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Government of India
Ministry of Law & Justice
Department of Justice

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of January, 2023 in respect of
Department of Justice**

The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of January, 2023.

1. eCourts Mission Mode Project Phase-II

- (a) **NJDG:** Litigants can access case status information in respect of over 21.99 crore cases and more than 20.10 crore orders / judgments pertaining to the computerized courts on National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) as on 2nd January, 2023.
- (b) **Virtual Courts:** Over 2.40 crore cases have been handled by 21 virtual courts and in more than 32 lakh cases, online fine of more than Rs. 347 crore have been realized till 01.01 2023.
- (c) **JustIS App:** Mobile App for Judicial Officers has a total of 18,407 downloads as of 31st December, 2022.
- (d) **Digital India Award 2022:** eCourts Project awarded "Digital India Award 2022 - Silver" by the Hon'ble President of India on 7th January, 2023 under the category "Digital Empowerment of Citizens" as instituted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- (e) **Felicitation of the award winners of eCourts Project by Hon'ble Ministers of Law & Justice:** The award winners of eCourts Project were felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice and Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice, on 24th January, 2023. Hon'ble Minister, Law and Justice reviewed the Judgement Search Portal, developed under the eCourts Mission Mode Project, which bagged the Digital India Award 2022. eCommittee, Supreme Court of India was also felicitated on being awarded the National Award for "Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities". A millet lunch was also arranged during the visit of Hon'ble Minister of L&J and Hon'ble MOS L&J to Department of Justice, Jaisalmer House to promote "International Year of Millets-2023".

2. Tele Law Programme:

- (a) Till 31st January 2023, Legal advice was provided to 31,64,390 beneficiaries including 2,44,838 in the month of January 2023.

- (b) During the month, 5911 people participated in 201 trainings and awareness sessions/camps organized in 162 districts by VLEs/PLVs, State coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- (c) SMS Campaign (Hindi & English) was launched for measuring the base of beneficiaries for Tele-law Mobile applications across the Country on 2nd October 2022 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. For better awareness on the Tele-Law Service, 50 Lakh SMSs were sent to the targeted citizens in the month of January 2023, with the SMS Campaign having touched a total of 2 crore beneficiaries.

3. Nyaya Bandhu Programme (Pro-Bono Legal Services):

- (a) During the month, 486 new Pro Bono advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. Total of 5817 Lawyers (M-4941 ,F-874, Transgender- 02) have registered under Nyaya Bandhu.
- (b) During the month, 31 new advocates enrolled at High Courts, taking the total to 1214 Pro Bono Lawyers at 25 High Courts so far.

4. Pan India Legal Literacy & Legal Awareness Programme:

- a) The fourteenth webinar on 'Rights of Under Trial Prisoners in India' was organized by Department of Justice in hybrid mode as part of Legal Awareness Webinar Series, on 30th January 2023, which was attended by 17,960 participants. Eminent experts from Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives, Project Second Chance, Independent Thought, National Human Rights Commission and National Legal Services Authority participated in the interactive session.
- b) Center for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON), Jaipur, Rajasthan organized 17 Panchayat level sensitization meetings; 17 Dhani meetings; and 10 mass Legal Awareness Programmes at Karauli District of Rajasthan.