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Message

The Supreme Court of Bangladesh continues to uphold the Rule of Law and safeguard the constitutional rights of every citizen, it is essential to reflect on the constitutional authority and binding nature of our judgments and orders, particularly as they pertain to the District Judiciary. This is critical for maintaining the consistency, uniformity, and integrity of our judicial system.

Article 111 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh empowers the Supreme Court, to interpret the Constitution and provide authoritative decisions on legal matters. Article 111 provides- "The law declared by the Appellate Division shall be binding on the High Court Division and the law declared by either division of the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts subordinate to it." This provision embodies the principle of judicial hierarchy and ensures that the Supreme Court, as the apex judicial body, provides a uniform interpretation of the law. It is the responsibility of every court, from the District Court to the highest appellate forums, to follow the judicial precedents established by the Supreme Court.

The binding nature of Supreme Court decisions ensures that there is no room for judicial dissonance or inconsistency in the interpretation and application of the law across various levels of the judiciary. This is not merely a procedural obligation; it is a reflection of the deep commitment to the legal certainty and the judicial discipline.

The District Judges and Judicial Magistrates, therefore, must approach their duties with the knowledge that their decisions must align with the interpretative guidance provided by the Supreme Court. The judgments handed down by the Appellate Division, and in some instances the High Court Division, offer a legal compass, ensuring that the District Judiciary remains aligned with the constitutional vision and the evolving jurisprudence of the Supreme Court.

It is not simply an expectation but a constitutional requirement that the District Judiciary adheres to and implements the rulings and interpretations laid down by the higher courts. When the District Judiciary follows the binding precedents set by the Supreme Court, it ensures judicial unity and legal consistency. This, in turn, fosters public trust in the judicial process and strengthens the Rule of Law in our society.

In recent years, the legal landscape has witnessed significant changes, driven by technological advancements and evolving societal norms. The integration of technology into the legal profession has transformed the way we access and interpret legal information. Supreme Court Online Bulletin (SCOB) is a prime example of how technology can enhance transparency and accessibility. By providing a comprehensive repository of judgments and orders, SCOB empowers legal professionals, scholars, and the public to engage with the law in a meaningful way. SCOB serves not only as a repository of judgments but also as a bridge between the Supreme Court and the District Judiciary. It ensures that legal practitioners,

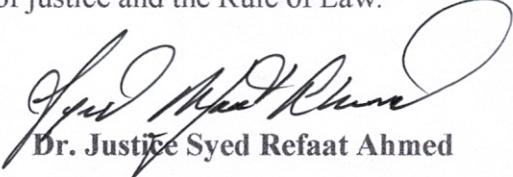
judges, and stakeholders across the country are kept informed of the latest development in case law.

By making Supreme Court judgments and orders accessible to all, SCOB plays a pivotal role in ensuring that these decisions are not only obeyed but are also effectively implemented at the district level. The District Judiciary, with access to these decisions, can thus ensure consistency in judgments and uphold the principles of justice as articulated by the highest courts of the land.

It is also crucial to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the editorial team, researchers, and all those involved in the publication of SCOB. Their dedication and hard work ensure that the bulletin remains a reliable and authoritative source of legal information. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them for their invaluable contributions.

As we look to the future, let us reaffirm our commitment to justice, transparency, and accountability. Let us strive to build a judiciary that is not only fair and impartial but also responsive to the needs of our society. In doing so, we will uphold the values enshrined in our Constitution and ensure that justice is accessible to all. I commend the efforts of all members of the judiciary, from the highest court to the grassroots, for their tireless dedication to justice. Let us continue to work together to preserve the Rule of Law and ensure that justice is not only done but is seen to be done. May the year ahead bring continued progress to our judicial system, and may we all remain firm in our commitment to justice, fairness, and equality.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the significance of the Supreme Court Online Bulletin in promoting transparency and fostering a deeper understanding of our legal system. Let us continue to work together to uphold the principles of justice and the Rule of Law.



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