

Office of the Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs): DELHI,

No. 34460-455 Genl./Misc./Circulation/2026

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Dated Delhi the 27 APR 2026

Sub:- Letter dated 07.04.2026 of Secretary General, Supreme Court of India.

Forwarded a copy of the letter bearing No. 7246/DHC/Mgt& coord. Cell-1/PJC(District Courts) dated 23/04/2026 and this office bearing diary No. 1320/B dated 25/04/2026 along with its enclosures received from Dr. Vikash Dhawan, Assistant Registrar, (Mgt & Coord.)-I for Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi to :-

1. All the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judges, Delhi/New Delhi with the request to do the needful as desired by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
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3. The Hony. Secretary, Delhi Bar Associations, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi, for information and necessary action.
4. P.S. to Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judges (HQs), Delhi for information.

(Rakesh Pandit)

Officer In-Charge, General Branch, (C)/
District Judge Commercial Court-13,
Tis Hazari Courts Delhi.

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE: ROHINI COURTS, DELHI

No. 18669-18750 Genl./N-W & N/RC/2026

Dated 05/05/2026

Copy alongwith its enclosures (through electronic mode), forwarded for information & necessary action, to :-

1. All Ld. Judicial Officers posted at N/W & North, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
2. Dealing Official, Computer Branch, Rohini Courts for uploading the same on WEBSITE.
3. The Dealing Official, R & I Branch, Rohini Courts, Delhi for uploading the same on LAYERS.

(RAJANI RANGA)

Officer In-Charge, General Branch-I
North-West & North District,
Rohini Court Complex, Delhi.

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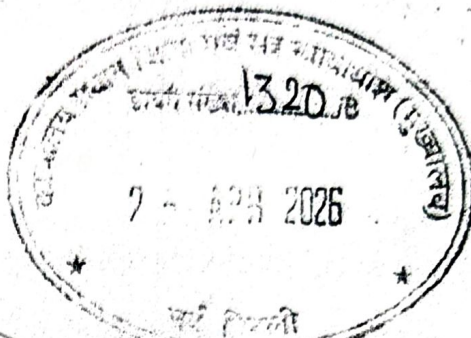
No. 7246 DHC/Mgt. & Coord. Cell-I/PJC(District Courts) Dated: 23.04.2026

From

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
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To

The Pr. District & Sessions Judge (HQs.),
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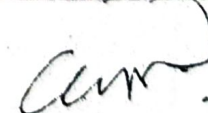
Sir,

A copy of letter dated 07.04.2026 has been received from the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, thereby informing about unethical, culturally inappropriate event organized in the name of Holi Celebration by Kanpur Bar Association on 27th February, 2026, which has received worldwide condemnation.

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India has taken a serious view of the matter and has requested to take all such corrective measures as may be necessary to prohibit in future all such unethical, vulgar, or culturally inappropriate events or any similar form of entertainment that undermines professional decorum within the Court's premises which includes Bar Associations. Besides, any recurrence of such nature shall be visited with severe disciplinary action against responsible office bearers and members, with immediate suspension of their bar license.

I am therefore, directed to forward herewith the aforementioned letter dated 07.04.2026 along with its enclosures, for your information and to request your good self to take all appropriate measures and ensure that no such unethical, culturally inappropriate events or any similar form of entertainment is organized in your Court Complex.

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PD 455 (H8) / THL
25/04/2026


(Dr. Vikas Dhawan)
Assistant Registrar
(Mgt. & Coord.)-I
For Registrar General

Encl: As above.



New Delhi,
April 7, 2026

Sir/Madam,

The recent Holi celebration programme, organized by the Kanpur Bar Association on February 27, 2026, featuring vulgar performances by dancers in revealing outfits amid cheering lawyers, with its videography going viral, has drawn nationwide condemnation.

In a Press Release, issued by the Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association, dated March 1, 2026, the incident has been termed as "shameful, reprehensible, and utterly disgraceful", highlighting how this conduct constitutes grave professional misconduct, gross moral depravity and serious ethical delinquency, amounting to systematic exploitation masked as entertainment (copy enclosed).

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India has taken a serious view of the matter. I am thus under directions to request your goodself to forthwith take all such corrective measures as may be necessary to prohibit in future all such unethical, vulgar, or culturally inappropriate events or any similar form of entertainment that undermines professional decorum within Bar Association's premises or under its auspices. Any recurrence of such nature should be visited with severe disciplinary action against responsible office-bearers and members, with immediate suspension of their bar license.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Parashar'.



Attention in this regard is also drawn to Part VI, Chapter-II of the Bar Council of India Rules titled "Standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette" (Rules under Section 49(1)(c) of the Act read with the Proviso thereto).

You are, therefore, requested to submit a detailed comprehensive compliance report, within six weeks from the date of this letter, outlining the corrective and preventive steps taken, internal resolutions adopted, awareness programmes conducted, and mechanisms established to prevent any such future violations, so it may be placed before Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India.

The report may be sent either through post to the undersigned or through e-mail at sg.office@sci.nic.in.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Bharat Parashar 07/04/2026
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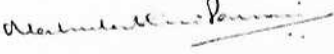
To,

1. The Chairman, Bar Council of India;
2. The President/Secretaries, Bar Councils of all States/
Union Territories;
3. Registrar Generals of all High Courts (for information).

SUPREME COURT WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (SCWLA)

Registered Under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860
Chamber No. 82, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court Compound,
Supreme Court of India, New Delhi-110001
Contact Number: 9873061188

Date – 01.03.2026

<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	<u>PRESS RELEASE</u>
<u>COMMITTEE</u>	STATEMENT OF STRONG CONDEMNATION AND DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
PRESIDENT Mahalakshmi Pavani Senior Advocate	The Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association expresses its deep outrage, absolute condemnation and zero tolerance disapproval of the disgraceful Holi Milan programme organized by the Kanpur Bar Association, wherein belly dancers were invited to perform and lawyers were seen filming, objectifying and commodifying women under the garb of celebration and entertainment. This incident is shameful, reprehensible and utterly disgraceful, striking at the very foundation of professional ethics, constitutional morality and human dignity. The legal profession, which is entrusted with the sacred duty of upholding justice, equality and dignity, cannot and must not degenerate into a platform for misogyny, voyeurism and objectification of women. Let it be stated in unequivocal terms: This conduct constitutes grave professional misconduct, gross moral depravity and serious ethical delinquency, warranting immediate disciplinary action. Such events create a hostile, unsafe, humiliating, and deeply uncomfortable professional environment, particularly for women lawyers, interns, staff, and litigants. It normalizes sexual objectification, legitimizes harassment and institutionalizes gender insensitive behaviour within spaces that must remain neutral, respectful and dignified. The act of recording such performances and circulating them further aggravates the violation of women's dignity, autonomy and privacy, amounting to systematic exploitation masked as entertainment. <u>The Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association categorically demands:</u> Immediate public apology by the Kanpur Bar Association. Strict disciplinary proceedings against the office bearers and members responsible for organizing and endorsing this event. Intervention by the Bar Council of India and the Uttar Pradesh Bar Council, followed by swift punitive action. Formulation and enforcement of mandatory gender sensitization guidelines governing all Bar Association functions across the country. <u>Let there be no ambiguity and no dilution:</u> Bar Associations are not entertainment clubs. Court premises and professional spaces are not venues for vulgarity, spectacle or exploitation. Any attempt to trivialize or justify such conduct as festive celebration is deeply insulting to women, destructive to workplace dignity and corrosive to the integrity of the legal profession. The Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association will not remain a silent spectator to such degradation of professional values and reserves its right to pursue all legal, disciplinary and institutional remedies available. The dignity of women is inviolable. Professional misconduct will not be tolerated. Accountability will be enforced.
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