



From

Registrar General,
High Court of Uttarakhand,
Nainital.

To

All the District Judges,
Uttarakhand.

No. 2697 /UHC/Admin.A/2026

Dated 22.05.2026

Sub: Guidelines for virtual proceedings and other measures for rational utilization of resources.

Sir/Madam,

In view of the recent developments, Government of India as well as State Government have issued various guidelines for rational utilization of energy resources. In the interest of nation, these guidelines are being implemented by authorities.

2. In this regard, it is the considered view of the Hon'ble Court that united efforts of all the citizens are instrument for successful implementation of these guidelines, in which, State Judiciary may also make its significant contribution. Accordingly, I am I directed to convey followings guidelines and appeal of Hon'ble the Chief Justice to all the officers/staff and advocates in the districts for their valuable contribution in the ongoing fuel saving drives across the nation:-

- (A) Every working Saturday in the districts be observed as a 'Virtual Hearing Day'. For this purpose, Courts may list cases fixed for final hearing, hearing on applications/legal issues, which do not require presence of parties and other suitable cases on

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Saturdays, and as far possible, these cases may be taken up by virtual mode. The learned advocates may accordingly be requested and encouraged to appear virtually, and thus, only judicial officers/staff would need to commute to Courts on working Saturdays.

- (B) The C.L. No. 02/UHC/Admin.B/2022 dated 05.01.2023 of the Hon'ble Court, supplemented by consequential circulars, which have been issued for examination of witnesses through virtual mode, are emphasized, and they may be seriously followed for examination of maximum possible witnesses through VC facilities.
- (C) Judicial officers, when they proceed on leave, recess etc. or do not hold Court for official reasons, the link officers and jail authorities may be given advance information for production of accused persons facing the trials through the VC facilities.
- (D) C.L. No. 09/UHC/Insp./2025 dated 09.07.2025 of the Hon'ble Court, which provides that in view of the challenging geographical terrain and climatic conditions of the State, judicial officers posted in Outlying Courts, situated at a distance requiring journey of 90 minutes or more to headquarters may join monthly meetings through VC facilities, is amended to cover all the judicial officers, posted in Outlying Courts, notwithstanding the distance/journey time between the Outlying Courts and Headquarters.

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(E) District Judges are requested to encourage judicial officers, living in judicial colonies for car pooling to commute to Courts. District Judges are further requested for similar encouragement to the Court staff for car/vehicle pooling.

3. Besides the above, District Judges are requested to take other suitable measures, which they deem fit and appropriate for rational utilization of resources in their Judgeships. They are also requested to share such measures with the Hon'ble Court so that the good practices may further be shared with other Judgeships.

Yours sincerely,


(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General