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Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
Department of Justice

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

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

1. Appointment of Judges in the High Courts:

- a) Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud was appointed vide Department of Justice notification dated 17.10.2022 as the 50th Chief Justice of India w.e.f. 9th Nov, 2022 upon the retirement of Shri Justice U. U. Lalit on 8th Nov, 2022 in the Supreme Court of India.
- b) Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh was appointed vide notification dated 11.10.2022.
- c) Six (06) Additional Judges were appointed in the Bombay High Court vide notification dated 06.10.2022.

2. Law Ministers and Law Secretaries Conference was organized at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat from 14th to 16th October, 2022 by the M/o Law & Justice. Hon'ble Prime Minister addressed the conference and observed that during the COVID pandemic the entire country witnessed the way in which the courts across the country used modern Information Technology (IT) and VC hearings to decide judicial matters. eCourts Mission is spreading fast and virtual hearing has become part of the legal system. e-filing is on the increase, and with the roll out of 5G technology in the country, technological upgradation will get further boost.

3. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II

- a) **NJDG:** The litigants can access case status information in respect of over 21.27 crore cases and more than 19.14 crore

orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts on National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) as on 03.10.2022.

- b) **Virtual Courts:** Over 2.14 crore cases have been handled by 21 virtual courts and in more than 30 lakhs cases online fine of more than Rs. 316.29 crore have been realized till 11.10.2022.
- c) **JustIS App:** The Mobile App for Judicial Officers has a total of 17,604 downloads as of 01.10.2022.
- d) **eTaal:** As per data published on Electronic Transaction Aggregation & Analysis Layer (eTaal) portal of Meity, eCourts is one of the leading projects amongst top 5 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) in India on the e-transactions court.

4. Tele-Law Programme:

- a) Till 31st October 2022, Legal advice was provided to 25,72,063 beneficiaries including 1,30,477 in the month of October 2022.
- b) During the month, 5,358 people participated in 152 trainings and awareness sessions/camps organized in 115 districts by VLEs/PLVs, State coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- c) SMS Campaign (Hindi & English) for increasing the base of beneficiaries for Tele-Law Mobile application was launched across the country on 2nd October, 2022 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, for 4 months duration (October, November, January & February). The campaign has so far covered 50 Lakhs+ citizens during the month of October, 2022 across the country.

5. Nyaya Bandhu Programme (Pro Bono Legal Services):

- a) During the month, 127 new Pro Bono advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Total 5005 Lawyers (Male- 4293, Female-710, Transgender- 02) have registered under Nyaya Bandhu.

- b) During the month, 23 new advocates enrolled at High Courts, taking the total to 1126 Pro Bono Lawyers at High Courts so far.

6. Legal Literacy & Legal Awareness Programme(LLAP):

- a) On 28th October, 2022, Webinar Series, webinar on 'Cyber Crimes in India' reached out to 30,432 participants. Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice also graced the webinar in Department of Justice and addressed the participants.
- b) Center for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON), Jaipur, Rajasthan organised 10 Panchayat level sensitization Sessions, 6 Dhani meetings and 5 mass Legal Awareness Programmes in Baran district of Rajasthan.
- c) Shadow Advertising Ltd. Bhubaneshwar, Odisha organized Legal Awareness Campaign by using LED media van from 03.10.2022 to 17.10.2022. The campaign was focused on Right to Education, Rights of Traditional Forest Dwellers and Mamta Scheme of Odisha Government. It started from Kandhamal District, covered 60 Villages, 15 Blocks of 4 Aspirational Districts of Odisha and directly reached out to 2845 villagers.
