

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


NOTIFICATION NO. 11

Dated: Guwahati, the 16th February, 2022

In modification of all previous Orders / Notifications, the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court has been pleased to issue the following guidelines regarding resumption of physical Courts and regulation of Bar rooms in respect of the Principal Seat and the subordinate Courts of Assam:

FOR THE PRINCIPAL SEAT AT GUWAHATI

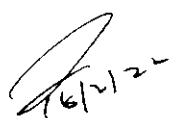
- (i) Cases shall be heard in physical mode. Request for virtual hearing will only be allowed on a case to case basis, subject to atleast one day prior approval of the concerned Bench.
- (ii) All types of cases shall be listed. Mention for urgent listing shall be made before the concerned Hon'ble Judge physically.
- (iii) Non-vaccinated/partially vaccinated Advocates/Staff shall be allowed to enter the Court premises provided they furnish a negative report of the RT-PCR test not older than 48 hours.
- (iv) To avoid overcrowding, only those Advocates whose cases are listed before a particular Bench shall take their seats inside the Court room and they shall leave the Court room, once the case is over.
- (v) Bar rooms shall be permitted to remain open by adhering to COVID – 19 protocols issued by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court/Government from time to time.
- (vi) Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and use of sanitizer, shall be mandatory inside the premises of the Gauhati High Court.
- (vii) Entry of litigants and any other person in the premises of the Gauhati High Court shall continue to be prohibited, except with the permission of the Registrar General/Registrar (Administration).
- (viii) The canteens shall be allowed to operate by adhering to COVID – 19 protocols issued by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court/Government from time to time.


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FOR THE ALL THE DISTRICT COURTS, TRIBUNALS, SPECIAL JUDGES, ETC.
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- (i) Cases shall be heard in physical mode and all types of cases shall be listed. However, request for hearing of cases through Video Conferencing may be allowed with prior approval of the District & Sessions Judge/Presiding Officers of the concerned establishment.
- (ii) Non-vaccinated/partially vaccinated Advocates/Staff shall be allowed to enter the Court premises provided they furnish a negative report of the RT-PCR test not older than 48 hours.
- (iii) All fully vaccinated staff shall attend office without fail.
- (iv) Bar rooms shall be permitted to remain open by adhering to COVID – 19 protocols issued by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court/Government from time to time.
- (v) Litigants / witnesses who have taken at least one dose of the COVID – 19 vaccine shall be permitted entry inside the Court premises on production of the COVID – 19 vaccination certificate.
- (vi) Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and use of sanitizer, shall be mandatory inside the Court premises.
- (vii) Seating arrangement inside the Court room shall be limited to 50%. The Presiding Officer of the concerned Court shall ensure that there is no overcrowding in the Court room.
- (viii) Entry of any person, other than litigants, in connection with any important work inside the Court premises shall be allowed with the prior permission of the Court Manager / Sheristadar / Head Assistant as the case may be.
- (ix) The canteen(s) shall be allowed to operate by adhering to COVID – 19 protocols issued by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court/Government from time to time.

With regard to the ***Outlying Benches***, the senior most Judge in the station shall take a decision regarding opting for physical/hybrid mode of hearing cases in respect of the Bench and Subordinate Courts of that State, with due consultation/approval of Hon'ble the Chief Justice.


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This Notification shall come into effect from 21.02.2022 and remain in force until further orders.

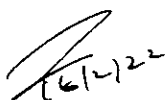
By order,

Sd/- Gautam Baruah
REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo No.HC.III-06/2020/624-659/G, dated Guwahati the 16th February, 2022.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
2. The Registrar General, High Court of _____.
3. The L.R. & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Judicial Department, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam.
4. The Registrar (Administration/Vigilance/Judicial/Establishment), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
5. The Registrar-cum-Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati. Guwahati.
6. The Secretary, Gauhati High Court Legal Services Committee, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
7. The Member Secretary, Assam State Legal Services Authority.
8. The Registrar, Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, Kohima / Aizawl Bench, Aizawl/ Itanagar Permanent Bench, Naharlagun. He is requested to circulate this Notification amongst the Judicial Officers in his state.
9. The District & Sessions Judge, _____ Assam. He/She is requested to circulate this Notification amongst the Judicial Officers under his/her jurisdiction.
10. The Principal Judge, Family Court, _____ Assam.
11. The Member, MACT, _____, Assam.
12. The Special Judge, Assam
13. The Special Judge, CBI, Assam.
14. The Special Judge, CBI, Assam, Addl. CBI Court No. 1,2 & 3, Guwahati.
15. The Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Kamrup (M), Guwahati/Dibrugarh, Assam
16. The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Kamrup (M), Guwahati/Cachar, Silchar, Assam.
17. The Chairman, Bar Council of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
18. The President/Secretary General, Gauhati High Court Bar Association, Guwahati.
19. The President/General Secretary, Gauhati High Court Advocates' Association, Guwahati.
20. The President/Secretary, All Assam Lawyers' Association, Guwahati.
21. The President/Secretary, Lawyers' Association, Guwahati.
22. The Joint Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
23. The Director, Law Research Institute, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
24. The Deputy Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
25. The Librarian-cum-Research Officer, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
26. The Asstt. Registrar (_____), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
27. The Court Manager, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
28. The Special Officer, Translation Wing, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
29. The Project Manager, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati. *He is requested to upload this Notification in the website of the Gauhati High Court.*
30. The A.O. (Judicial), _____ Section, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.


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31. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. /Mrs. Justice _____, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
32. The Court Masters, Court No. _____, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
33. The Court Officer Nos. 1 & 2, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
34. The Chief Security Officer, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
35. The C.A. to the Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
36. The Gauhati High Court Notice Board, (Old Block & New Block).


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