

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	<u>17.04.2025</u>		<p>WPMB No. 96 of 2025 With WPPIL No. 31 of 2012 WPPIL No. 83 of 2023 WPPIL No. 178 of 2023 WPPIL No. 209 of 2023 WPMB No. 93 of 2025 WPMB No. 98 of 2025 WPMB No. 101 of 2025</p> <p><u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Shiv Pandey, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPMB no. 96 of 2025. 2. Mr. Karthik Jayashankar, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPPIL No. 31 of 2012. 3. Ms. Medha Pande, learned <i>Amicus Curiae</i>. 4. Ms. Shruti Joshi, petitioner-in-person in WPPIL No. 209 of 2023. 5. Mr. Vipul Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPMB No. 93 of 2025 & 98 of 2025. 6. Mr. Nikhil Bhatt, learned counsel for the petitioner in WPMB No. 101 of 2025. 7. Mr. C.S. Rawat, learned Chief Standing Counsel with Mr. Gajendra Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel for the State. 8. Mr. Manoj Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India in WPPIL No. 31 of 2012. 9. Mr. D.S. Patni, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Mr. B.S. Bisht, learned counsel for respondent Nagar Palika.

		<p>10. Ms. Mamta Bisht, learned Counsel for the Kumaon University.</p> <p>11. Mr. Jagdish Singh Bisht, learned counsel for the IIM.</p> <p>12. We have heard the Director, IIM Kashipur, and his team, who have been tasked by the Inspector General of Police, Kumaon Range for drawing up an action plan to dissipate the problem created by uncontrolled traffic in the hills of Nainital and the adumbral problems and issues created by the unregulated flow of vehicles.</p> <p>13. The Director has assured the Court that by Monday, he would draw a list of agencies whose coordination, in his opinion, is required for coming up with a long term and sustainable remedial measures, hence, the Director shall place the list of such agencies before this Court on the next date of hearing on 21.04.2025.</p> <p>14. In the interregnum, we have also directed the S.P.(Traffic), Nainital District Dr. Jagdish Chandra, who is present before the Court, to immediately target motor vehicles which have been parked for a long period of time, and have them towed, and kept at a separate place. We also permit the Traffic Department to collect such towing charges, and we also permit the</p>
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Nagar Palika / Zila Panchayat to collect such parking charges if the land of the Nagar Palika or the Zila Panchayat is utilized to park the towed vehicles.

15. Learned counsel Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh has filed an intervention application (I.A. No. 17291 of 2025) in WPPIL No. 31 of 2012 on behalf of certain senior citizens who are plying their trade in a particular part of Nainital, and has produced photographs which would show that a place which was earlier frequented by tourists, has been reduced to shambles by the indiscriminate parking of bike - taxis and others. The learned counsel would also submit that the nuisance has been escalated to such an extent that in the evening youngsters and others consume liquor, and even urinate in the open, leading to embarrassment to the applicants and also to the visitors who visit their shops.

16. Dr. Jagdish Chandra, S.P. (Traffic), Nainital District is directed to visit the said area and chalk out a plan to difuse the situation.

17. We further direct the State Government to explore allocation of land for designated parking place for the bike taxis, and the bike taxis may have a booth set up near the central parts of the town or in such other parts where people

wishing to engage the services of a bike taxi may make a booking, and the bike taxis may be summoned by the booth attendant by a P.A. system. In this way, the livelihood of the bike taxis would not be harmed and it would also ameliorate the conditions of the traders.

18. Impleadment Application (I.A. No. 02 of 2025) filed in WPMB No. 96 of 2025 is allowed. The petitioner is permitted to amend the cause title and bring on record the Hotelier Association.

19. Learned counsel Mr. Piyush Garg accepts notice on behalf of the Hotelier Association.

20. The learned counsel Mr. Piyush Garg shall furnish the data regarding the number of hotels, the bed capacity and the parking capacity of each hotel separately.

21. List the matter on 21.04.2025.

22. Order to be transmitted to the counsels in their respective E-mail IDs.

(Alok Mahra, J.)
17.04.2025

(G. Narendar, C.J.)
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