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Department of Justice

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of January, 2022 in respect of  
Department of Justice**

The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of January, 2022.

**1. National Award for e-Governance 2020-21**

- The eCourts project of the Department of Justice and eCommittee of Supreme Court of India was conferred the National Gold Award for Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions.

**2. Tableau at Republic Day Parade 2022**

- National Legal Service Authority (NALSA) organised a Tableau during Republic Day parade 2022 which depicted the robust functioning of Lok Adalats and its 5 Principles-Being Accessible, Definitive, Affordable, Equitable and Timely - Justice for all. "Ek Mutthi Aasman" was the theme of Tableau of NALSA showcasing inclusive legal aid and justice delivery system.

**3. Working Group Meetings**

- Second Joint Working Group meeting was held virtually between India and Bangladesh in the field of Judicial Cooperation held on 11.01.2022.
- First Joint Working Group meeting was held virtually between India and Tunisia in the field of Judicial Cooperation held on 13.01.2022.

**4. Fast Track of Special Courts (FTSCs)**

- A review meeting through Video Conferencing on the Scheme of setting up/operationalization of Fast Track Special Courts and implementation of the revised procedure for the release of funds as per DoE's PFMS was held on 07.01.2022, 17.01.2022, 21.01.2022, 24.01.2022 and 27.01.2022. The meeting was held individually with each State/UT. All the States/UTs showed their concurrence towards complying with the guidelines and shared the different stages at which they are.
- As a result of continuous follow up with the States/UT & High Courts 700 FTSCs including 383 exclusive POCSO courts are operational in 27



States/UTs and as per inputs received on the online dash board, 73627 cases were disposed by these FTSCs up to December, 2021

#### **5. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II**

- 2 more Virtual Courts were started during the month thus increasing the number of Virtual Courts to 17, operational in 13 States.
- The following digitization initiatives were inaugurated during the month:
  - Under the jurisdiction of High Court of Kerala an e-filing Module was inaugurated for the High Court and entire State Judiciary. 6 courts rooms in High Court were converted as digital court rooms and 2 Magistrate Courts were made completely paperless.
  - eCourt Fees System with online payment for all the Courts started for the Gujarat State.
  - Justice Clock set up in the Gujarat High Court with its e-version launched on the website of the High Court as Virtual Justice Clock. The Virtual Justice Clocks (VJC) for the entire District Judiciary of the State of Gujarat was also launched during the month.
  - The feature of Virtual Justice Clock (VJC) was launched on the website of Karnataka High Court.
- As on 31.12.2021, 451 eSewa Kendras have been made functional in District Courts under 25 High Courts. These have been funded both by the eCourts project as well out of state funds.
- 3 more High Courts, namely Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Patna started Live Streaming of video conferencing of proceedings.

#### **6. Tele-Law :Reaching the Unreached**

- Legal advice was provided to 80,954 persons.
- Total advice enabled till 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 was 13,62,545.
- 91 trainings were conducted across 17 States/UTs, in which 4,887 State Level Coordinators /District Managers/Village Level Entrepreneurs/Para Legal Volunteers participated.

#### **7. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services)**

- 130 new lawyers registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal during this month. Total 3840 lawyers (M-3364, F-474, Transgender-02) have registered under Nyaya Bandhu.
- 640 Pro Bono Lawyers have been enrolled by 14 High Courts under Nyaya Bandhu Panel so far .



## **8. Legal Literacy Programme**

- DoJ organised a National webinar on the Pre-Conception Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques) Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act during the month. Experts from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Rajasthan High Court conducted these sessions. The webinar reached out to 15,000+ participants including front line functionaries (Para legal Volunteers, Village level entrepreneurs and Panel Lawyers) of Tele-Law Programme .
- Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) organised a Training of Trainers programme at East Siang District and Legal Awareness cum Training Programme at Upper Siang District reaching out to 50 Gaon Burahs and Gaon Burihs .
- Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences, Manipur celebrated National Girl Child Day and organised a webinar on Female Foeticide on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Webinar reached out to 44 participants.
- On the occasion National Girl Child Day, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, organized online story writing competition on 'Importance of Girl Child in Society and Nation Building', online digital poster making competition on theme 'Promotion of Girl Child Education and Government Welfare Policies' and online poetry recitation competition. Total 680 persons participated in these events.

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