he walks into the school, then school friends, teachers, then college & college friends, teachers in college & other friends in college, then you come in the society and when you walk into the society, you find a completely different game being played because till then you are protected by your family, you are protected by your teachers, you are protected by your school. Then you are off into the open & that is when your building-blocks come into play. Each one of you is unique, each one of you have different parent, a different schooling, a different brother, a different sister, a different mother & all these individual influences you. So all of you are the examples of experiences & knowledge. You all have different roots. May be there are some common roots, may some have read common books in LLB, may be some common judgements in your course, but all of you also read different books. Some of you are spiritual. You all have uniqueness. You all are unique. You all should be proud of your uniqueness. But the whole idea of Academy is to pool in this uniqueness & share it in a common pool so that the others who don't have that experience will also get enriched. You may have much better experience than others. Why can't you come & share with us? You may have read an excellent book on a particular subject which I may have not read. So you can come & share that. What I envision for the Judicial Academy that the sessions should be more debating forums so that when you go out of this place, each one is enriched and not just lectured upon. I hope I got my message clear.

I like to quote some lines of Mullah Nasruddin as I am very fond of him, "As he was walking down the street one day & he announced to the people gathered, that now I can see in the dark. So some of the youngsters said that but last night we have seen you with a lantern. How can you say that you can see in the dark? He said that the lantern is not for me but for others bumping into me."

So now the moral of the story is that if you look at a different level, light means knowledge. For him, he was enlightened but others are not. I have to give light to others. But as far as you are concerned, each one of you is a light. You have to spread that light to the others so that what your experiences are they don't fall into the pitfalls. You can share it with them & they will all gain with each other. There is fierce competition amongst Judicial Officers, who will reach where, who will do what. Competition is a very good thing provided it is a healthy competition. It should not become unhealthy competition. There should be no trickery. You try to excel and if you get ahead of somebody through excellence that will enrich the system. And it will also enrich your soul. So I hope that these words will remain with you & you ponder on it and become more intellectual. Speak up fearlessly but with decency & politeness, put your point across & I hope that this Judicial Academy flourishes under the guidance of excellent people with huge wealth of knowledge. I hope you do even better & excel in the country so that people say here is an Officer from J&K. You should be proud of your institution and continue the good work. The Newsletter has been released, this is the sum total of all the good work done in previous year and I

hope that next year's Newsletter is even better and shows greater achievements on parts".

Hon'ble Mr Justice Alok Aradhe, Chairman J&K State Judicial Academy in His special address said that there are some of the new challenges that we in the judiciary face today. Tackling them is a challenge, a learning process in support of which we must utilize all the resources at our disposal, in terms of both infrastructure as well as intellectual input. These learning processes need to be supported by institutional mechanisms that provide vital support and knowledge resources to the members of the judiciary. The Judicial Academy has a vital role to play in this endeavour.

Hon'ble Mr Justice Janak Raj Kotwal, Member, J&K State Judicial Academy in His special address said that the motto of the J&K State Judicial Academy is to raise the standard of the Justice Delivery System in the State to its best and to keep it in pace with the changing circumstances. The society and the social structure cannot be static. It is changing rapidly as per the changing circumstances. Many new enactments are entering the Law Books. Institution and pendency of cases is increasing at rapid pace without corresponding increase in the number of courts. Justice Delivery System has to keep pace with the changing society. Strength of the system lies in the attitude of judges in the Subordinate Judiciary, who have to work at grass root level. In organizing various training programmes in the Judicial Academy, our endeavour, besides updating the judges and sharpening their tools, is to strengthen the positive attitude, which they have, towards their judicial functions and commitment to timely delivery of quality justice.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik, Director, J&K State Judicial Academy.