

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, PRAYAGRAJ.
ADMIN. ORDER NO. 32 **Dated : January 22, 2025**

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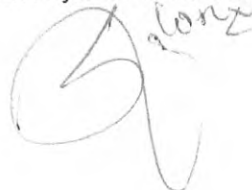
The Secretary, District Bar Association, Allahabad Sri Dinesh Chandra Pandey, Advocate moved Letter Dt. 18.01.2025 to declare local holidays on account of Holi-Bath on Mauni Amawasya (falling on dt. 29.01.2025), Basant Panchami (falling on dt.03.02.2025) & Maghi Purnima (falling on dt.12.02.2025) under Mahakumbh-2025, as declared before in the previous Mahakumbh.

2. In view of the above, report was called for, from the Officer-in-Charge (Administration)/Additional District & Sessions Judge, R. No. 1, Prayagraj and the Officer-in-Charge (Nazarat)/ADJ/ Special Judge (M.P., M.L.A.) Prayagraj.

3. The Officer-in-Charge (Administration) and the Officer-in-Charge (Nazarat) have submitted their joint report dt.22.01.2025 recommending to reject the application dt. 18.01.2025 of District Bar Association on the ground that as per the Hon'ble Court's directions, 265 working days are necessary in the District Court and local holidays on 29.01.2025 and 03.02.2025 have already been declared in lieu of Mauni Amawasya and Basant Panchami, respectively, and, if other festivals are declared as local holidays, then there will be shortage of working days.

4. The Officer-in-Charge (Administration) and the Officer-in-Charge (Nazarat), further submitted in their joint report dt. 22.01.2025 that as 14 January, 2025 had been declared holiday by Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad on account of festival of Makar Sankranti, hence, the local holiday, previously declared on 14.01.2025 on account of Makar Sankranti festival, can be shifted to dt.28.01.2025, in view of the fact that Mauni Amawasya is falling on dt.29.01.2025, in which all the roads of District Prayagraj remain in 'No Vehicle Zone', due to which learned Advocates and Litigants will face a lot of difficulty in commutation.

5. In view of the joint report submitted by the Officer-in-Charge (Administration) and the Officer-in-Charge (Nazarat) dt. 22.01.2025, in compliance of the Hon'ble Court's directions regarding minimum 265 working days in District Court and in light of the fact that local holidays on dt. 29.01.2025 and 03.02.2025 have already been declared on account of holi-baths of Mauni Amawasya and Basant Panchami, respectively and if



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other festivals are declared as local holidays, then there will be shortage of working days, the letter dt. 18.01.2025 moved by the District Bar Association, Allahabad is dismissed as not maintainable.

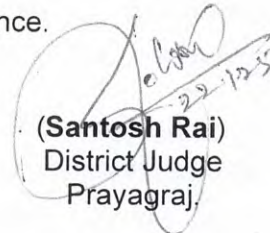
6. Further, in the light of recommendation made by the Officer-in-Charge (Administration) and the Officer-in-Charge (Nazarat), vide their joint report dt. 22.01.2025, the local holiday, previously declared on 14.01.2025 on account of festival of Makar Sankranti, is shifted and **dt. 28.01.2025 is declared as local holiday** in view of the heavy rush and huge gathering of devotees in district Prayagraj on the occasion of **Mauni Amawasya** (falling on **29.01.2025**) under the aegis of **MAHAKUMBH -2025**, to avoid any inconvenience to the litigants and advocates in commuting to the court due to the 'No Vehicle Zone' and route diversions, declared by the Administration, one day prior to the holi-dip of Mauni Amawasya i.e. 29.01.2025.

7. Let this Order be circulated/disseminated among all the Judicial Officers, Class III and IV Officials and also to the public at large and a copy of the same be pasted at conspicuous places and Notice Board of District Court, Prayagraj.

8. The System Officer is also directed to upload a copy of the same on the official website of District Court, Prayagraj.

9. Information be sent to the Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad, the District Magistrate Prayagraj and the President/ Secretary of the District Bar Association Allahabad.

Inform all the concerned for strict compliance.


(Santosh Rai)
District Judge
Prayagraj

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