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Chief Justice (Acting)



High Court at Calcutta

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My Dear Judicial Officers,

I am deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Late Soumendra Nath Roy, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, North 24 Parganas. I bestow heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members of Late Soumendra Nath Roy.

Our civilization is passing through a testing time and in the battle with the deadly virus we have lost 3 High Court Judges and 34 Judicial Officers though out the Country. As per the available data, 106 Judges of the High Courts, 2768 Judicial Officers are tested Covid-19 positive so far and the number is soaring high. I wish early recovery to all the Judicial Officers who are affected by the contagion.

I am proud that despite the havoc created by Covid-19 pandemic all of you have stood strong. It is because of the determination shown by the Judicial Officers we have been able to administer justice in this tumultuous time. Judiciary is the third strongest pillar of democracy and you have been able to keep the doors of justice open even in this most difficult time. Judicial Officers, at the grass root level are the edifice of the judicial system where 80% of litigation and the litigants are dealt with.

Please keep in mind that in this fight against the deadly virus you are not alone, the High Court is standing solid behind you.

Please take good care of yourself, the staff working with you and your family members, maintain all Covid protocols and do not hesitate to communicate with the High Court for any support or guidance that you may require.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Of the State of West Bengal &
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