

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

NOTICE

In continuation to the notice dated 06.06.2020 (copy annexed) and the Guidelines dated 30.05.2020 (copy annexed) regarding functioning of the High Court during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Allahabad High Court [AHC] has made the following arrangements for the facilitation of lawyers and litigants in person enabling them to participate in Court proceedings through video conferencing:-

1. Considering the continued gravity of the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic, AHC has decided to continue the system of enabling counsels to appear in virtual court hearings through the Video Conferencing [VC] mode if so desired. This facility is universally available to be availed by any lawyer/litigant in person.
2. **The above Scheme/Guidelines shall be applicable from 13.07.2020.**

ONSITE FACILITIES

3. At Gate No. 3A, 3B and 5 and in the Stadium Pavilion VC cubicles have been set up where lawyers may appear in their respective cases. Since these VC cubicles shall be run on the intranet of the AHC, they shall enable seamless VC hearings without the problems of internet connectivity or bandwidth issues.
4. The facility established above shall be able to cater to 30 simultaneous VC sessions during time slots earmarked for Courts separately.
5. Considering the limited number of cabins, a cabin may be used in different time slots for separate sessions of video conferencing for different Courts.
6. The details of specific Court Rooms and their respective time slots will be mentioned outside each cabin and also published on the web portal of the AHC.

OFFSITE FACILITIES

IDENTIFIED eSEWA KENDRAS: -

7. Additionally, VC cubicles at the *identified eSewa Kendras (Annexure 1)* have also been earmarked and exclusively set apart for AHC hearings enabling lawyers to participate in virtual hearings at the Kendra closest to their residence/office without having to travel to the AHC premises.
8. The above facilities are in addition to the existing facility extended to lawyers to avail the facility of video conferencing through their mobile phone/laptop/desktop from their residence or office as the case may be.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

9. Video conferencing facility for the hearing of a particular case can be availed either **onsite** [i.e., facilities set up at Gates 3A, 3B, 5 or the Stadium Pavilion] or **offsite** [residence/office/designated eSewa Kendra]. *The site map with details of designated Courts, Gate/Cubicle number wise is attached as Annexure 2.*
10. If in a particular matter, AHC receives competing requests for onsite/offsite VC hearings, the onsite facilities established and referred to above may be utilized unless counsels for parties subsequently and in such a situation convey their consent to avail of offsite facilities.
11. In partial modification to the notice dated 06.06.2020, it is clarified that the request/option for video conferencing facility onsite or offsite must necessarily be lodged online on the link available on the official website of the High Court not later than by 1.00 P.M., one day before the date of hearing. The request must also specifically mention whether the lawyer/litigant in person proposes to avail of the VC facility **onsite** or **offsite**. The email id (request_vc_alld@allahabadhighcourt.in) provided earlier for sending request for joining court proceedings through Video-Conferencing shall discontinue.

12. If option for video-conferencing is not exercised or filed within the time specified above, any subsequent exercise of option will necessarily mean that the matter shall not be taken up that day and shall be taken up on such future date, which the court concerned may fix/indicate.
13. Since the VC facility is entitled to be availed of by all lawyers who convey an option in that regard, no separate order of a Court need be sought and all such requests shall be entertained.
14. It is clarified and made known to all that the weblinks for VC hearings shall be generated and sent only to those lawyers who choose to participate in virtual hearings from **offsite facilities** indicated above. In case the lawyer chooses to participate in a virtual hearing from the **onsite facilities**, no link is required to be sent and he/she shall only be required to be present at the designated facility prior to the time slot allotted.
15. The headsets are available on the above **onsite facilities** for VC hearings. The same shall be sanitised on a regular basis. However, the lawyers are advised to bring their own headset considering the sanitization burden of the said equipment. Preferable Headset should be with single 3.5 mm jack working on UBUNTU operating system with noise cancelling mic to provide crystal-clear communication. Generally the Stereo headset with mic used with mobile phone is compatible.
16. In order to facilitate efficient VC sessions and bearing in mind the requirements of the software deployed, all lawyers are advised to download Google Chrome from the following link: -

https://www.google.com/chrome/?brand=CHBD&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0YD4BRD2ARIsAHwmKVknUJCxOIsgXCyy-XhlHt8lLcpc1w7vISwp8TDpcAuPFj_7UJ5oEIYaAhfxEALw_wcB&gelsrc=aw.ds

By order of the Court,

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06.07.2020

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eSeva Kendra Shorlisted in Prayagraj

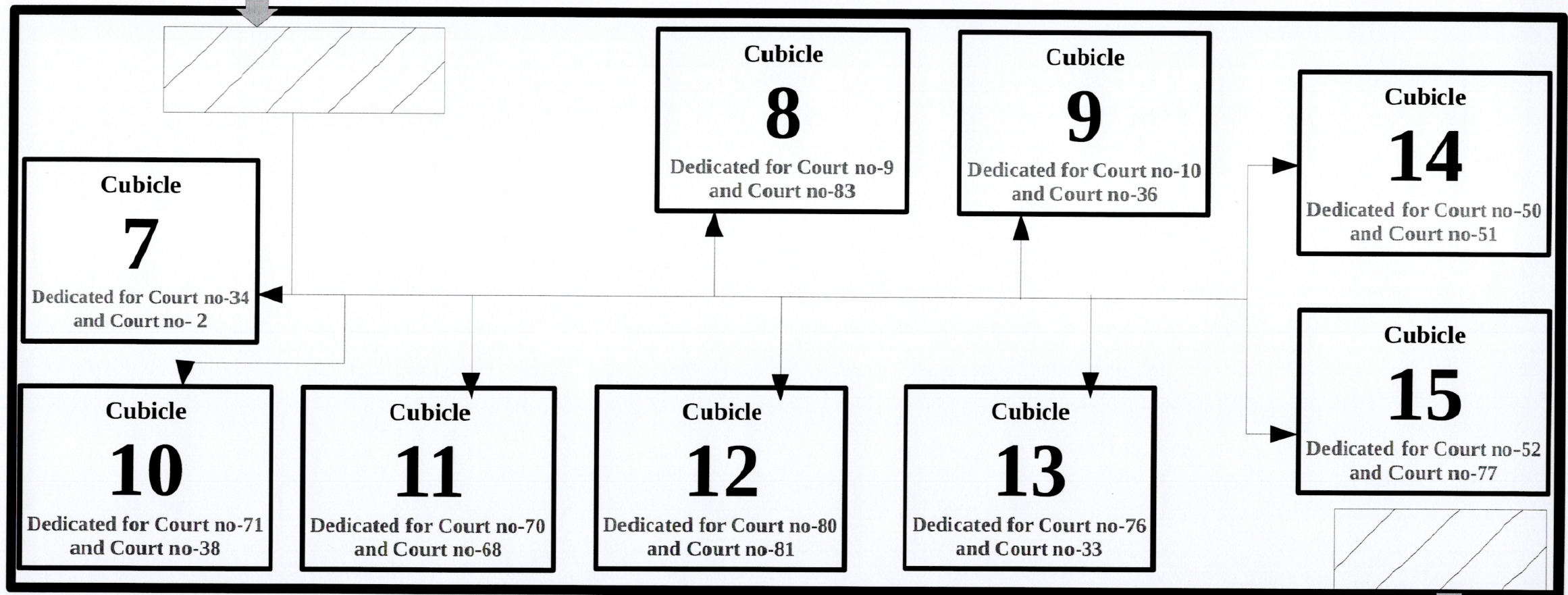
S. No.	eSeva Kendra name and Address	Facility	Coverage
1	Data live near Chhappan Bhog, Katra, Prayagraj City	Internet- 50 Mbps 4 Systems available	5-6 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
2	Priyanka Sahu Electrostak Centere near Bairana Datt Pull, Near CMP College, Prayagraj City	Internet- 100 Mbps 3-4 Systems available	6-8 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
3	IRD Computers, 4-V/6A, Vrindawan Colony, near District Court, (Near Building) Prayagraj City	FTTH-BSNL 2 Mbps 4 Systems available	7-10 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
4	NDICD eSeva Kendra, NSIC Campus, near Sangam Cinema Hall, Naini	FTTH-BSNL 2 Mbps 15 System available + Lab available	15 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
5	MA institue of Computer Educations, Mama Bhaja Talab, Naini	FTTH-Airtel 13 Systems available	12-13 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
6	Indiloves, near Pal Chauraha, 347EWS Awas Vikas Colongy, Yojna-II, Jhusi	FTTH-Airtel- 50 Mbps 10 Systems available	10 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
7	Swastic Institue of Training & Development Saket Nagar, Near Hari Sweets, Dhomanganj	BNSL- 10 Mbps 20 Systems available	20 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.

8	Sahaj Jan Seva Kendra, near Jagriti Chauraha, 80 FT Road, Kalindipuram	BSNL- 2 Mbps 6-7 Systems available	7 persons can do V.C. simultaneously.
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Gate-3A

ROAD

Ld. Counsel Entry Gate

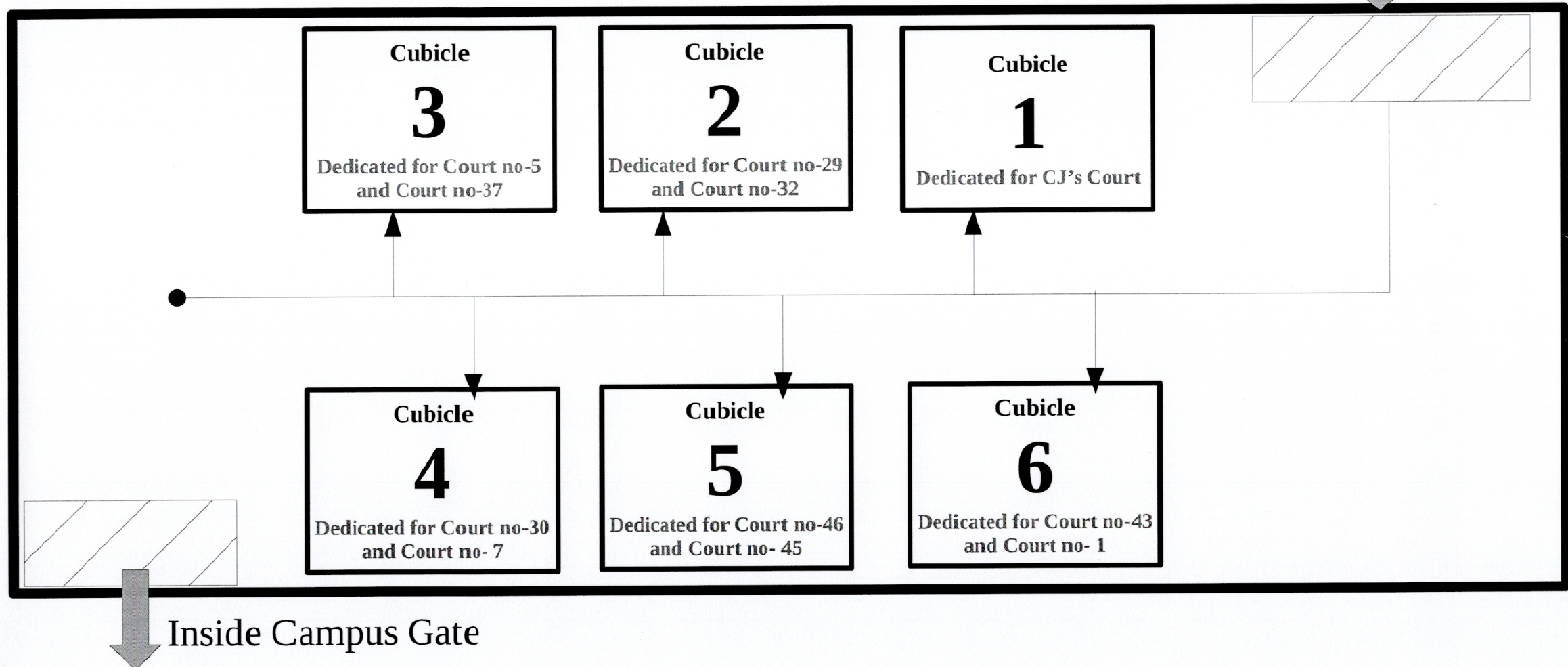


Inside Campus Gate

Gate-3B

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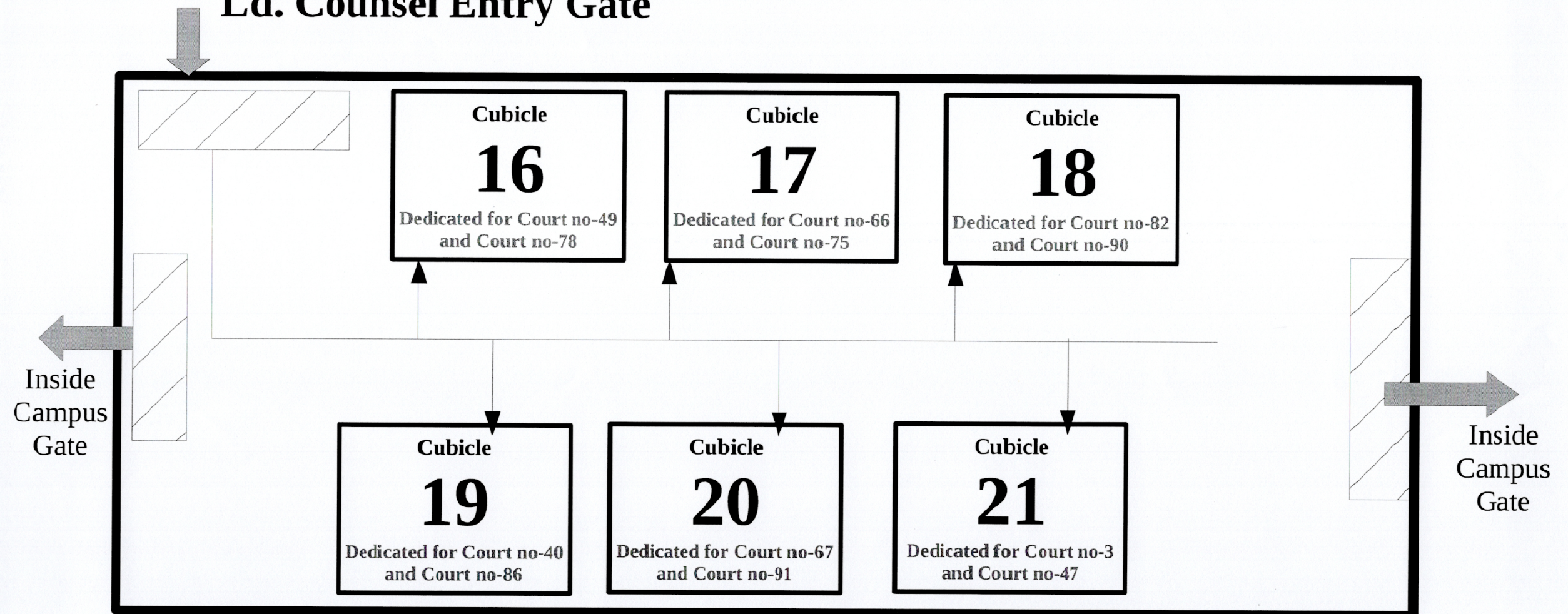
Ld. Counsel Entry Gate



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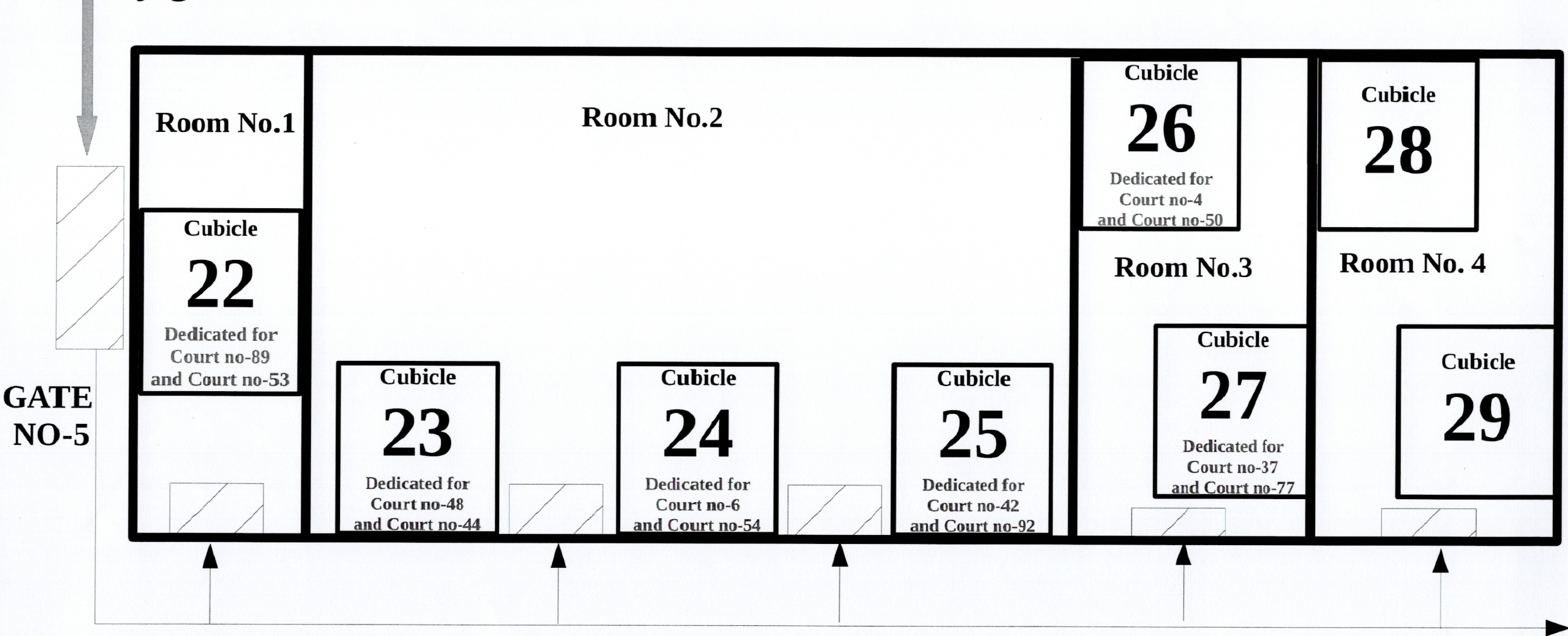
Ld. Counsel Entry Gate



Pavilion

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Entry gate for Ld. Advocates



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

NOTICE

In continuation to the guidelines dated 30.05.2020 (copy annexed) regarding functioning of High Court during Covid-19 pandemic, The Hon'ble Court has been pleased to create the email id on which any person desirous of joining Court proceeding through Video Conferencing shall have to send an email indicating his/her mobile number along with case details (Parties' Name, Nature of Case, Case Number, Year etc.) and his email id with a request for being provided a Video Conferencing link to enable him to join the Court proceedings. This email has to be lodged with the High Court not later than 8 P.M. one day before the date of hearing. The e-mail ids are as under:-

1). For Allahabad :- request_vc_alld@allahabadhighcourt.in

2). For Lucknow :- request_vc_lko@allahabadhighcourt.in

It is also clarified that the counsel on record/AGA/Counsel for the Respondent is not permitted to share the Video link with any other individual except with those who are disclosed as representing the party on the e-file/petition/application. Not more than two advocates for a party shall be permitted on the video platform of actual hearing.

Note:- The Video Conference Software works best on Google Chrome Browser.

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High Court of Judicature at Allahabad

Functioning of High Court during COVID-19

It has been decided to permit the physical filing of new cases before the High Court at Allahabad as well as Lucknow on all the working days from 03.06.2020.

In partial modification of direction / guidelines issued on 13.03.2020, 16.03.2020, 10.04.2020 and 22.05.2020 it is further stated:

1. The High Court will function as usual w.e.f. 08.06.2020. Till further orders, only the special Benches constituted shall remain operational.
2. The Hon'ble Judges and their supporting staff (Private Secretary, Bench Secretary, Peon etc.) in minimum required number will attend the High Court.
3. The sections of the Court will be opened as per the instructions issued by the Registrar General from time to time.
4. The Learned Advocates will file their Cases / Documents / Petitions / Applications in the Stamp Reporting Section and the Application Section which will function at the places separately notified for Allahabad and Lucknow.
5. Only those listed matters shall be listed in Hon'ble Courts, for which urgency applications filed through e-mode are allowed by the Hon'ble Court. Such matters shall be listed only in Additional Cause List.
6. The Stamp Reporting Section, till further order will not withhold any fresh file due to any defect and will place that before the Hon'ble Court concerned for appropriate orders.
7. The files will be sent from the sections to the Hon'ble Courts after proper sanitization.
8. The Learned Advocates will enter in the High Court through the gate separately notified for Allahabad and Lucknow campus.
9. Only those Learned Advocates will be granted entry in the High Court through E-Pass whose case(s) are to be taken by the Hon'ble Court(s).
10. The Learned Advocates aged 65 years or more may appear and argue the cases through video-conferencing as they would not be allowed to enter in the High Court as per the applicable protocol for lock-down.
11. The Chambers of Learned Advocates in the High Court Premises will not be opened. The sitting arrangement for Advocates shall be notified separately.

12. The Robes prescribed for the Hon'ble Judges and the Learned Lawyers shall remain suspended till further orders.
13. The Learned Advocates appearing in the Court must wear face cover / mask and shall adhere to all necessary conditions prescribed for social and physical distancing.
14. Not more than 6 (Six) Advocates will be permitted to remain in the court room at any given time.
15. The Learned Advocates shall leave the High Court immediately after hearing of their case(s).
16. The Learned Advocates residing in hot spot areas / containment zones shall not be allowed to enter in the Court campus and no document from them except through e-mode shall be accepted.
17. No person shall be allowed to enter in the High Court campus without observing all protocol necessary to maintain social and physical distancing.
18. Consumption of liquor, 'paan', 'gutka', tobacco inside the premises of the High Court will be prohibited and consumption of the same will attract punishment.
19. Spitting in the premises of the High Court is prohibited and will attract punishment.
20. Provision for thermal scanning, handwash and sanitizer will be made available at operational entry, exit points and in common area.
21. The Chief Medical & Health Officer, Prayagraj and Lucknow respectively shall arrange all necessary medical assistance and attendance in the High Court campus at Allahabad and Lucknow to meet any urgent medical eventuality.
22. Frequent sanitization of the premises of the High Court, common facilities and all points which come into human contact viz. door-knobs, chairs, tables etc. will be ensured.
23. No shops near the High Court shall be permitted to open and operate.
24. Parking of vehicles to be made as per existing arrangement i.e. outside the premises of the High Court but with proper social distancing measures.
25. All the guidelines issued by the Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding COVID-19 must be followed.

High Court of Judicature at Allahabad

Arrangement for functioning of High Court during COVID-19

(ANNEXURE)

In continuation of Order dated 28.05.2020, following arrangements are hereby made for ensuring smooth functioning of Courts -

1. The Lawyer shall be permitted to file fresh cases in e-mode or in physical form, without any urgency application, at counters as per following details -

Sl. No.	Particulars	Location of Counter
01.	Fresh files of Civil Cases will be received.	Gate Pass Section, adjacent to Polo Ground.
02.	Fresh files of Criminal Cases will be received.	Litigant Shed, Gate Pass Section, adjacent to Polo Ground.
03.	Misc. Applications, Counter Affidavits, Rejoinder Affidavits, Vakalatnama and other misc. documents will be received.	Litigant Shed, Gate Pass Section, adjacent to Polo Ground.

2. The requirement of affidavit in support of the facts averred the matter filed either through e-mode or in hard copy may be dispensed with on having satisfaction that -

(i) Litigant is not in a position to swear the same at Allahabad / Lucknow and on having an undertaking by the Advocate filing such petition / application / appeal memo etc. that whatever is stated is as per oral (telephonically or by any other device) / written instructions (in any form) given by his or her client.

(ii) During the lock-down period, the requirement of an affidavit / e-affidavit / scanned notary affidavit shall not be mandatory in the cases and in lieu thereof counsel shall have to submit the AADHAR Number, full details of the card holder like name, parentage, age and address, as also the mobile number linked to the AADHAR Card of the person wanting to act as a deponent in the matter along with a declaration that applicant / petitioner / pariokar is affirming the correctness of disclosure and averments made in the application / petition.

(iii) This waiver or relaxation of filing affidavit is subject to a proper affidavit being filed in hard copy within a period of one month from the date the lock-down is lifted.

3. At least 05 (five) Counters will function outside the premises of the High Court to charge Court Fee through e-mode.
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. Only those Advocates whose case(s) are to be taken by the Court(s) will use following gates for entering in the High Court-

Gate	Building	Courts
Gate No. 3	Main Building	Chief Justice's Court, Court Nos. 01 to 40, Court Nos. 58 to 63
Gate No. 1	New Building	Court Nos. 41 to 55
Gate No. 1	30 Court Rooms Building	Court Nos. 64 to 93

6. The facility of hearing cases through video conferencing shall be provided on asking by the Advocate.
7. If any party desires to appear in person then the only mode would be through video conferencing.
8. The Staff of the High Court will enter through Gate No. 3-B.
9. The Advocates and the Staff will not be permitted to roam in the Hon'ble Judges' Corridor / Gallery (Ground Floor and First Floor).
10. The Chambers and the Canteens of the Advocates and the Employees' Canteen situated in the High Court Premises will remain closed.