

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of January, 2024 in respect of Department of Justice**

The following are the important activities of the Department of Justice for the month of January, 2024:

**1. Citizen Centric eServices launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 28.01.2024 at Diamond Jubilee of Supreme Court of India:**

The following 3 citizen centric eServices were launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at Diamond Jubilee event of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024:

- a. **Digital Supreme Court Reports (Digi SCR):** Making available to the public in a user-friendly, bookmarked, and completely free digital format 519 volumes of Supreme Court judgments, encompassing over 36,000 cases since 1950.
- b. **Digital Courts 2.0:** Taking the e-courts project to the next level, Digital Courts 2.0 equips district court judges with electronic access to court records, streamlining judicial processes and reducing delays. The integrated use of Artificial Intelligence for real-time speech-to-text transcription further enhances efficiency and accuracy signifying a bold step towards a paperless, tech-driven judiciary.
- c. **New Supreme Court Website:** Revamped and bilingual (English-Hindi) website on S3WaaS (Secure, Scalable and Sugamya Website as a Service) platform with user-friendly interface to simplify navigation, enhance information dissemination, and empower citizens to engage with the judiciary more effectively, making the data more accessible.

**2. Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of India as a Republic :**

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, Department of Justice launched a pan India year-long campaign "**HAMARA SAMVIDHAN HAMARA SAMMAN**" to commemorate 75<sup>th</sup> Year of India as Republic. The Campaign was launched by Hon'ble Vice-President of India, in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Law and Justice, Hon'ble Attorney General of India along with Vice Chancellor (IGNOU) and Secretary (Justice). The campaign aims to enhance awareness about the Constitution, sensitize the citizens on the shared principles of Panch Pran and to educate the citizens about their rights, duties and entitlements and other legal services of the Government, various citizens involving activities would be organized with support from Common Service Centres, My Gov Platform, Doordarshan and other partnering agencies of the DoJ. On this momentous occasion, the Department of Justice

launched its Nyaya Setu (AI Chatbot & Tele-Facilitation Service) and exchanged MoUs with IGNOU and Bhashini.

This includes **Sabko Nyay- Har Ghar Nyay**, wherein 2.5 lakh + Village level Entrepreneurs(VLEs) would encourage the citizens in reading of Panch Pran Pledge in regional languages; Nyaymelas would be organized across States/ UTs to exhibit the different social-legal citizen-centric services of the government. Under the **Nav Bharat – Nav Sankalp** the citizens would be exalted to participate in reading of Panch Pran pledge; test their knowledge on Constitution through online quiz, showcase their creativity by participating in poster-making and reel-making competition. The **Vidhi Jagriti Abhiyaan** aims to involve the law students to empower the citizens on their rights duties and Panch Pran in enthusiastic and engaging activities like nukkad nattak, dance drama, skit etc., Through the **Vanchit Varg Samman Abhiyan** and **Nari Bhagidari** series of activities would be organized by partnering agencies of DoJ and series of programmes would be broadcast through Doordashan to enhance the legal literacy and legal awareness on the rights of Divyang, transgender, senior citizens, tribal and forest rights, child rights, women participation and empowerment.

**650+** participants comprising of law students, law teachers, representatives from different Ministries/ Departments, NALSA, paralegals, VLEs and officials from CSC, media etc., were present on the occasion to witness the Event at Bhim Auditorium of Dr Ambedkar International Centre. **70 Lakh +** audience was reached through different social media handles (Youtube, X, Face book, Instagram, Print and electronic media).

### 3. eCourts Mission Mode Project:

- a. **NJDG:** On National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), as on 02.01.2024, case status information in respect of over 24.79 crore cases and more than 24.53 crore orders/judgments pertaining to the computerized courts can be accessed.
- b. **e-Sewa Kendras:** As on 31.12.2023, 880 eSewa Kendras have been made functional under 25 High Courts
- c. **Virtual Courts:** Over 4.24 crore cases have been handled by 25 virtual courts and in more than 47 lakh cases, online fine of more than Rs. 492.79 crore have been realized till 31.12.2023.
- d. **Video Conferencing:**
  - The District & Subordinate courts heard 2,17,99,976 cases while the High Courts heard 82,76,595 cases (totaling 3 crore) till 31.12.2023 using video conferencing.
  - The Supreme Court held 6,24,427 hearings till 04.01.2024.
- e. **e-Courts Services Mobile App:** The eCourts Services Mobile App have reached a total of 2.15 Cr of downloads as of 31.12.2023.
- f. **JustIS app:** Mobile App for Judicial Officers has a total of 19,461 downloads as of 31.12.2023.

#### **4. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached**

- a. During the month, 1828 people participated in 50 awareness sessions/camps organized in 37 districts in 21 States/UTs by Village Level Entrepreneur/Para-Legal Volunteers(VLEs/PLVs), State Coordinators and Panel Lawyers.
- b. During the month, 2716 Village Level Entrepreneur (VLEs) participated in 55 training sessions which were conducted in 73 districts in 16 States/UTs.
- c. During the month, 500 Nyaya Sahayaks were engaged to provide door-to-door legal services and other essential government services across 500 aspirational blocks in 328 districts in 27 States and 4 UTs.

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

During the month, 68 new Pro Bono Advocates registered through Nyaya Bandhu mobile application/web portal. A total of 10,779 (Male-9028, Female-1749, Transgender-02) Pro Bono Advocates have been on boarded under Nyaya Bandhu portal.

#### **6. Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP):**

- a. Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD), Patna, Bihar organized separate workshops with 108 Nyaya Mitras of Muzaffarpur district on January 20-21, 2024 and with 102 Nyaya Mitras of Sitamarhi district on January 29-30, 2024. During these workshops, subject experts conducted interactive sessions on laws related to Dowry Prohibition, Domestic Violence, Child Labour, Child Marriage, Cyber Crime, Human Trafficking and De-addiction.
- b. National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Karnataka organized 'Virtual Mediation Workshop' on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 for 600 participants. In this workshop, salient features of Mediation Act, 2023, significance of Mediation and national/international experiences were shared and discussed by subject experts.

#### **7. National Legal Services Authority**

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA launched a Pan-India Campaign – "Restoring the Youth: Pan-India Campaign for Identifying Juveniles in Prisons and Rendering Legal Assistance – 2024", on the eve of the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. This campaign is being conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 with an aim to identify prisoners who were potentially minors at the time of the offence, assist them in filing necessary applications for claiming juvenility before the concerned court and facilitating their transfer to Child Care Institutions in identified cases.