

## KIM launches Week-long 11th Domain-Specific Capacity-building Training Program for AJK-based ACs Altaf Hamid Rao



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MIRPUR (AJK): August 18 : The State-run Kashmir Institute of Management (KIM), Monday

inaugurated the 11th Domain-Specific Training Program, a week-long course aimed at

strengthening the capacity of Assistant Commissioners (Magistrates) based in Azad Jammu &

Kashmir (AJ&K),

it was officially said.

“The initiative stems from the landmark judgment of the Honourable Supreme Court of AJ&K (Shariat Appellate Jurisdiction) dated 24th September 2024 in Criminal Revision No. 12 of 2024, wherein the Government of AJ&K was directed to enhance the legal and procedural competence of magistrates through structured professional training”, the AJK Government controlled KIM sources told this AJK Correspondent on Monday.

“Designed with this spirit, the program seeks to reinforce justice delivery by equipping magistrates with the knowledge and skills necessary for the lawful and timely exercise of executive and magisterial powers.

The inaugural session was graced by Mr. Raja Athar Ali Khan, Registrar, AJ&K High Court, as Chief Guest. Dr. Muqem ul Islam, Director General KIM; Mr. Abrar Ahmed Qureshi, Chief Instructor; Mr. Tariq Mahmood Butt, Directing Staff (Training & Coordination); and Ms. Mehmooda Jabeen, IT Instructor, also addressed the participants”, the sources said.

Meanwhile speakers, while addressing a ceremony hosted in the state metropolis on Monday inaugurating the training program, highlighted the importance of continuous professional development for civil servants, particularly magistrates, in ensuring good governance, rule of

law, and effective justice administration. They stressed that building strong institutional capacity is essential for advancing constitutional governance and sustainable development.

Speakers, emphasised on the constitutional guarantee of a fair trial. They noted that this right, repeatedly upheld by superior courts, forms the bedrock of democratic governance, safeguarding the rights of the accused while preserving the legitimacy and integrity of the justice system.

Participating officers of the AJ&K Administrative Service, were warmly welcomed. Speakers expressed confidence that the training would broaden their legal understanding, sharpen their magisterial skills, and improve service delivery.

The training program will be marked with the week-long lectures by eminent jurists and senior practitioners on criminal law, governance, judicial ethics, and justice sector reforms, ensuring the program's academic and practical value.