



**Hon'ble Shri Justice Ashish Naithani  
Judge, High Court of Uttarakhand.**

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I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Uttarakhand Judges Association for organising this monumental conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2025 at Doon University, Dehradun. This event marks a transformative moment, turning a dormant idea into a vibrant platform for dialogue, growth, and solidarity.

Before my elevation, when I was serving as the Registrar General of the Hon'ble Uttarakhand High Court, an unfortunate incident shook the entire judicial fraternity of the state. It was the untimely demise of our brother colleague, the then Additional District Judge Laksar, late Shri Arvind Nath Tripathi. The irony was that, despite our deep sense of loss, we were unable to provide any institutional support to his family, as the Uttarakhand Judicial Association had remained defunct for nearly two decades. This tragic event served as a wake-up call, bringing us all together with a renewed determination to revive the association. My team of registrars, alongside senior judicial officers of the state, worked tirelessly towards this goal—and the rest, as they say, is history.

The revival of the Uttarakhand Judicial Association is a significant achievement and a testament to the shared vision of the judicial fraternity. Re-established after years of dormancy, the



association now stands as a crucial support system for judicial officers and their families, particularly in moments of need. It provides a unified platform to address challenges, safeguard rights, and promote collective well-being.

Guided by the "Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct," the association embodies the highest standards of judicial integrity, independence, and propriety.

Upholding these principles is vital to reinforcing public confidence in the judiciary and ensuring fairness and justice.

As vigilant guardians of equality and justice, the association should continue to foster unity within the judicial community. It must promote a culture where no judicial officer feels unsupported or marginalised while actively combating bias and upholding the rule of law.

Looking ahead, this association has the potential to strengthen the bonds of fraternity among judicial officers further and advance the ideals of justice and fairness.

I encourage all members to contribute actively to its mission, ensuring its continued growth and relevance.



As the association celebrates its revival through this conference, let it serve as a call to action for all judicial officers to uphold the values that define our judiciary and inspire excellence in service to the nation.

I wish this conference success and the association's enduring contributions to the judicial community and society at large.

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