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No. 22 /Order-Book-2026 Pithoragarh dated February 28, 2026

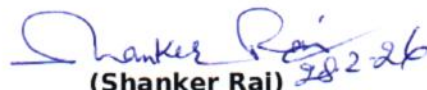
OFFICE - ORDER

Subject: Constitution of Supervisory Committee to oversee cleanliness and maintenance of washrooms in respect of ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional infrastructure and in compliance of judgment dated 15.01.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (C) No. 538 of 2023, Rajeeb Kalita versus Union of India and others.

In pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court's letter no. 878/UHC/Admin.B/V-a-3/2023, dated 20.02.2026 (copy enclosed) a **Supervisory Committee** for the purpose to oversee cleanliness and maintenance of washrooms; and quality of construction and infrastructure works related to washroom in District Court Establishment, Pithoragarh, as under:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Position in Committee
01	Shri Shiv Singh, Civil Judge (Jr. Div.), Pithoragarh	Presiding Officer
02	Shri Mohan Chandra Bhatt, Senior Member of District Bar Association, Pithoragarh	Member
03	Shri Jagmohan Joshi, Chief Administrative Officer, District Court, Pithoragarh	Member
04	Ms. Reena Verma, Senior Personal Assistant, District Court, Pithoragarh	Member

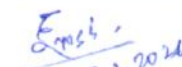
2. The Committee shall also evaluate the quality of construction, identify deficiencies, and suggest appropriate remedial measures to address any structural or infrastructural complexities arising during construction or renovation works.


(Shanker Raj)
District Judge
Pithoragarh

Endorsement No. Memo/Order Book-2026, dated as above

Copy to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Judge, Family Court, Pithoragarh.
2. Additional District & Sessions Judge, Pithoragarh.
3. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pithoragarh.
4. Civil Judge (Sr.Div.), Pithoragarh.
5. Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Pithoragarh.
6. Civil Judge (Jr.Div.), Pithoragarh.
7. Civil Judge (Jr.Div.), Didihat, District Pithoragarh.
8. Civil Judge (Jr.Div.), Gangolihat, District Pithoragarh.
9. Civil Judge (Jr.Div.), Dharchula, District Pithoragarh.


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10. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Pithoragarh.
11. Officer In-charge, Record Room/Copying Department/Library/Computerization, District Court, Pithoragarh.
12. Nodal Officer(s), e-Court Project Judgeship, Pithoragarh.
13. Presiding Officer and all Members of the Committee. (by name)
14. Chief/Senior Administrative Officers, District Court, Pithoragarh.
15. Personal Officer/Senior Personal Assistant to the District Judge, Pithoragarh.
16. Sessions Clerk/Appeals Clerk, District Court, Pithoragarh.
17. Personal Assistants, Judgeship, Pithoragarh.
18. Nazarat/Accounts Section, District Court, Pithoragarh.
19. Official website.
20. File concerned.

By order

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(Jagmohan Joshi)
Chief Administrative Officer
District Court, Pithoragarh

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From,

Registrar General,
High Court of Uttarakhand,
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To,

All District & Sessions Judges,
Principal Judges/Judges, Family Court,
State Judiciary,
Uttarakhand.

No. 878 /UHC/Admin.B/V-a-3/2023

Dated: 20.02.2026

Subject: Compliance of Judgment dated 15.01.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Rajeeb Kalita vs Union of India*.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject noted above, kindly find enclosed herewith Minutes of Meeting dated 11.02.2026, for information and necessary compliance.

2. Also, in continuation of ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional infrastructure and in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in the matter mentioned above, it has been resolved to constitute a Supervisory Committee in all District Courts and Family Courts for the purpose to oversee cleanliness and maintenance of washrooms; and quality of construction and infrastructure works related to washrooms. The Committee shall also evaluate the quality of construction, identify deficiencies, and suggest appropriate remedial measures to address any structural or infrastructural complexities arising during construction or renovation works. The Supervisory Committee shall comprise:-

- i. One Judicial Officer;
- ii. One Senior Member of the Bar; and
- iii. Any other member(s) as deemed necessary by the Court.

5. Further, in compliance with the directions dated 15.01.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court, it has been resolved to revise the Comprehensive Plan dated 10.07.2025. Accordingly, you are requested to furnish updated statistics and relevant information in the prescribed

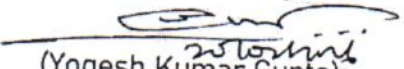
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format enclosed herewith, within a week, on *highcourt.ua@gmail.com*, to enable timely revision and consolidation of the Comprehensive Plan.

6. The matter may be treated as urgent and necessary action be taken promptly.

Yours sincerely,


(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General

Also, in compliance of earlier directions, the District Courts and Family Courts are required to furnish the information regarding the Nodal Officer appointed in each Court premises for the purpose to monitor maintenance and cleanliness of washrooms and redressal of complaints regarding toilets.

The concerned Section is directed to issue necessary communications to all District and Family Courts for compliance.

E. Utilization of Re-appropriated Budget

The Committee further resolves that the **re-appropriated budget** shall be utilized for construction of washrooms in respect of those projects for which estimates have already been received by the Hon'ble Court.

The concerned Section is directed to take necessary steps accordingly.

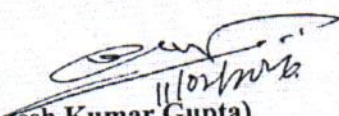
F. Revision of Comprehensive Plan dated 10.07.2025

In furtherance of the above and in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Committee resolves to revise the **Comprehensive Plan dated 10.07.2025**.

The concerned Section is directed to obtain updated statistics and information from the Hon'ble High Court, District Courts and Family Courts as per the direction dated 15.01.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Admin-B and the Management Section are directed to obtain the aforesaid information within two weeks, so that further action may be undertaken in a time-bound manner.

Let the aforesaid recommendations of the Committee be placed before Hon'ble the Chief Justice for kind consideration and approval.


(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General


(Justice Rakesh Thapliyal)
Chairperson

Approved.

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE



UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS AND ALLIED FACILITIES

1. General Information

1. Name of District / Family Court:
2. Name of Court Complex/Building:
3. Whether functioning in:
 - ☐ Government Provided Building
 - ☐ Court Owned Building
 - ☐ Rented/Leased Premises
4. Total number of Court Rooms in the complex:
5. Average daily footfall (approx.):

2. Existing Washroom Facilities (Current Status)

S.N	Category	Separate Facility Available (Yes/No)	No. of Units	Condition (Good/Average/Poor)	Accessible to PwD (Yes/No)
1.	Men				
2.	Women				
3.	Persons with Disabilities (PwD)				
4.	Transgender Persons				

3. Accessibility & Infrastructure Details

1. Are ramps provided for access to washrooms to ensure accessibility for wheelchair users? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Are handrails/grab bars installed in PwD washrooms? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Is adequate lighting and ventilation available? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Is running water available at all times? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Availability of sanitary disposal units in women washrooms? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Availability of signages / sign boards (including gender-neutral/PwD signages)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Availability of Nursing Room for mothers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Availability of Creche facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Availability of Child safe washroom in Family Courts? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Availability of up-to-date plumbing system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND, NAINITAL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE TO ENSURE
CONSTRUCTION AND AVAILABILITY OF SEPARATE TOILET
FACILITIES FOR MALES, FEMALES, PwD AND TRANSGENDER
PERSONS IN HIGH COURT AND DISTRICT COURTS HELD ON
11.02.2026**

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Thapliyal, - Chairperson

Shri Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Registrar General

Shri Anand Vardhan, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand (Virtually)

Secretary (Finance), Government of Uttarakhand (Virtually)

Secretary (PWD), Government of Uttarakhand (Virtually)

Principal Secretary, Law-cum-LR, Government of Uttarakhand (Virtually)

Ms. Manisha Bhandari, Advocate, High Court of Uttarakhand (Virtually)

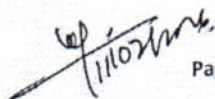
The Committee deliberated upon the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* judgments/orders dated 15th January, 2025 and 17th October, 2025 passed in *Rajeeb Kalita v. Union of India*, whereby directions were issued to all Courts and Tribunals across the country regarding the construction, maintenance, and availability of separate toilet facilities for **Men, Women, Persons with Disabilities (PwD), and Transgender persons.**

Upon due consideration, the Committee resolved as follows:-

A. Construction and Maintenance of Washrooms in Courts Functioning in Government Provided Buildings

It is resolved that all District Courts shall furnish detailed **estimates** in respect of Court complexes functioning in Government provided buildings to the Hon'ble High Court, so that the same may be forwarded to the State Government for necessary approval and sanctioning of budget.

Accordingly, the concerned Section is directed to issue appropriate communication to all District Courts for compliance in this regard.



B. Creation of Separate Budgetary Head for Maintenance

The Committee resolved that a **separate and transparent budgetary head** be created exclusively for the upkeep and maintenance of toilets, including the purchase of modern cleaning equipment and allied works.

Funds allocated for this purpose shall be placed under the said separate budgetary head to ensure efficient and streamlined maintenance and upkeep.

C. Engagement of Professional Agency for Cleaning Services

The Committee considered the possibility of engaging professional agencies, such as, *Sulabh International* for cleaning and maintenance of toilets in major districts, namely Dehradun, Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar and Nainital.

A pilot project in collaboration with *Sulabh International* is proposed to be initiated at the High Court premises. The project aims to improve sanitation, hygiene, cleaning and maintenance of toilets and overall facility management within the High Court. After some time, its performance and impact may be reviewed for further continuation or expansion.

The Management Section is directed to issue necessary communication for empanelment / engagement of *Sulabh International* for the above purpose.

D. Constitution of Supervisory Committees in District and Family Courts

The Committee further resolves that a **Supervisory Committee** be constituted in all District Courts and Family Courts to oversee "Cleanliness and maintenance of washrooms" and "Quality of construction and infrastructure works related to washrooms". Each such Committee shall comprise as follows:-

- i. One Judicial Officer,
- ii. One Senior Member of the Bar
- iii. Other such member as deemed necessary by the Court

The said Committee shall evaluate construction quality, identify deficiencies, and suggest appropriate remedial measures for any structural or infrastructural complexities arising during construction or renovation.

4. Maintenance & Monitoring

1. Frequency of cleaning per day:
 2. Is periodic inspection being done?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 3. Whether outsourced agency engaged? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, name of agency:
 4. Name & designation of Nodal Officer for monitoring cleanliness:
 5. Whether complaint mechanism exists? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, details:
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5. Construction / Renovation Requirements

1. Whether additional washrooms are required? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 2. If yes, specify category and number required:
 - o Men:
 - o Women:
 - o PwD:
 - o Transgender:
 3. Whether any construction/renovation proposal is pending? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 4. Estimated cost (if prepared): ₹
 5. Whether estimate enclosed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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