

PRESS RELEASE

With the objective of recognizing professional excellence at the Bar while simultaneously upholding the principles of merit, diversity and representation of different sections of the Bar, the exercise for designation of Senior Advocates was undertaken by the High Court after nearly 05 years in its Full Court meeting held today on 19.08.2025 to consider designation of Senior Advocates in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The last such exercise was carried out on 03.12.2020.

There were 45 applications of the Advocates for their designation as Senior Advocates moved in terms of Notification No. 1784 of 2025/RG/LP dated 29.05.2025 read with Notification No. 2103 of 2025/RG dated 02.07.2025.

In accordance with the approved procedure, applications were scrutinized and evaluated. The applicants considered in this process represent different regions and include Members of the Bar practicing before the High Court as well as the Advocates actively engaged in practice before the District/Trial Courts.

In assessing the suitability of candidates for designation, their professional standing and seniority at the Bar were examined, taking into account age, length of practice, quality of advocacy, merit, integrity and reputation within the legal fraternity. Due importance was also given to inclusiveness in the selection process.

Upon detailed deliberations and considerations, the Full Court unanimously decided to designate the following Advocates as Senior Advocates in terms of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Designation of Senior Advocates) Rules, 2025, subject to furnishing of undertaking in terms of Rule 5.

S. No.	Name of the Advocate
1	Sh. Surrinder Singh
2	Sh. Shabir Ahmad Naik
3	Sh. Tahir Majid Shamsi
4	Sh. Syed Manzoor Ahmad
5	Sh. Mushtaq Ahmad Chashoo
6	Sh. Aseem Kumar Sawhney
7	Ms. Deepika Mahajan
8	Sh. Ravinder Sharma
9	Sh. Rakesh Kumar Chargoitra
10	Ms. Masooda Jan
11	Sh. Amit Gupta
12	Sh. Tasaduq Hussain Khawaja
13	Sh. Chander Sheikher Gupta
14	Sh. Vishal Sharma
15	Sh. Nirmal Kishore Kotwal
16	Sh. Rameshwar Prasad Sharma
17	Sh. Ajay Sharma
18	Sh. Shah Mohd.
19	Sh. Sakal Bhushan
20	Sh. Rajnish Raina
21	Ms. Shabeena Nazir
22	Sh. Rohit Kohli
23	Sh. Raman Sharma
24	Sh. Anupam Raina
25	Ms. Shivani Jalali Pandita

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(M. K. Sharma)
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