



Uttarakhand High Court Asks Government for Relocation

Why in News?

The **Uttarakhand High Court** has directed the Uttarakhand State Government to locate a **new site for moving its operations out of Nainital** within a month, stating that this move is in the best interest of the public.

Key Points

- The court also **directed the Registrar General to create a portal to take suggestions** from advocates and the general public on the issue.
- On the **state government's earlier proposal** for shifting the **High Court to Gaulapar in Haldwani**, the high court observed that the land earmarked for the purpose had 75% forest cover and construction in the area would lead to deforestation.
 - The high court also made a few recommendations for the kind of land required for its relocation and facilities, including proper **accommodation for judges, judicial officers, staff and court rooms.**
 - The high court's **decision to shift its premises** has drawn a lot of resistance by the bar association.

Bar Council of India

- **About:**
 - The Bar Council of India is a **statutory body** created by Parliament under the **Advocates Act, 1961** to regulate and represent the Indian bar.
- **Regulatory Functions:**
 - Prescribing **standards of professional conduct** and etiquette for advocates.
 - Establishing procedures for disciplinary actions.
 - Setting standards for legal education in India and recognizing qualifying law degrees.
- **Other Responsibilities:**
 - Protecting the **rights, privileges, and interests of advocates.**
 - Organising legal aid for the underprivileged.
 - Conducting elections for Bar Council members.
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