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

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

1. Joint Conference of Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts:

A Joint Conference of Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts was organized successfully on 30th April 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan by the Department of Justice, to discuss various issues relating to administration of justice in the country. The deliberations took place on (i)-Progress on implementation of Resolutions passed in the earlier Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices held on 24.04.2016 (ii)- Reduction of pendency of cases (iii)- Legal Aid Services and future road-map (iv)- Developing Infrastructure facilities in Courts, (v)- Filling up of Judicial Vacancies (vi)- Envisioning of e-courts phase- 3.

2. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II:

- **Budget:** The total outlay of eCourts Project Phase-II is Rs.1670 of which Rs.1668.43 Cr has been released by Department of Justice as on 11.03.2022 to various organizations involved in the implementation of the project.
- **Wide Area Network:** BSNL has commissioned 2968 court complexes out of the 2992 complexes with 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps bandwidth speed.
- **NJDG:** Through the NJDG platform currently litigants can access case status information in respect of over 20.23 crore cases and more than 17.22 crore orders / judgments as on 01.04.2022.
- **Virtual Courts:** Over 1.39 crore cases have been handled by 17 virtual courts and in more than 23 lakhs cases online fine of more than Rs. 236 crores has been realised till 01.04.2022.

- **JustIS App:** The JustIS App downloads have reached a 17067 till 01.04.2022.
- **eCours services Mobile Apps:** Mobile App for lawyers/ litigants has a total of 77.84 lakh downloads.
- **Electronic Transaction Aggregation & Analysis Layer (eTaal):** As per data published on Electronic Transaction Aggregation & Analysis Layer (eTaal) portal, eCourts is one of the leading among top 5 MMPs in India with total 455 Cr e-transactions in last one year.
- **As per the data collated till 31/03/2022, the achievements in respect of the following items was:**
 - i) **Video Conferencing:**
 - a. Since Covid lockdown started, the District courts heard 1,27,06,895 cases while the High Court heard 63,01,483 cases (totalling 1.90cr) using video conferencing.
 - b. A total of 23 High Courts have implemented Video Conferencing rules. Additionally, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 24 District Courts have adopted the Video Conferencing rules.
 - ii) **eFiling:** A total of 19 High Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing as on 31.03.2022. Additionally, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 18 District Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing.
 - iii) **eSewa Kendras:** 493 eSewa Kendras have been made functional under 26 High Courts.
 - iv) **ePayment:** A total of 17 High Courts have implemented ePayments in their respective jurisdictions whereas the Court Fees Act has been amended in 22 High Courts.
 - v) **E-Sewa Kendra inaugurated at Gwalior Bench of High Court of Madhya Pradesh:** On 03.12.2021, Shri Justice Ravi Malimath, the Chief Justice of High Court of Madhya Pradesh inaugurated the e-Sewa Kendra at Gwalior Bench of High Court of Madhya Pradesh, in

the august presence of Shri Justice Rohit Arya, Chairman, e-Committee, Supreme Court of India. Ten services such as Information related to Case Status, Next Date of Hearing, Obtaining of Certified Copies, e-filing, e-payment, e-court fees, court mobile application, e-mulakat – prison appointment, and free legal services have been made available to the litigants at Gwalior Bench.

- **Inauguration of Digitization Wing at the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court:** Mr. Justice V.Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Mr. Justice M.M.Sundresh, Judge, Supreme Court of India, in the august presence of the Mr. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, the Acting Chief Justice and Mrs. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, the Administrative Judge of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on 04.12.2021 inaugurated the Digitization Wing. This wing is in the process of digitizing approximately 1.50 crore pages of legacy case records / administrative files at the rate of 62,500 pages per day in 240 days from 24.11.2021. Digitization of fresh and pending case records on the criminal side (bail / anticipatory bail) besides administrative files had been commenced with effect from 20.12.2021.
- **District Information, Report & Communication Tracker” (DIReCT) launched by High Court of Patna:** The Chief Justice of Patna High Court launched the “District Information, Report & Communication Tracker” (DIReCT), on 10.12.2021. The software will provide all the relevant data/report of Judgeships as well as that of individual Judicial Officers in electronic form.
- **Notification for mandatory e-filing for Government cases from 01.01.2022 issued by Rajasthan High Court:** On 20.12.2021, notification has been issued by the High Court of Rajasthan regarding mandatory e-filing in cases filed by the Central and the State Government in Rajasthan High Court.

- **Gio Fencing based-NISARG, Smart Monitoring App launched by Madhya Pradesh High Court:** Shri Justice Ravi Malimath, Chief Justice High Court of Madhya Pradesh, in presence of Shri Justice Rohit Arya, the Administrative Judge, Bench Gwalior, e-inaugurated NISARG, Smart Monitoring App, to ensure the monitoring of the orders passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, pertaining to the social responsibilities i.e. plantation, serving in hospitals as volunteers and water conservation through the Mobile App.
- **Live Case Status-HCT Mobile Application launched by High Court of Tripura:** On 01.01.2012, High Court of Tripura has launched Mobile App for Bar Members to keep track of the cases that are being heard by the High Court when the Bar Members are appearing before some other forum.
- **Online Portal for Receiving Cross Objections for the Examination launched by High Court of Punjab & Haryana:** An online portal for receiving cross-objections in the examination conducted by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana has been launched by the High Court for litigants with the aim to facilitate declaration of the result in a time-bound manner

3. **Tele-Law :Reaching the Unreached:**

- Legal advice was provided to 1,40,013 persons during the month.
- Total advice enabled till 30th April,2022, was 18,09,977cases.
- 44 training cum awareness camps were conducted in 14 States/UTs, in which 730 people participated.

4. **Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services):**

- 79 new Pro Bono advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal during the month. Total of 4141 lawyers (M-3614, F- 525 , Transgender- 02) have registered under Nyaya Bandhu.

- 26 new advocates enrolled under Nyaya Bandhu Panel. Total 725 Pro Bono Lawyers have been enrolled by 14/25 High Courts under Nyaya Bandhu Panel so far.
- 12 new law schools accepted offer to join Pro Bono Club Scheme (PBCS). Total 43 Law Schools have initiated PBCS so far.

5. Legal Literacy Programme:

- As part of Legal Awareness webinar series, DoJ organized a webinar on “Child in Conflict with Law” on 25th April 2022. Eminent speakers from District Judiciary, Supreme Court of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Psycho-Social field shared key information related to the Act and responded to participant’s questions, conducted interactive sessions in the webinar. Webinar strengthened understanding of field level functionaries on survival, development, protection and rehabilitation of Children in Conflict with Law. The webinar reached out to 20,207 participants.
- During the month Center for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON) Rajasthan, conducted 11 Village Level Legal Awareness Camps, 21 Dhani Level Meetings and 5 Panchayat Level Sensitization meetings on Fundamental Rights, Child Rights, Women's Rights and Rights of Old Age Persons and reached out to 6721 participants.
- The Sikkim State Commission for Women)SSCW (organized day long Legal Awareness cum Sensitization programme against Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace at Government Senior Secondary School, Rhenock, Pakyong District of Sikkim. The programme reached out to 233 students and 27 faculty members.
- During the month Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences(JNIMS) organized three online and offline Legal Awareness

programmes on the conceptual contours of child sexual abuse, legal remedies and other child related legislations for college students and Civil Society Organizations of Churachandpur district of Manipur reaching out to 167 participants.

- Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) conducted a training cum legal awareness programme at Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh district wherein 112 participants including 53 Gaon Burahs(GBs) and GaonBurihs(GBs) were capacitated on customary practices of the traditional village council system and formal laws of India.

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