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The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, inaugurated the newly constructed District Court Complex at Melong Thang, Leh, in the presence of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena and Hon'ble Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The ceremony was also graced by the presence Hon'ble Justice Sindhu Sharma, Administrative Judge for District Leh, along with other Hon'ble Judges of the High Court.

Upon arrival, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour, followed by a traditional welcome showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh through a cultural troupe performance. The programme proceeded with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque marking the inauguration of the District Court Complex, followed by the formal reading of the inscription by court officials.

A comprehensive 3D presentation detailing the architectural design, facilities, and layout of the complex—including courtrooms, administrative offices, and residential quarters—was presented. This was followed by an inspection of the court facilities, including the Court of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, reflecting modern infrastructure and enhanced judicial amenities aimed at strengthening the justice delivery system in the region.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India also inaugurated the newly constructed Ladakh Legal Services Authority (LLSA) building at Melong Thang. All dignitaries, along with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, participated in a plantation drive within the compound of the LLSA building.

During a media interaction with local media houses, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India expressed his satisfaction at inaugurating the new judicial infrastructure and stated that these facilities would serve the people of Leh district for generations to come by ensuring improved access to legal services. His Lordship further announced that the new District Court Complex at Kargil would also be inaugurated during his ongoing visit.

The construction of the District Court Complex has been completed at an estimated cost of ₹54.85 crore, while the Ladakh Legal Services Authority building has been constructed at an estimated cost of ₹570.00 Lakhs.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by several senior dignitaries, including Chief Secretary of Ladakh, Director General of Police, Ladakh, General Officer Commanding, 14 Corps, Registrar General and other senior civil and judicial officers.

Thereafter, His Lordship also inspected state of art High Court Guest House at Melong Thang. The newly inaugurated District Court Complex marks a significant milestone in the advancement of Ladakh's judicial infrastructure, symbolizing enhanced accessibility, efficiency, and the continued strengthening of the rule of law in the region.

