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CJI inaugurates new Ladakh Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant inaugurated the newly established Ladakh Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Melongthang, Leh.

The setting up of a permanent High Court bench in Ladakh to ensure accessible justice for residents of the Union Territory.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** inaugurated the Ladakh Bench at Melongthang, **Leh** on Sunday.
- The new bench reduces hardships and travel expenditure for residents of **Ladakh** seeking judicial proceedings in **Srinagar** or Jammu.
- Supreme Court Judges Justice **M M Sundresh**, Justice **P S Narasimha** and Justice Arun Palli graced the inauguration dais.
- Attorney General of India **R Venkataramani** and Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh **Vinai Kumar Saxena** attended the event.
- Justice **Pushpendra Singh Bhati** serves as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 214 of the Constitution provides for a High Court for each State, while Parliament has the power to establish a common High Court for two or more States or Union Territories under **Article 231**.

High Court judges retire at the age of **62 years** according to **Article 217(1)** of the Indian Constitution.

The **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019** reconstituted the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories: Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, taking effect on **October 31, 2019**.

The institution of High Courts in India originated in **1862** with the establishment of High Courts in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras under the **Indian High Courts Act 1861**.

Article 226 empowers High Courts to issue writs including Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Prohibition, Certiorari, and Quo-Warranto for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights and for any other purpose.

Under **Article 219**, every judge of a High Court takes oath or affirmation before the Governor of the State or some person appointed in that behalf by him.

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The newly established Ladakh Bench of the J&K and Ladakh High Court was inaugurated in Leh by CJI Surya Kant.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for questions relating to Indian judicial system, High Court jurisdiction, and Union Territory administration.

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