



# 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.
  - To deal with and dispose of any matter which may be referred to it by a State Bar Council.