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To:

1. **All the District Judges**
   State of Uttar Pradesh

2. **All the Principal Judges**
   Family Courts
   State of Uttar Pradesh

3. **All the Presiding Officers**
   Motor Accident Claims Tribunals / Land Acquisition Rehabilitation & Resettlement Authorities / Commercial Courts
   State of Uttar Pradesh

CL. No. 15 /Admin. 'G-II' **Dated: Allahabad, 27 October, 2026**

Subject: Directives restricting the unauthorized posting of visual media of court premises, offices, and Hon'ble Judges on social media, and strict enforcement of political neutrality by the judicial officers, officials, and staff of the District Judiciary.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform your goodself that with a view to address the urgent need to regulate the digital conduct of all judicial officers, officials, and staff across district courts, Hon'ble Court has been pleased to issue the following mandates for strict compliance:

1. Absolute Prohibition on Visual Media & Premises Footage

- Core Restriction: No judicial officer, official, or employee of the District Judiciary shall record, upload, broadcast, or stream any video, photograph, transition snippet, or audio reel concerning courtroom proceedings, office interiors, record rooms, judges' chambers, residential offices, or official functions on any personal digital platform.
- Infrastructure Security: Filming or photographing court premises, corridors, and administrative branches is strictly barred to protect security personnel deployment patterns, surveillance locations, and structural safety blueprints.

2. Strict Confidentiality (Rule 9)

In strict accordance with Rule 9 of the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, no judicial officer, official, and Class-IV employee shall communicate, directly or indirectly, any official document, notification, circular, office memorandum, or file note to any unauthorized person.

3. Restriction on Proxy Circulation / Propagation

- Prohibition of Proxy Channels: No judicial officer, official, or employee shall utilize, operate, knowingly allow or feed proxy digital platforms—including social media accounts

bearing the names of family members, relatives, associates, or third parties—to spread, propagate, or publish institutional matters. This restriction extends strictly to any postings or media distributions made via external handles using material procured by the employee in the course of their official duties or filmed within court premises. Judicial officers, officials, and employees are explicitly directed to discourage their family members from posting, sharing, or flaunting the institutional privileges acquired on account of their respective offices.

- Digital Decorum: All judicial officers, officials, & employees must maintain the due dignity, decorum, and privacy of their respective offices on digital platforms just as they do within physical court premises.
- Liability: Any such indirect or proxy publication shall be treated as a direct, personal breach of confidentiality and conduct rules by the employee.

4. Strict Political Neutrality (Rule 5)

In strict compliance with Rule 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, every judicial officer, official, or employee of the subordinate courts must maintain absolute separation from political agendas:

- Digital Footprint: No judicial officer, official, and Class-IV employee shall use personal social media profiles or proxy accounts to post, promote, or amplify any political agenda, party, or candidate. Forbidden promotional actions include, but are not limited to, "liking,", "reposting," sharing, or commenting on highly volatile or politically charged content.
- Public Debates: All judicial officers, officials, and Class-IV employees are strictly barred from utilizing partisan hashtags or participating in public online polemics or debates concerning government actions, legislative policies, or election matters.

5. Rule 15 (Private Trade or Employment)

The rule strictly prohibits government servants from engaging in any trade, business, or undertaking private employment without the explicit prior sanction of the government.

- Prohibition on Commercialization/Monetisation: No judicial officer, official, or employee shall activate monetization features, accept sponsorships, receive ad-revenue sharing, or financially exploit any digital media account since, monetising a YouTube channel, a blog, or an Instagram page for ad revenue or brand sponsorships legally constitutes engaging in private trade/employment.

6. Authorized Information Channels Only

- Official Outlets: All public updates, data tracking, or official media releases concerning the working of the District Judiciary shall be generated and distributed exclusively via the designated official Media Cell or the authorized portal managed by the department concerned or authorised personnel only.
- Individual Publishing: No individual judicial officer, official, and Class-IV employee of the

district judiciary shall act as an independent digital publisher of institutional work.

- Approved Exemptions: Notwithstanding anything contained in the prohibitions above, the restrictions on the circulation of official documents, notifications, or institutional information via social media or digital platforms shall not apply to any information, media, or data that has been explicitly approved and permitted by the Competent Authority for public dissemination or wide circulation.

Every District Judge and Head of Office is hereby directed to ensure that these instructions / modalities are circulated to and adhered by all judicial officers, officials, and Class-IV employees working under their administrative supervision, obtaining written acknowledgments of receipt.

Any instance of non-compliance or violation of these instructions / modalities brought to light, shall immediately be treated as conduct unbecoming of a public servant under **Rule 3** of the **Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956**. It may attract initiation of strict **disciplinary proceedings** for major penalties under the **Uttar Pradesh State District Court Service Rules, 2013,** read with relevant conduct frameworks.

You are requested to ensure compliance with these directions of the Hon'ble Court in letter and spirit.

With regards,

Yours faithfully

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D.O. No. 14517 **/Admin. 'G-II'** **Dated: Allahabad,** 27 **October, 2026**

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Private Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, to place the same before His Lordship for kind perusal.
2. The JR/DR/AR-cum-Private Secretaries to all the Hon'ble Judges at Allahabad and Lucknow Bench, Lucknow, to place the same before Their Lordships for kind perusal.
3. The Director, Judicial Training & Research Institute (JTRI), Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.
4. All the Judicial Officers posted in the Registry at the High Court at Allahabad and Lucknow Bench, Lucknow.
5. The Member Secretary, U.P. State Legal Services Authority (UPSLSA), Lucknow.
6. The System Manager, Computer Centre, High Court, Allahabad, to upload this Circular Letter on the official website of the Hon'ble High Court for information of the District Judiciary.
7. The Section Officer, Admin. 'H' Section for compilation in the Guard File.

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Joint Registrar (J) (Inspection)