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Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
Department of Justice

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

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

1. Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)

- 712 FTSCs including 399 exclusive POCSO courts are operational in 27 States/UTS and as per available inputs received from dashboard upto February, 2022, more than 81,400 cases were disposed by these FTSCs.

2. Release of funds for operationalisation of Special Court for trial of criminal cases:

Rs.1.08 crore as Central Assistance has been released during the month of March, 2022 to the State of Maharashtra (0.38 crore), Karnataka (0.05 crore) and Tamil Nadu (0.65 crore) for operationalisation of Special Court for trial of criminal cases involving MPs/MLAs.

3. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II:

- **Budget:** The total outlay of eCourts Project Phase-II is Rs. 1670 cr of which Rs.1668.42 cr has been released by Department of Justice as on 28.03.2022 to various organizations involved in the implementation of the project.
- **Wide Area Network:** BSNL has commissioned 2964 court complexes out of the 2992 complexes with 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps bandwidth speed.
- **NJDG:** Through the eCourts services platform currently litigants can access case status information in respect of over 19.92 crore cases and more than 16.81 crore orders/judgments pertaining to these computerized courts as on 02.03.2022.

- **Virtual Courts:** Over 1.32 crore cases have been handled by 17 virtual courts and in more than 22 lakhs cases online fine of Rs. 229 (229.22) crore has been realised till 03.03.2022.
- **JustIS App:** The JustIS Mobile App downloads have reached a total of 17,013 as on 03.03.2022.
- **eCourts Services MobileApp:** As per the available inputs, the eCourts Services Mobile App downloads have reached a total of 75.76 lakh till 28.02.2022.
- **Video Conferencing in High Courts and Subordinate Courts as per the consolidated inputs till 28.2.2022:**
 - Since Covid lockdown started, the District courts heard 1.23 crore cases while the High Court heard 0.61 crore cases using video conferencing only.
 - 24 High Courts have implemented Video Conferencing rules. Additionally, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 25 District Courts have adopted the Video Conferencing rules.
- **eSewaKendras:** 493 eSewa Kendra's have been made functional in District Courts under 25 High Courts, as per the figures uploaded till 28.02.2022.
- **e-Filing:** 18 High Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing as on 28.02.2022. Additionally, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 17 District Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing as consolidated figures on 28.02.2022.
- **e-Payments:** 17 High Courts have implemented e-Payments in their respective jurisdictions whereas the Court Fees Act has been amended in 23 High Courts as per uploaded inputs till 28.02.2022.
- **Inauguration of e-Filing Stations and Hands-on-Training programme on e-Filing and e-Services:** Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa inaugurated e-Filing Stations at District Court Complex, Sundargarh, Civil Courts Complex, Rourkela and District Court

Complex, Deogarh on 5.03.2022. The Chief Justice also inaugurated the Hands-on-Training programme on e-Filing and e-Services for Advocates at Civil Courts Complex, Rourkela and District Court Complex, Deogarh.

- **Inauguration of new Website of Department of Justice:** On 30.03.2022, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice inaugurated the 'divyang-friendly' website of the Department in august presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Law and Justice. The website has been launched on S3WaaS platform (Secure, Scalable and Sugamya Website as a Service) that leverages technology to generate secure websites using GIGW (Guidelines for Government Websites) compliant templates. The website is more user friendly and it can be easily edited, thereby, ensuring transparency, accessibility and seamless dissemination of information to the public. The website provides citizens one stop platform for all digital initiatives of the Department. Following citizen centric initiatives undertaken under eCourts Mission Mode Project have been made accessible namely; Citizen Services- eCourts Services; National Judicial Data Grid; Search Judgements and Orders of all High Courts through Judgement and Order Search Portal; Search Case Status using CNR number; Live Streaming of Courts Proceedings of Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, Orissa, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Patna and Madhya Pradesh; Payment of Traffic Violations.

4. Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA):

A brainstorming workshop was organized by Department of Justice in collaboration with Invest India and Agami titled "Unlocking Innovative Solutions to Close the Justice Gap in India" under DISHA Scheme on 29th March, 2022 to deliberate and ideate on the future road map on Access to Justice. This exercise was initiated to help prepare the blueprint document for India @2047. 35 representatives from various national and international organizations including law firms participated. The work shop was divided into

four key sessions which included vision on access to justice, creating a blueprint for every citizen to access to justice, pathways to justice and critical building blocks to justice.

5. Tele-Law : Reaching the Unreached :

Legal advice was provided to 1,79,967 persons during the month, the highest ever in any month .This is the highest ever advice enabled in any month so far. Advice enabled till 31st March, 2022 was 16,69,964 cases .

6. Legal Literacy Programme:

As part of Legal Awareness webinar series, DoJ organized a webinar on Gender Justice in India on 8th March 2022. Eminent speakers from University of Delhi, National Law University -New Delhi, Rajasthan Police, NGO MAJLIS, Mumbai and Sakhi-One Stop Centre, Ghaziabad participated .The webinar reached out to 35,332 participants .

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