

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD**

**ESTABLISHMENT SECTION**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

No. 5888 /Establishment: Allahabad: Dated: October 27, 2026

Under the orders dated 26.10.2026 of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, addressing the contemporary digital vulnerabilities comprehensively, the following explicit prohibitions are hereby issued, with immediate effect:

1. ***Absolute Restriction on Visual Media & Premises Footage:*** No Judicial officer, official, or employee of the High Court (including the Lucknow Bench) or the District Judiciary shall record, upload, broadcast, or stream any video, photograph, snippet, or audio reel concerning courtroom proceedings, office interiors, corridors, judges' chambers, residential offices, or official functions on any personal digital platform.
2. ***Prohibition of Proxy Uploads:*** No judicial officer, official, or employee of the High Court (including the Lucknow Bench) or the District Judiciary shall utilize, operate, 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. At the same time, all personnel must maintain the due dignity, decorum, and privacy of their respective offices on digital platforms just as they do within physical court premises. Any such indirect or proxy publication shall be treated as a direct, personal breach of confidentiality and conduct rules by the employee.
3. ***Absolute Prohibition on Digital Political Activity:*** In strict compliance with Rule 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, 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. This restriction strictly bars running online campaigns, utilizing partisan hashtags, or participating in public polemics concerning government actions, legislative policies, or election debates. Forbidden promotional actions include, but are not limited to, "liking," "reposting," sharing, or commenting on highly volatile or politically charged content.
4. ***Absolute Prohibition on Account Monetization and Commercial Exploitation:*** In strict compliance with Rule 15 of the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, no judicial officer, official, or employee of the High Court (including the Lucknow Bench) or the District Judiciary shall activate monetization features, accept corporate sponsorships, receive ad-revenue sharing, or financially exploit any digital media account.

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Monetizing a personal YouTube channel, a public blog, or an Instagram profile for ad revenue or brand endorsements using content derived from official duties or shot within court complexes legally constitutes engaging in unapproved private trade or employment, which is strictly prohibited. Any revenue accumulated through these channels will trigger immediate disciplinary action for major penalties.

5. **Registry Information Channeling:** Any official media tracking, public notifications, or educational snippets regarding court operations shall be generated and distributed exclusively via the authorized and designated official Media Cell or relevant section of the High Court / District Court or authorised personnel only. No individual judicial officer, official, and Class-IV employee may act as an independent publisher of institutional work.
6. **Disciplinary Strictness:** Any violation identified or reported to the Registry will instantly lead to the initiation of disciplinary proceedings under the Allahabad High Court Officers and Staff (Conditions of Service and Conduct) Rules, 1976 or the Uttar Pradesh State District Court Service Rules, 2013 read along with the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956.
7. **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.

All the Officers, Officials and Employees of High Court, Allahabad and its Bench at Lucknow are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance of the aforementioned orders of Hon'ble the Chief Justice. Any non-compliance of the aforementioned prohibitions/ guidelines shall invite immediate disciplinary actions.

  
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**Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:**

1. The Chief Private Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
2. The Senior Registrar, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, Lucknow with the request to direct the concerned to circulate the above Office Memorandum amongst all the Officers, Officials and Employees working at Lucknow Bench.
3. All the Registrars/ Joint Registrars, High Court, Allahabad with the request to direct the concerned to circulate the above Office Memorandum amongst the officers/ officials and employees working under their supervision.
4. The Principal Private Secretary (Administration), High Court, Allahabad with the request to direct the concerned to circulate the above Office Memorandum amongst the Private Secretaries working under their supervision.

5. The Registrar-cum-Principal Bench Secretary, High Court, Allahabad with the request to direct the concerned to circulate the above Office Memorandum amongst the Bench Secretaries working under their supervision.
6. The Registrar (J)(Computer), High Court, Allahabad – with the request to direct the concerned officer/ official to upload the instant Office Memorandum on the Official website of High Court, Allahabad.
7. The J.R./D.R./A.R.-cum-P.S. to the Registrar General, High Court, Allahabad.
8. The Nodal Officer/ Co-Nodal Officer, Allahabad High Court Establishment Portal.
9. The C.D.O. - cum – Chief Librarian, High Court, Allahabad.
10. Notice Board for display.

  
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