

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

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**One Day Special Training Programme  
On  
“Sentencing and Victims Compensation Scheme,  
Rights of Victim and Accused relating to Sentencing,  
Choosing Appropriate Sentence”**



**PRESS RELEASE**

Srinagar, April, 08, 2018: Jammu & Kashmir State Judicial Academy organised One Day Special Training Programme on “Sentencing and Victims Compensation Scheme, Rights of Victim & Accused relating to Sentencing and Choosing Appropriate Sentence” for Judicial Officers of Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, Pulwama, Kulgam, Shopian, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kupwara Districts on 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 in the J&K State Judicial Academy, at Mominabad Srinagar.

The training programme was inaugurated by Hon’ble Mr Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K (Chief-Patron J&K State Judicial

Academy) alongwith Hon'ble Mr Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar and Hon'ble Mr Justice Hasnain Masoodi, Former Judges of High Court of J&K on 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018.

Proceedings were conducted by Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik, Director, J&K State Judicial Academy. In his introductory remarks, Director, State Judicial Academy extended warm welcome to Hon'ble Mr Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K, Hon'ble Mr Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar, Hon'ble Mr Justice Hasnain Masoodi and all the Judicial Officers for gracing the occasion. While introducing the subject of the Special Training Programme, Mr. Malik said that Sentencing is a facet of social justice and the Judge has to take into consideration the plight of the victim as well as the cry of society for justice. A Judge, while administering Justice, should not be influenced by the tides and currents of the human emotions as the personal philosophy or any other bias of Judge has no role to play in his judgements.

Hon'ble Mr Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K in his inaugural address highlighted that the judgement of the trial Judge is respected by the Highest Courts if the same is in accordance with well established principles of law and well reasoned. The Judge shall not lose sight of the victim and ensure that compensation is paid to the victim of crime. The J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2013 is required to be implemented in letter and spirit. The law confers a solemn duty on the court to apply its mind to the question of compensation in every criminal case. The power of Judge is the knowledge of law and at the time of delivering judgement, Judge has to give heart and soul to the judgement as judgement should be supported by cogent reasons so as to do complete justice between the parties. He emphasised upon the Judges to read books of great authors, Judges and Jurists to improve their vision and horizon of knowledge as the society expects the Judge to be the embodiment of knowledge and excellence. The intellect of the Judge and his social understanding is reflected in his judgements, so the Judge has to burn mid-night oil to come to the expectations of the society.

Resource Persons Hon'ble Mr Justice, Muzaffar Hussain Attar, Former Judge, High Court of J&K, Hon'ble Mr Justice Hasnain Masoodi, Former Judge, High Court of J&K and Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik, Director, J&K State Judicial Academy deliberated upon the Concept, Sentencing in murder trials, Sentencing in trial of offences against women, children, rights of accused relating to sentencing and the salient features of J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2013. The participant Judicial Officers interacted with the Hon'ble Judges and raised many issues concerning Sentencing and Victim Compensation Act, 2013 which were responded by Resource Persons, by referring to the guidelines laid down by the Superior Courts. The participant Judges shared their experiences in light of the judgements delivered by them and the factors which weighed in their mind at the time of the judgement.

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