

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQS) : DELHI**

**ADVISORY**

In the light of the increase/rise in the cases of Covid-19 Virus (Omicron) the following advisory is issued to be followed/adopted in Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi:-

1. Courts should not insist on the presence of the parties unless it is unavoidable. All learned Judicial Officers are requested to take appropriate measures to regulate entry of the litigants and the general public in the Court Complex/Court Rooms to avoid over-crowding so that due distances are maintained.
2. The lawyers may advise their clients not to visit the Court premises, unless their presence is directed by some Court.
3. Ld. Judicial Officers are requested to take-up the matters in a scattered manner, for example, they can take up the cases first where only appearance is required, followed by cases in which evidence is to be recorded and final arguments may be heard later during the day, depending upon list of the particular day. Ld. Judicial Officers are also requested to meticulously comply with the orders in W.P. (C) No. 2018/2021, titled as Mr. Anil Kumar Hajelay & Ors. Vs. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi & Anr in grant of hearings through video conference.
4. Unnecessary over-crowding in the Lock up be curtailed and appropriate steps in this regard be taken by security staff. Lockup authorities/Investigating Officers to ensure that all the UTPs/freshly arrested persons are fully vaccinated and before first production of any inmate, his/her Rapid Antigen Test is done.
5. The Doctor In-charge of the dispensary in Tis Hazari to ensure that medical dispensary in the Court Complex is well equipped to tackle the occurrence of any emergent situation.
6. It be ensured that sanitizers are available in each Court Room and Branch, for the visitors as well as the staff, particularly those manning windows where there is constant public dealing. Housekeeping agency/staff to ensure that highest level of hygiene is maintained in the Court Complex and disinfectants are sprayed at regular intervals.
7. The existing dedicated teams (comprising Ld. Senior Judicial Officers, Ld. ACJ and Senior Ministerial Staff) are requested to take regular inspection and take appropriate remedial steps in case of any lapse.

8. The President and General Secretary of Tis Hazari Bar Association may issue necessary directions in order to ensure that there is no crowding in the Court Complex including the lawyers chambers.
9. All present in the complex should wear proper masks and maintain due distances.
10. It is further directed that endeavor be made to conduct all the future meetings through Video-Conferencing and in case of any farewell the preferred mode should be virtual with limited physical gathering.

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22.12.21

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6. Sr. AO(J)/AO(J)/Branch In-charge, all the branches, Central & West, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
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8. The Public Prosecutor, Delhi.
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