

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD, LUCKNOW

Functioning of High Court during COVID-19 MODALITIES & ARRANGEMENTS (for Lucknow) 17th April, 2021

In view of the recent spike in the number of COVID-19 cases, the following Modalities & Arrangements, will be effective w.e.f. 20.04.2021 (19.04.2021 being declared Holiday at Lucknow due to Panchayat Elections):

1. Hearing of cases shall be conducted only through video-conferencing w.e.f. 20.04.2021.
2. From 19.04.2021, filing of fresh urgent cases and applications will be done only through e-filing mode.
3. Facility for filing through e-filing mode will also be provided by M/s Stock Holding Corporation Ltd. at their Counter located near Gate No. 6 w.e.f. 20.04.2021.
4. The work-flow for e-Filing along with the screen shots is already available on the official website of Allahabad High Court namely **www.allahabadhighcourt.in** and the same may be accessed by the Advocates who are facing problem in this regard.
5. The Ld. Counsel shall not be permitted to enter in the Court Rooms & Corridors w.e.f. 20.04.2021.
6. The VC link messages will be sent to the Ld Counsels in sequence as per the Cause List, accordingly, the Ld. Counsel will receive the SMS as per the sequence of his/her case. The lawyers are required to click on the link for joining Court proceedings through Video-conferencing using Google Chrome (latest version) as the browser and Safari browser on iPad/iPhone. The video-conferencing link may also be opened through Jitsi-Meet App which can be downloaded on the mobile phone.
7. For **Court No. 27** , the following web-link is available for the access of Learned Advocate for appearing through video-conferencing:

<https://vcourtiko.allahabadhighcourt.in/vc>

On the aforesaid web page/link, a dashboard for Ld. Advocates is available to see the cause list being taken up by the **Court No. 27**. It is recommended to use Chrome Browser to access the aforesaid link. A display board is also available to have a glance view of all the cases of the Courts. This facility is presently available only for **Court No. 27** w.e.f. 20.04.2021. The Ld. Advocates whose cases are listed in Court No. 27 shall use the aforesaid link to join the proceedings of hearing. *No link for video-conferencing shall be sent through SMS for Court No. 27.*

8. If any person who is not a party wants to oppose in a case, he/she may send a request for the video-conferencing link on the e-mail id- **request_vc_iko@allahabadhighcourt.in** upto 8:00 P.M. one day before the case is listed. He/she shall also send the scanned copy of the vakalatnama on this email id.
9. Video-conferencing facility shall also be made available in the V-C Cabins situated in the Mediation Centre. Not more than 2 (two) counsel shall be allowed to remain inside the V-C cabins at a time. All the protocol related to COVID-19 (social distancing and wearing masks) shall strictly be followed inside the V-C cabins.
10. The details of specific Court Rooms and their respective Video-Conferencing cabin numbers will be mentioned outside each cabin in the Mediation Centre.
11. The System Manager/High Court staff will provide the required technical assistance to the learned Advocates/Litigants-in-person, as and when required at the onsite facility.
12. While headsets are available at onsite facility i.e. the Mediation Centre for V-C hearings and the same shall also be sanitized on a regular basis, however, the lawyers

are also advised to bring their own headsets considering the sanitization burden of the said equipment. The wired headsets should be with single 3.5 mm stereo jack with noise canceling mic to provide crystal-clear communication. Stereo headsets with mic used normally with mobile phones would also be compatible.

13. Learned Advocates may note that Video Conferencing link shall be sent only on the mobile number registered in the AOR. Request for correction/updation of mobile number/E-Mail ID mentioned in Advocate on Roll (AOR) may be made by the Learned counsels through E-mail on following E-Mail address of AOR Section, High Court, Lucknow, before preparation of cause list/filing of urgency application:

advroll_lko@allahabadhighcourt.in

Such correction will take at least one working day for its incorporation in the respective data.

14. There is no need to file Urgency Application with regard to the matters pertaining to Criminal Misc. Bail Applications, Anticipatory Bail, Criminal Appeal u/s 14 A (2) SC/ST Act, Habeas Corpus Writ Petition, Writ Matters pertaining to Arrest/Stay of Arrest, Criminal Revisions filed under Section 102 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 either in fresh cases or filed cases. The aforesaid cases shall be placed before the Hon'ble Courts having the roster for such cases. However in all other matters (fresh as well as filed), Urgency Applications at Lucknow may be filed either physically or through e-mail on the following e-mail Id-

urgentlisting_lucknow@allahabadhighcourt.in

The person submitting Urgency Application shall provide his/her name, mobile number & e-mail ID alongwith relevant case details (i.e. Parties Name, Nature of Case, Case number, Year etc.) in the said urgency Application. The Urgency Applications, so received shall be placed before the Special Benches constituted for hearing of urgent matters, alongwith records, if any, for deciding urgency and hearing, if required.

15. Urgency applications in e-filed cases (pending as well as fresh) may be filed through e-mode only at the link provided for e-filing on the official website of the Hon'ble Court.

By order of Hon'ble Court

**Sd/-
SENIOR REGISTRAR
17.04.2021**

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2. The Chairman, Elders Committee, Awadh Bar Association
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