

From,

Registrar General,  
High Court of Uttarakhand,  
Nainital.

To,

All the District & Sessions Judges,  
State Judiciary,  
Uttarakhand.

C.L. No. 11/UHC/Admin-B/v-a-22/2025 Dated: 27 March, 2026

**Sub:- Timeline for Expeditious disposal of Acid Attack Cases.**

Sir,

In compliance of order dated 09.03.2026 of Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1112 of 2025 titled as "*Shaheen Malik vs. Union of India & Anr.*" (copy enclosed), this Hon'ble Court is pleased to issue following timelines for expeditious disposal of acid attack cases:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Stage of Proceedings</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>
1.	Framing of Charge after submission of Chargesheet	Within 01 month
2.	Completion of Prosecution Evidence from the date of framing of charge	Within 01 year
3.	Examination of Accused under Section 313 Cr.P.C./351 BNSS	Within 02 weeks
4.	Defence Evidence (if any)	Within 02 months
5.	Final Arguments	Within 03 weeks
6.	Pronouncement of Judgment from the date of completion of Arguments	Within 30 days

**2.** The Trial Courts shall, as far as possible, follow the aforesaid timeline. Further, for effective compliance of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the concerned District and Sessions Judges shall also monitor progress of trial in aforesaid cases in every monthly meeting with Judicial Officers, the said monitoring with details of the cases, will also be reflected in

minutes of the meeting for information to the Hon'ble High Court.

**3.** Before parting, it is to inform that at present there are total 03 acid attack cases pending in the State, and as per the details provided by the Districts, they are as under:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Pendency</b>	<b>Details of the Case</b>
1.	Chamoli	01	Sessions Trial No. 12/2025 titled as "State of Uttarakhand vs. Subham Soni and Ors."
2.	Tehri Garhwal	01	CrI. Case No. 09 of 2025 titled as "State vs. Ishitv Bhatt"
3.	U. S. Nagar	01	Session Trial No. 57 of 2020 titled as "State vs. Rajendra"

**4.** District and Sessions Judges of aforesaid three Districts are advised for expeditious disposal of concerned cases, as the aforesaid timeline.

Yours sincerely,

*Encl: As above.*

Sd/-

(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)  
Registrar General

No. 1562/UHC/Admn-B/v-a-22/2025

Dated: 27 March, 2026

**Copy to:**

1. P.P.S. to Hon'ble the Chief Justice for placing it before His Lordship's Kind perusal.
2. P.S./P.A.s to Hon'ble Judges for placing it before Their Lordship's Kind perusal.
3. P.S. to Hon'ble the Administrative Judges, Chamoli, Tehri Garhwal and U. S. Nagar for placing this letter and directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court before Their Lordships for kind perusal and needful.
4. P.A. to Registrar General.
5. All the Registrars of the Hon'ble Court.
6. Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee.
7. Joint Registrar (IT)/CPC of the Hon'ble Court.
8. Deputy Registrar/Section Officer, Inspection Section with the request to ensure compliance of the aforesaid directions and place the report of District Courts before Hon'ble the Administrative Judges concerned for the kind perusal and directions.
9. Director, Uttarakhand Judicial & Legal Academy, Bhowali, Nainital.

10. Principal Secretary, Law-cum-LR, Dehradun.
11. Principal Judges/Additional Principal Judges/Judges Family Courts, Uttarakhand.
12. Chairman, Commercial Tax Tribunal, Dehradun.
13. Chairman, State Transport Appellate Tribunal, Dehradun.
14. Registrar, State Consumer Redressal Commission, Dehradun.
15. Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, Nainital.
16. Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Haldwani, District Nainital.
17. Presiding Officer, Labour Courts, Dehradun, Haridwar & Kashipur, District Udham Singh Nagar.
18. Presiding Officer, Food Safety Appellate Tribunal, Dehradun & Haldwani.
19. Registrar, Public Service Tribunal, Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
20. Secretary-cum-Registrar, State Level Police Complaint Authority, Dehradun.
21. Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat, Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar.
22. Deputy Registrar (IT) of the Hon'ble Court with a request to upload the same on the website of the High Court of Uttarakhand.
23. Guard File.

Sd/-  
Deputy Registrar  
Admin.-B