

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI
(THE HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

NOTIFICATION NO. 23

Dated Guwahati the 2nd May, 2020

Whereas Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue directions vide Notification No.18 dated 24th March, 2020, regulating court working of the Gauhati High Court in the Principal Seat at Guwahati as well in the outlying Benches and also the subordinate courts in the States of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, for avoidance or postponement of mass gatherings till Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) disease spread is contained;

And whereas such regulation of court functioning was extended till 3rd May, 2020 vide Notification dated 15-04-2020;

And whereas the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.4.2020 has allowed interstate travel to migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons;

And whereas restrictions on movements and gatherings have been extended;

Now, considering the prevailing circumstances and after taking inputs from the Health Department, Government of Assam and senior doctors, and in order to ensure strict adherence of the norms for social distancing in the Court premises, amongst Hon'ble Judges, learned Advocates, litigants, staff of the High Court as well as Subordinate Courts and all stakeholders of the judicial system in all the four Benches at Guwahati, Kohima, Aizawl and Itanagar falling within the jurisdiction of the Gauhati High Court, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to extend the directions issued vide Notification No. 18 dated 24th March, 2020 and Notification dated 15th April, 2020; and directions issued vide Order No.19 dated 24th March, 2020 till 26th May, 2020.

Further, Senior amongst the two Hon'ble Judges stationed in the Outlying Bench in Nagaland, Mizoram or Arunachal Pradesh, considering the peculiar circumstances prevailing in those States, may take decisions/pass orders to regulate the working of the Courts, including the Subordinate Courts in the said respective states, with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief


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Justice of Gauhati High Court, however the norm of Social distancing shall be strictly maintained.

By order

Sd/- Raktim Duarah

REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo no. HC.III-06/2020/ 953-980 / dated Guwahati the 2nd May, 2020.

Copy to:

1. The Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
2. The Registrar, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Kohima/ Aizawl Bench, Aizawl / Itanagar Bench, Naharlagun. They are requested to forward this Notification among the respective District/Subordinate Courts within their jurisdiction.
3. The Registrar-cum-Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
4. The District & Sessions Judge, _____, Assam.
5. The L.R. -cum- Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Judicial Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
6. The Principal Judge, Family Court, _____.
7. The Member MACT, _____.
8. The Presiding Officer, Special Court, _____.
9. The Presiding Officer, Labour Court _____.
10. The President/ Secretary General, Gauhati High Court Bar Association, Guwahati.
11. The President/ General Secretary, Gauhati High Court Advocates' Association, Guwahati.
12. The Chairman, N.E. Bar Council, Guwahati.
13. The President/Secretary, All Assam Lawyers' Association, Guwahati.
14. The Joint Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
15. The Deputy Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
16. The Asstt. Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
17. The Librarian-cum-Research Officer, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
18. The Special Officer, Translation Wing, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
19. The Project Manger, Computer Section, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati. He is requested to upload this Notification in the website of the Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
20. The P.S. to Hon'ble Mr./Mrs. Justice _____, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
21. The Admn. Officer (J) (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
22. The Court Master, Court No. _____, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
23. The Court Officer No. 1&2, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
24. The Court Manager, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
25. The Medical Officer-I, In-charge, GHC Medical Unit, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
26. The C.A. to the Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
27. The Chief Security Officer, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
28. Notice Board, Gauhati High Court (New Block & Old Block), Guwahati.


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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM; NAGALAND; MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

NOTIFICATION

Dated Guwahati the 15th April, 2020

Whereas Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue directions vide Notification No. 18 dated 24th March, 2020, regulating Court working of the Gauhati High Court in the Principal Seat at Guwahati as well in the outlying Benches and also the subordinate Courts in the States of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, for avoidance of mass gatherings or postponement of mass gatherings till Novel Coronal Virus (COVID 19) disease spread is contained;

And whereas such regulation of court functioning was extended till 19th April, 2020 vide order dated 2nd April, 2020 in view of the national lockdown announced by the Government of India till 14th April, 2020.

And whereas the national lockdown has been further extended till 3rd May, 2020. The limited Court functioning is to resume from 20th April, 2020.

Now in terms of the aforesaid Notifications and in view of change in circumstances, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue the following directions:-


1) In the Principal Seat at Guwahati only the cases of urgent nature will be taken up in the Court rooms equipped with video conferencing facilities, so as to maintain social distancing between the learned Advocates and the Hon'ble Judges.

In the High Court complex separate facility has been arranged from where learned Advocates can make their submission. The Hon'ble Judges shall sit at remote locations.

2. (a) In case any learned Advocate desires to conduct his/her case from his/her residence/office in the Principal Seat, Guwahati, he/she will be required to observe the protocol detailed hereinbelow.

(b) In cases such as specified in para 2(a) above, the learned Advocate must have internet connection with bandwidth not less than 5 Mbps.

(c) Learned Advocate shall be required to download "VidyoMobile" (for mobile phone user) from Play Store or App Store; or "VidyoDesktop" (for desktop or laptop user) from the


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URL <http://ecourtvc.nic.in/download.html?lang=en> for the purpose of availing the facility of videoconferencing.

(d) The learned counsel shall be required to give intimation to the Computer Cell 3 (three) working days before proposed hearing on any of the following mobile numbers:

Sri Prakash Sarma, Project Manager : 94351-18497
Sri Mukul Bhattacharjee, Systems Analyst : 98540-31670
Sri Bikash Kr. Sarma, Programmer : 99541-07107

(e) In respect of outlying Benches in the States of Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, respective Registrars are directed to publish notifications regarding Nodal Officers with their contact numbers.

(f) The Computer Cell of the Gauhati High Court, on receipt of such intimation, will provide a set of user name and password to the concerned Advocate to get connected to the concerned Court room on the date of hearing.

(g) A link shall be sent to the concerned learned Advocate by the Registry immediately before the time of hearing of the case and the concerned Advocate shall join the video conferencing facility using 'VidyoDesktop'/'VidyoMobile' Application.


A time slot shall be allotted against each such case during which the learned Advocate shall have to conclude the arguments.

(h) The following e-mail i/ds have been created for sending and receiving the request for urgent hearing of the matters. Learned Advocates shall request with cogent reasons for such urgent listing of the matters via e-mail in the format **Annexure-A** prescribed herewith, and the same shall be placed before the concerned Hon'ble Judge holding a particular roster on a given date. Once the Hon'ble Judge is of the view that the matter is of urgent nature, the same shall be listed before the Court, via the process above detailed.

For civil cases : **urgentcivil.ghc@gmail.com**

For criminal cases : **urgentcriminal.ghc@gmail.com**

**For writ petitions &
Other matters** : **urgentwrit.ghc@gmail.com**


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(i) In respect of outlying Benches in the States of Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, respective Registrars are directed to create similar e-mail i/ds and publish notifications to that effect.

3) Cases are to be filed in the manner as already in vogue. The Index of each case is required to clearly give the nature of document, page numbers etc. The petition is required to be sequentially page numbered.

Soft copies/legible scanned copies of the petitions along with all the annexures in pdf form shall be submitted in a pen drive, along with the hard copy of the petitions thus filed.

After transferring the data from the pen drive by the Filing Section, the same shall be returned to the concerned learned Advocate.

4) The data in the pen drive must be exact replica of the original petition and any deviation therefrom shall be viewed seriously.

The concerned Advocate shall submit a certificate stating that the data available in the pen drive is the exact replica of the original petition.

5) All District Courts in the States of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh working under the jurisdiction of the Gauhati High Court are hereby directed to make necessary arrangements of videoconferencing facility in the similar manner as envisaged in this Notification, and take up urgent matters through videoconferencing.

6) The directions issued vide Notification No. 19 dated 24th March, 2020 shall stand extended till 3rd May, 2020.



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All concerned

FORM FOR URGENT LISTING OF CASES

1)	Name of Advocate	:	
2)	Enrolment No.	:	
3)	Phone No.	:	
4)	Case No.	:	
5)	Petitioner/Appellant	:	
6)	Respondent	:	
7)	Advocate for Petitioner/Appellant	:	
8)	Advocate for Respondent	:	
9)	Reason for urgent listing	:	


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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

ORDER NO. 19

Dated Guwahati, the 24th March, 2020

Whereas, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue directions vide Notification no. 18 dated 24th March, 2020, regulating the court working of the Gauhati High Court in its Principal Seat at Guwahati, as well as its outlying benches and the subordinate courts in the states of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, for avoidance of mass gatherings or postponement of mass gatherings till Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) disease spread is contained;

Now, in terms of the aforesaid notification, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue the following directions:

- 1) District Courts of all the four States under the jurisdiction of the Gauhati High Court shall deal with matters of extreme urgency involving liberty, only.
- 2) (a) The concerned District & Sessions Judges shall prepare a roster of Judicial Officers for dealing with matters of urgency involving liberty and remand matters related to fresh arrests and extension of remands, only.
- 2) (b) Respective District & Sessions Judges in consultation with Chief Judicial Magistrates/senior-most officer of the Sub-Division shall appoint a Nodal Officers from the ministerial staff of the establishment, whose contact number shall be uploaded on the respective official websites of the district.
- 3) In case of Family Courts, Industrial Tribunals, MACT, Special Courts, Labour Courts, the Presiding Officers shall nominate one Nodal Officers from the ministerial staff of the establishment, whose contact details shall be uploaded on the official websites for dealing with matters of extreme urgency.
- 4) Matters which are already fixed for listing and hearing in the District Courts upto 04.04.2020, shall stand deferred, unless extreme urgency is shown for immediate hearing of the matter.
- 5) The concerned District & Sessions Judges shall ensure that in view of the above directions, only those ministerial staff who are residing within close vicinity of the court premises and are using own conveyance shall be instructed/called for duty to handle indispensable services as aforesaid.
- 6) All the Judicial Officers are directed to remain present and not to leave their respective stations except in extreme urgency with due permission.
- 7) All those ministerial staff who are not required to report for duty on any given day, shall not leave the station headquarter under any circumstance without prior permission. They


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will have to make themselves available for duty on call and they shall be deemed to be on duty during the entire period as indicated in the Notification no. 18 dated 24.03.2020.

8) In case of any urgency, the District & Sessions Judges/Presiding Officers may call upon such off-duty staff to report back for duty immediately. The roster duty of the ministerial staff shall be maintained by each District & Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer.

By Order,

Sd/- Raktim Duarah,
REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo No.HC.III-06/2020/845-855 /G, dated Guwahati the 24th March, 2020.

Copy to:

- 1) The Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 2) The Registrar, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Kohima / Aizawl Bench, Aizawl/ Itanagar Bench, Naharlagun.
- 3) The Registrar-cum-Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 4) The District & Sessions Judge, _____, Assam.
- 5) The Chief Judicial Magistrate, _____, Assam.
- 6) The Presiding Officer, _____, Assam.
- 7) The Joint Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 8) The Deputy Registrar, (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 9) The Asstt. Registrar, (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI

(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

NOTIFICATION NO. 18

Dated Guwahati the 24th March, 2020

Whereas the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India vide Office Memorandum dated 05.03.2020 has advised avoidance of mass gatherings; or postponement of mass gatherings, till Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) disease spread is contained;

And whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) a pandemic;

And whereas prevention and precaution appear to be the only redress against Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) disease;

And whereas the Government of Assam has issued Notification No. HLA 248/2020/35 dated 23.03.2020 imposing restrictions of movement of public;

And whereas the Government of Nagaland has issued Notification No. CSO/GAB-I/COM/GEN-1/2020 dated 22.03.2020 imposing restrictions of movement of public;

And whereas the Government of Mizoram has issued Notification No. PHQ/IGP(L&O)/73/COVID-19/2020/1095 dated 21.03.2020 imposing restrictions of movement of public;

And whereas the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has issued Notification No. Secy(H&FW)/5/1/2020 dated 22.03.2020 imposing restrictions of movement of public;

Now, therefore, in continuation of Notification No.11 dated 15.03.2020, and Notification No.14 dated 19.03.2020, as also Office Orders dated 15.3.2020 and 17.03.2020 issued for regulating the Court working, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue the following directions:

- 1) The functioning of the Gauhati High Court, Principal Seat, as well as its Outlying Benches at Kohima, Aizawl and Itanagar; and all the District Courts working under the jurisdiction of the Gauhati High Court in the said four States, shall remain restricted with effect from 25.03.2020 till 04.04.2020.
- 2) Only the cases involving extreme urgency involving liberty would be taken up.



3) In case, any matter involving extreme urgency is required to be filed in the Principal Seat at Guwahati or in any of the outlying Benches, the same may be filed between 10.00 AM and 1.00 PM on Court working days.

(a) For the purpose of filing, listing and hearing of such matters in the Principal Seat of Gauhati High Court, Registrar (Judicial)/Joint Registrar (Judicial) of the Gauhati High Court may be contacted for detailed instructions on the following numbers:

Registrar (Judicial)	:	7637026558
Joint Registrar (Judicial)	:	7637026567

(b) In respect of the Outlying Benches, the concerned Registrars may be contacted for urgent listing and hearing of cases.

The contact numbers of the Registrars are as follows :

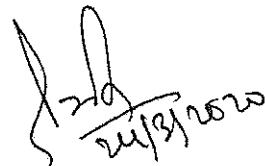
Registrar, Kohima Bench	:	9436810520 / 8787745160
Registrar, Aizawl Bench	:	9436151019 / 8787404757
Registrar, Itanagar Bench	:	9436055545

4) The matters which are already fixed for listing and hearing in the Principal Seat as well as Outlying Benches upto 04.04.2020, shall stand deferred, unless extreme urgency is shown for immediate hearing of the matter.

5) For filing and hearing of cases involving extreme urgency in the District Courts in all the four States working under the jurisdiction of the Gauhati High Court, the concerned District and Sessions Judges shall prepare a roster of Judicial Officers for dealing with such cases, including remand matters related to fresh arrest and extension of remand.

(a) For filing, listing and hearing of fresh matters involving such urgency, the District and Sessions Judges in consultation with the Chief Judicial Magistrate, shall nominate Nodal Officer(s) from the Ministerial Staff of the Establishment, whose contact number(s) shall be uploaded on the respective official Website of the District.

(b) Similarly, the respective District & Sessions Judges in consultation with the seniormost officer of the Sub-Division shall appoint Nodal Officer(s) from the ministerial staff of the establishment, whose contact number(s) shall be uploaded on the respective official Website of the district.



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6) In the case of Family Courts, Industrial Tribunals, MACT, Special Courts, Labour Courts, respective Presiding Officers shall appoint Nodal Officer(s) from the Ministerial Staff of the establishment, whose contact number(s) shall be uploaded on the respective Official Website, for filing, listing and hearing of matters involving extreme urgency.

7) Matters which are already fixed for listing and hearing in the District Courts upto 04.04.2020, shall stand deferred, unless extreme urgency is shown for immediate hearing of the matter.

By Order,
Sd/ Raktim Duarah
REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo No. HC.III-06/2020/819-844/G, Dated: 24th March, 2020.

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9. The Presiding Officer, Labour Court, _____
10. The President / Secretary General, Gauhati High Court Bar Association, Guwahati.
11. The President / General Secretary, Gauhati High Court Advocates' Association, Guwahati.
12. The Chairman, N.E. Bar Council, Guwahati.
13. The President/Secretary, All Assam Lawyers' Association
14. The Joint Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
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22. The Court Master, Court No. _____, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.


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23. The Court Officer, No.1 & 2, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
24. The C.A. to the Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
25. The Court Manager, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
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