

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SONITPUR**  
**AT TEZPUR**

**ORDER**  
**10.01.2022**

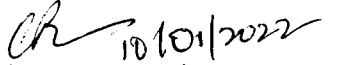
In pursuant to Hon'ble Gauhati High Court Notification No. 03 dated 06.01.2022 and in pursuant to the discussion of the meeting dated 07.01.2021 with the representatives of Tezpur Bar Association and other Stake holders of the Court and keeping in mind the alarming rate of increase of COVID-19 positive cases in every nook and corner of the Country, the following guidelines are issued for functioning of Courts under District Judiciary, Sonitpur.

- 1) Cases may be heard in virtual / hybrid mode as per the convenience of the concerned Presiding Officer.
- 2) Time slots may be fixed by the concerned Presiding Officer for taking up cases in order to avoid overcrowding in the Court premises.
- 3) All the UTPS may be produced through video conferencing except first production and recording of statement u/s 164 of the Cr.P.C.
- 4) The pending cases against MPs / MLAs may be taken up through video conferencing as far as practicable.
- 5) The evidence of M.O. / I.O. may be recorded through video conferencing.
- 6) Entry inside the Court premises shall be restricted. Only lawyers / litigants whose presence is necessary and Court staff shall be permitted to enter the Court premises on production of final COVID vaccination certificate.
- 7) Non-vaccinated / partially vaccinated lawyers / litigants / Court staff shall be permitted to enter the Court premises only after the production of a negative RT-PCR test report not older than 48 hours.
- 8) Wearing of face masks and maintaining social distancing shall be mandatory.
- 9) A register shall be maintained in the entry point recording the name, address and phone number of every outsider entering the Court premises.
- 10) The senior most Judicial Officer or the SDJM in the sub-divisions, as the case may be shall convene a meeting with the representatives of the Bar to work out the modalities regarding seating arrangements in the Bar rooms to avoid overcrowding or any other measures for preventing the spread of COVID - 19.

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11) Canteen inside the Court premises shall operate in a restricted mode with only take away facility.

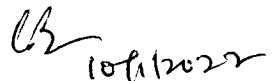
Inform all concerned.

  
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Memo No: DJ (S) 175-192. Dated: Tezpur, the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2022

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Sonipur, Tezpur.
2. The Addl. District and Sessions Judge, FTC, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
3. The Addl. District and Sessions Judge, FTC, Biswanath Chariali.
4. The Civil Judge & Asstt. Sessions Judge, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
5. The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sonitpur, Tezpur. He is requested to communicate all the Judicial Officers under his jurisdiction.
6. The Secretary, DLSA, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
7. The Secretary, DLSA, Biswanath, Tezpur.
8. The Munsiff No. 1, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
9. The Munsiff No. 2, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
10. The President/Secretary, Tezpur Bar Association, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
11. The President/ Secretary, Tezpur Advocate Association.
12. The President/ Secretary, Biswanath Chariali Bar Association, Biswanath, Sonitpur.
13. The President/ Secretary, Gohpur, Lawyers Association, Gohpur, Sonitpur.
14. All Staff of Sonitpur District Judiciary.
15. The System Officer, Sonitpur, Tezpur. He is requested to upload the order in the official website of the District Judiciary.
16. The Manager, Staff Association Canteen, Tezpur, Sonitpur.
17. Notice Board.
18. Office File.

  
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