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**CHIEF JUSTICE**  
HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND

Nainital - 263001  
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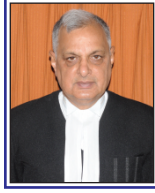
### **MESSAGE**

I am happy to learn that the 'Uttarakhand Judicial and Legal Academy' is going to launch a Journal, namely, "UJALA Judicial & Legal Review". The Academy, in addition to Judicial Officers, is imparting legal knowledge from time to time to the Officers of State, who discharge quasi judicial functions. It is also training Prosecutors and Government Advocates.

I hope and trust that the Academy on having full infrastructure, would expand its activities further; the Journal, would bring out such information pertaining to the Judicial Academy of the State, which would make the people aware of the functioning of the Academy and the Journal would also make an endeavor to place on record all facts pertaining to the Academy, which people must know.

I wish all success to the proposed Journal and all the best to its viewers.

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June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### MESSAGE

UJALA is the Academy established for training Judicial Officers of the State of Uttarakhand. It has done loudable job so far in improving efficiency of the members of the subordinate judiciary of the State. Apart from conducting Induction Courses for new entrants in the Uttarakhand Higher Judicial Service and Uttarakhand Nyayik Sewa, Refresher Courses are also run from time to time to update the knowledge of law of those officers who have spent enough time doing their work in the courts.

Special emphasis is given on character building of the judicial officers in the premises of UJALA. Honesty, boldness in taking decisions and work culture are the most important qualities required for administering the justice.

It is heartening to note that the Academy is starting publication of its journal - "UJALA: Judicial & Legal Review".

I hope the journal would serve long way in achieving goal of the Academy.

With best wishes.

(Prafulla C. Pant)

## A GIANT LEAP FORWARD



*U. C. Dhyani*

A magnificent building may be constructed with the help of brick, mortar, cement and iron, backed by budgetary allocation, but the task of infusing life into the same is much more difficult than is usually perceived. The vision and missionary zeal of great patriarchs of Uttarakhand Judiciary made it possible to put soul and infuse life into the skeleton and flesh of the institution christened as 'UJALA'. 'Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, where knowledge is free... into that country of freedom, my father, let my country awake' can best be epitomized in UJALA, where not only knowledge/skill oriented training is imparted, but the time tested judicial values are also tried to be inculcated amongst the participants. The emphasis is on value based programmes on attitudinal change, best suited to the needs of district judiciary. In the formative years, the thrust was on training, research and personality development, the bare minimum infrastructure notwithstanding. Optimum utilization of available resources was ensured by inviting the participants from amongst other wings of the Government, viz., Senior Police Officers, Medical Officers, Senior Officers of Education and Excise Department, District Govt. Counsel, to recall only a few of them.

An institution is evaluated on the basis of its activities. The conferences on 'Recent Advancements in the Field of Forensic Science', 'Cyber Crimes & Cyber Laws,' 'Don't Litigate, But Arbitrate' etc. were organized in collaboration with MHA, Min. of IT, Govt. of India within first few months of its establishment, followed by other symposia and seminars on variety of subjects, to serve a timely reminder to the stakeholders of justice dispensation system. The first two Induction Training Programmes for Civil Judges (Jr. Div.) & H.J.S. Officers were mega events, followed by Orientation & Refresher Programmes. The Governing Council is the apex decision making body of the Academy, with Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Uttarakhand as its Patron-in-Chief, one of the Hon'ble Judge to be nominated by Hon'ble the Chief Justice as member, alongwith two other Hon'ble Judges as special invitees and senior officers of the bureaucracy, among others. Until now the Academy has organized a good

number of programmes and many more are in the pipeline. Many buildings, including guest house, hostels, mess, Director's residence and auditorium have come up in the sprawling campus, which is situated in the lap of local deity of justice. List of resource persons includes eminent personalities from different streams.

“UJALA-Judicial & Legal Review” is not only a mouthpiece of the activities of the Academy, but also includes the experience-sharing articles contributed by the members of the judicial fraternity. The decision to begin the publication of the same by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Barin Ghosh, the paterfamilias of State Judiciary, will herald a new era in the short, but impressive history of Uttarakhand Judiciary. It will prove to be a giant leap forward in the intellectual growth of the Academy.

July 12, 2013

Justice U.C. Dhyani

Editor-in-Chief