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I would like to apprise you of the significant events relating to the Department of Justice for the month of May, 2021.

1. Appointment of Acting Chief Justice in High Court:

Acting Chief Justice was appointed in the High Court of Chhattisgarh vide notification dated 24.05.2021.

2. Appointment of Permanent Judges in High Courts:

Sixteen(16) Additional Judges were appointed as Permanent Judges in various High Courts viz. Uttarakhand(01), Kerala(05) and Bombay(10) vide notifications dated 24.05.2021, 25.05.2021 and 27.05.2021 respectively.

3. Appointment of Additional Judge in High Court:

One Additional Judge was appointed in Punjab and Haryana High Court vide notification dated 24.05.2021.

4. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development:

A Video Conference meeting with RGs of all High Courts and Law/ Home Secretaries of all State Governments was held on 10th,11th,12th,13th, and on 17th May, 2021 to review preparations and implementation strategy including geo-tagging.

5. Fast Track Special Courts(FTSCs):

A review meeting over video conferencing was held on 28/5/2021 with the Law Secretary of all State Governments and the Registrar General of all High Courts regarding progress made in the operationalisation of FTSCs including case disposal position and revised procedure of fund release.

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6. Phase II of the eCourts Mission Mode Project:

- A review meeting over VC was held with High Courts on 21.05.2021 to monitor progress of implementation of eCourts project including fund utilisation.
- Electronic Case Management Tool for Judges/Judicial Officers provided on the Android based JustIS mobile application has now been launched on iOS. This will add to efficiency in court management besides adding to convenience of Judicial Officers.
- The eCommittee, Supreme Court of India, has framed Model Rules for Live-streaming and Recording of Court proceedings and forwarded to all High Courts before finalisation. This is going to be a big step in fostering greater transparency, inclusivity and access to proceedings on real time basis in matters of public interest for citizens.
- The eCourts Services App is presently being used by more than 58 lakhs Advocates. The e-Committee, Supreme Court of India has now issued User Manual for e-Courts Services Mobile Application in 14 regional languages including Hindi and English. Moreover, as part of training Advocates on eCourts, an outreach programme covering 9400 Advocates was conducted by Madhya Pradesh High Court.

7. Ease of Doing Business:

- Department of Justice has created online portal to capture data on "Arbitration and Mediation Centres annexed to the Commercial Courts" on its website for periodical uploading by all High Courts.
- All High Courts have been requested by Department of Justice to provide clearance to State Governments to enable integration of NJDG and eCourts with land record and registration database. Already 8 States have received the necessary permission from their respective High Courts.

8. Tele-Law:

Legal advice was provided to 94,364 persons which included 32,579 Women, 28,892 Scheduled Castes, 22,143 Scheduled Tribes and 24,366 OBC beneficiaries. Total 8,83,180 advice were enabled till 31st May, 2021. 65 training and follow up sessions were conducted in 15 States in which 3,523 VLEs/PLVs participated.

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9. Nyaya Bandhu (ProBono Legal Services):

160 new lawyers registered on the Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Till date, a total of 2739 lawyers have registered under this programme.

10. Access to Justice in North East and UT of J&K and Ladakh:

Jammu & Kashmir State Legal Services Authority organised 19 online legal awareness programmes on selected laws benefitting 5,090 persons and Covid-19 relief services were rendered to 2,209 persons.

11. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

Jharkhand SLISA launched a project 'Shishu Sadaiv Twaya Sah' (for children who have lost both parents or the sole parent to the pandemic Covid-19) with an objective to identify and assist Covid-orphaned children in getting their entitlements under various welfare schemes announced by the Central/State Government.

12. Non-compliance of ACC directions:

NIL.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
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