

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

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

1. Visit of Parliamentary Standing Committee to Supreme Court of India:

Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice headed by Shri Sushil Kumar Modi M.P. (Rajya Sabha) visited Supreme Court of India on 11th May 2022 to interact with the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India on the subject "Functioning of Virtual Courts/Court Proceedings through video conferencing".

2. Meeting with the United Kingdom delegation on eCourts project:

A delegation from the Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom visited the office of the Department of Justice, Govt. of India on 23.05.2022 to discuss the way forward regarding future cooperation between the two Countries regarding eCourts, training of judges, etc. Meeting of the UK delegation with the eCommittee, Supreme Court of India was also held on 24.05.2022 under the chair of Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Hon'ble Chairperson, eCommittee, in which the officials of the Department of Justice including the Secretary(Justice) were present. Matters of bilateral cooperation were discussed.

3. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase - II:

- a) **NJDG:** As on 2.5.2022, NJDG platform can access case status information in respect of over 20.48 crore cases and more than 17.24 crore orders/judgments.
- b) **Virtual Courts:** Over 1.47 crore cases have been handled by 17 virtual courts and in more than 24 lakhs cases online fine of more than Rs. 246 crore has been realized till 2.5.2022.

- c) **Video Conferencing:**
 - (i) Since the Covid lockdown started, the District courts heard 1.28 crore cases while the High Courts heard 0.63 crore cases (totaling 1.92 crore) using video conferencing as on 30/04/2022.
 - (ii) A total of 23 High Courts have implemented Video Conferencing rules. Further, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 24 District Courts have adopted the Video Conferencing rules.
- d) **eFiling:**
 - (i) 18 High Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing. Also, under the jurisdiction of 28 High Courts, 18 District Courts have adopted the model rules of e-Filing.
 - (ii) Till end April, 2022, 2,45,786 cases were filed in High Courts and 3,53,506 were filed in District & Taluka Courts using eFiling facility.

4. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached

Till 31st May, 2022, legal advice was provided to 19,12,180 persons including 1,02,206 persons during the month of May, 2022. Virtual orientation on Integrated Delivery of Legal Services (IDLS) and training on Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached was organized on 23rd May, 2022 and was attended by more than 500 Secretaries of District Legal Service Authority and Member Secretaries of State Legal Service Authority along with representative from NALSA.

5. Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services)

During the month of May, 2022, 75 new Pro Bono advocates were added taking the total to 4216 lawyers (M-3675, F-539, Transgender-02). Further, 791 Pro Bono Lawyers have been enrolled by 17/25 High Courts under Nyaya Bandhu Panel so far. 44 Law Schools have initiated Pro Bono Club Scheme (PBCS) till date.

6. Legal Literacy Programme

(a) As part of Legal Awareness, a webinar on 'Children in Need of Care and Protection' was organized on 27th May 2022, with eminent speakers from Ministry of Women and Child Development, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Child Welfare Committee, Central Adoption Resource Authority and UNICEF India. The webinar reached out to 24,715 participants.

- b) The Sikkim State Commission for Women (SSCW) organized two Legal Awareness Programme on Gender and Law issues for 120 participants at Chungthang, North Sikkim and Lachen, North Sikkim.
- c) Training cum Legal Awareness programme on 21 May, 2022 at Longding, Arunachal Pradesh conducted by Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (APSLSA) was attended by 41 Gaon Bhurahs and 255 community participants under 'Each one Teach - Ten' initiative.

7) Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs)

725 FTSCs including 407 exclusive POCSO courts are operational in 28 States/UTs and more than 92000 cases have been disposed so far.

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