

## THE ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION, BENGALURU (Regd.)

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The General Body of the Advocates Association, Bangalore, in its meeting held at High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore Bench, on 18-11-2025, at Association Hall No. 1, discussed the grievances of Advocates and unanimously passed the following resolutions: -

- The members discussed and decided that the 8 weeks cycle of rotation system of Roaster of Judges of High Court now prevalent since a long time must be retained and the Bar opposes any change in the said system.
- It was also decided that the Hon'ble chief Justice of Karnataka must honor the practices of Karnataka High Court existing since a long time.
- It was unanimously resolved that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India collegium must stop imposing judges of other high courts into Karnataka High Court. The

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transfer policy has resulted in the greatest injustice to Karnataka High Court with highest number of incoming transfers to Karnataka. This was seriously opposed by the General Body.

- 4. It was also discussed and unanimously resolved by the general body that there must compulsorily be one Karnataka judge/ or judges in the Karnataka High Court collegium. The local State composition in the collegium is very essential.
- 5. The general body discussed the issue of non-recruitment of judges from the Bar. Since direct recruitment of judges has been kept on hold for a long time, steps must be taken to pick "efficient persons" and "Persons with Integrity" from the Bar for elevation with representation to all sections of society.

It is highly unfortunate that with the lack of recruitment by earlier collegiums the Service of an entire crop of generation of Efficient and Able lawyers is denied to the institution. We hope steps would be taken in this regard.

- 6. The general body also expressed concern over the deficient strength of Judges at Karnataka High Court and it is demanded to the Union of India and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India that the strength of judges for Karnataka be raised to 100 for Bangalore, Dharwad and Gulbarga Benches collectively to cope with the Rising numbers in litigation and the pendency.
- 7. It was also decided to request the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Karnataka and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka to RELOCATE OUR HIGH COURT TO "The Race Course grounds" or "PALACE GROUNDS" or any place "WITHIN Central District of Bangalore" and build a "State-of-the-Art High Court" with Ultra-modern amenities and Parking and Court Halls AND Chambers for Lawyers. The effort of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Karnataka Justice Vibhu Bhakru in this regard to initiate such a move for the future was noted by the general body.
- 8. The bar members raised serious concerns on the approach of Hon'ble



Justices Jayant Banerjee and Hon'ble Justice DK Singh and the manner in which court proceedings are being conducted.

It was widely felt that they had to be more courteous to Advocates and were not accommodating Reasonable requests of Advocates. Expressing serious displeasure over these issues, the general body has decided to raise these issues with the learned Judges and the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Karnataka and also to write and appraise the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.

9. The general body also noted the necessity to bring total transparency in the functioning of Trial Judiciary in Karnataka as there were growing concerns of corruption in the Trial Courts across Karnataka.

It was felt that the High Court Administration has to act against such errant officers in this regard and immediate action was demanded. It was noted that nothing much was being done in this regard.



10. The delay in daily cause list notification was noted with great concern by the general body.

Final cause lists don't get updated till late 9 pm to 9:30 pm every day greatly inconveniencing lawyers and seriously affecting their health.

It was unanimously decided that final cause lists must be updated before 6 30 pm latest each day from January 1st 2026.

11. Due to lack of seated dining space for lawyers to have their lunch in Karnataka High Court it was noted that it was unfortunate this is the only High Court in India without a seated canteen facility.

The reason for this was the attempt at using the reserved, canteen facility and modern meant for lawyers by the registry in the first and mezzanine floors.

This building was originally conceived for canteen purposes and could not be diverted to the said use. It was unanimously resolved adjacent to high court be restored in all floors for its reserved purpose of "canteen for lawyers" and litigants and all the registry offices be shifted immediately to a different space. Diverting the space reserved for canteen is not in accordance with the sanction plan and the Bar expresses its serious displeasure over this.

It was also resolved that if this issue and issue no 10 of cause list updating were not resolved lawyers would resort to dharana

12. Urgent measures must be taken by the government of Karnataka for the expansion of parking due to ever growing number of advocates and litigants.

Also, it was decided to reserve PARKING in the parking areas behind high court for selfdriven cars of Advocates only and all driver driven cars must compulsorily move out of the premises to accommodate self-driven cars.

13. The general body expressed serious concerns regarding posting of matters. It was found that matters were not being posted despite repeated MEMOS BEING MOVED BEFORE COURT. It was decided to request the Hon'ble Chief Justice to direct Registry authorities to take action in this regard and to post all memos.

Auto listing system is also not active. It was also found that the practice of court officers assigning dates for moved memos was leading to dates being allotted as per their whims and learned judges must regulate this issue.

Also, it was noted that few Judges of High Court do not give dates for urgent matters. Judges must be requested to give dates for urgent matters and entertain mentioning urgent matters and not leave it to the Court Officers. Mentioning for urgency is the practice even in the Apex Court and is entertained to meet the ends of justice.

14. With the flood of Judges from other High Courts it is seen that lawyers and litigants are put to great difficulty by the need to provide translations. It was decided that



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High Court must provide for translators to help litigants and also to permit the Advocates Association Bangalore to keep translation kiosks.

15. While it is noteworthy that judges are working overtime to fulfill and complete the daily lists it is requested that after 4 45 pm final hearing or B group matters may be taken up with the consent of both sides and if both sides are available.

The above resolutions were passed unanimously by the General Body of the Advocates' Association Bengaluru, in its meeting held on 18-11-2025 at 1:30 PM at Association Hall No.1, High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru Bench.

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