

Subject: Report/statement of the ICT initiatives adopted by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

1. Implementation of Two Virtual Courts in UT of J&K:

Two Virtual Traffic Courts one at Jammu and another at Srinagar have been made functional since July 2021. Both the Courts are virtually dealing with the e-Challans filed by the Traffic Police against the traffic violators. More than 12000 e-challans till date have been dealt by the Virtual Traffic Courts and a fine of Rs 16 lakh (approximately) stood realized.

2. e-Filing Application for the High Court and District Courts:

e-Filing Application developed by the eCommittee Supreme Court of India for e-filing of the matters before the High Court and the District Courts has been implemented in both wings of the High Court. e-Filing Application will also be shortly rolled out/implemented in all the District & Subordinate courts of UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

3. Implementation of Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS):

The Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) has been implemented in the jurisdiction of High Court of J&K and Ladakh. CCTNS has been implemented in 219 Police Stations and 104 Higher Offices. ICJS has been implemented and linked with CIS 3.0 in 22 District Court Complexes across UTs of J&K and Ladakh and the District Courts fetch meta data information of FIRs and Chargesheets online directly from the CCTNS. In the next phase, PDF files of FIRs and Chargesheets are required to be transmitted from Police Stations to the Courts. CCTNS team of J&K has been directed to work out the modalities for the same.

4. Use of Video Conference facilities in carrying out the Court proceedings & other Administrative Meetings:

VC equipment has been provided in all the Court rooms of the High Court and 84 Court Complexes of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh. VC equipment has also been provided in all the Jails of UTs of J&K and Ladakh. VC equipment is frequently

used to carry out court proceedings, trial of the under trial prisoners, e-Mulakats and administrative meetings of the High Court & Subordinate Courts.

5. SMS Services:

SMS push and pull services have been made functional in both wings of the High Court & all the District Courts of UTs of J&K and Ladakh by which Litigants and Advocates are getting their case status information through SMSs on daily basis at Various stages of the case like Filing, Registration, Objection, Listing of Case, Disposal of Case, etc. **SMS service is particularly beneficial for those remote areas of UTs of J&K and Ladakh where internet service is not fully operational.**

6. Uploading of Orders/Judgments on the portal:

As an important citizen centric service, all the orders/judgments of the High Court and of the Subordinate Courts are uploaded and made available in the public domain. The High Court has laid great thrust upon the uploading of the daily and final orders/judgments of the High Court and of the Subordinate Courts on the portal meant for the purpose so that the orders/judgments are available to the litigants, lawyers and other stakeholders within shortest possible time.

7. Digital Signatures:

Digital signature provides some sort of authenticity to the order/judgment uploaded on the portal. Personal Staff of all the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court have been provided Digital Signature Certificate Tokens and all the orders/judgments which are being uploaded are also digitally signed. Similarly, all the Judicial Officers and Steno-Typists/Stenographers working in the Subordinate Courts have been provided Digital Signature Certificate Tokens for uploading of digitally signed orders/judgments.

8. Digitization of the Court Record:

Digitization of record is important to preserve it for the posterity with an ease to retrieve the digitized record any time. Digitization of Court record was started in both the wings of the High Court in 2017 through outsourced agency and continues till date. As of now, 2.59 Crore pages (approx.) of the court record have been scanned and digitized. In both the wings, all the current record has been scanned and digitized. All the disposed off record since September 2014 has been digitized in Srinagar wing while as disposed off record from 2018 back to 1950 has been digitized in Jammu wing of the High Court.

Recently, on the recommendations of Hon'ble IT Committee, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to approve digitization of newly filed cases and incremental scanning of current record by the High Court itself rather than through the outsourced agency (i.e. In-House Digitization). The Hardware for the In-House digitization already stood procured and In-house Digitization has been started. In District & Subordinate courts, the Weeding Process for the files to be digitized has been completed and a comprehensive report has been submitted to Hon'ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India for further guidance and directions in this regard.

9. Procurement of a Customized DMS (Data Management Software):

In order to manage the digital files of the High Court and to regulate the working of digitized Benches, the High Court is under process of the purchase of a Customised Data Management Software (DMS), for data security, automated data backup and for a software regulated management/functioning of the Hon'ble Benches of the High Court as e-Courts. Once the Customized DMS is installed, the same ensure the smooth and flawless functioning of digitized Benches of the High Court with a robust data security in place.

10. Digitization of Administrative Record:

Digitization of record is important to preserve it for the posterity with an ease to retrieve the digitized record any time. Digitization of administrative record is also necessary to save time and resources for transportation of record from Jammu to Srinagar wing and vice versa during Bi-Annual Darbar Move. Work order for digitization of administrative record has already been issued.

11. Paperless Courts (Use of WACOM Tablets and Digitized Court Record): Every Court room of both wings of the High Court has been equipped with WACOM Tablets/e-Readers which are used by the Hon'ble Judges to read the Digitized Case files. The Digitized Case files of both the wings of the High Court are hyperlinked with daily cause lists and are sent to Hon'ble Judges securely through e-mail, thereby mitigating the need to send physical files. The digitally signed daily orders and judgements are also regularly uploaded on the portal in pdf format. All this set up has been finally enabling us to move towards the realm of paperless courts.

12. e-Sewa Kendra for High Court and District Court Complexes:

e-Sewa Kendras at 06 District Court Complexes in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh have been made functional, where the litigants are being assisted and facilitated in

accessing the fruit of eCourts Project in a hassle free manner and are made aware about various e-initiatives available in the public domain.

13. Justice Clock:

Justice Clocks have recently been installed at both wings of the High Court. The trial run has been successfully completed and both the Justice Clocks will be made functional soon where the various kinds of information will be disseminated amongst the citizens.

14. UTM Firewall for the High Court:

Procurement and installation of UTM firewall in the Server Rooms of both wings of the High Court has been done successfully. UTM Firewall will help in optimum management of the High Court's Network. It will enhance the security of High Court's Network and prevent it from Cyber-attacks.

15. Development of periphery software applications by High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Best practices and sharing thereof):

A number of periphery software applications have been developed In-house by High Court of J&K and Ladakh which have automated most of the work flow and processes of the courts. The following are the details of the periphery software applications developed and implemented by the High Court.

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I.	DIGITAL DISPLAY MODULE	This software module helps the advocates & litigants in getting the real-time status of court proceedings going on in the court rooms of the High Court from the comfort of their offices / homes online. This module is very beneficial for the advocates appearing before multiple courts as it enables them to manage their hearings properly.
II.	COPYING MODULE	This module allows the stakeholders to apply for certified hard copies of the Judgments /Orders of the cases. It aids the litigants in tracking the status of their service requests through SMS.
III.	CASE CALENDAR	We have made a periphery for viewing the Count of Cases fixed for a particular day,

		<p>week as well as for a month for different judicial branches.</p> <p>This module helps in proper management and allocation of cases to different courts which further helps in proper hearing of all cases in a particular day.</p>
IV.	MESSAGE MODULE	<p>We have made a separate periphery for displaying “Messages” on Display Board. During Case Proceedings, if any message is to be displayed on Display Board from a particular court that can be done through this module .</p>
V.	CAUSELIST POOLING MODULE	<p>We have made a periphery for “Cause list Pooling” to automatically generate the cause lists as per the requirement of High Court.</p>
VI.	SURETY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	<p>Surety Information Management System (SIMS) is Information management system to keep the details of the persons who had given surety in Judicial Cases in the Judicial Courts.</p>
VII.	ROSTER CREATION/ASSIGN MODULE	<p>We have made a periphery for “Roster Creation/Assign” where we assign roster to a particular bench.</p>
VIII.	JUDGEMENT/ORDER STATUS MODULE	<p>We have created an application to monitor the uploading of orders/judgments on daily listed cases in Cause List. The detailed periphery comprising the orders which are uploaded digitally signed and also not digitally signed.</p>
IX.	FRESH CASES FILED REPORT	<p>To capture the total cases & amount collected for a day as per requirement of filing counter.</p>
X.	DYNAMIC PERIPHERY APPLICATIONS	<p>Various reports generated as per requirement of Judicial Branches and Filing Counter are mentioned as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Detail For Judicial Sections/Filing Sections • Caveat Report: Daily Caveat Search And Caveat Filed Report • Fresh Cases Filed Report • Division Bench Report(Cases Fixed By Hon'ble Division Bench) • IA Report : IA To Be Present And

		<p>Not Present In Causelist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases Listed Report: "Listed Cases And Not Listed Cases" In Causelist • Judge Disposal Report • Bench Tied Up Matter Report • Institution Report • Category Wise Report • Daily Case Proceeding Report For Courts • Video Conference Cases Report • Causelist Generation Report • Duplicate Cases Listed In Causelist Report • Left Over Cases in Causelist • Connected Mismatch Pooled Cases in Causelist.
XI.	Employee's Record Management System	<p>The application aims at managing the human resource working in the subordinate judiciary. The application carries the detailed information of about 2500 Employees of the Subordinate Judiciary of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. The information includes the Employee's Personal details to the details of all his/her postings with tenure. Now, the Admin of the application with a click can fetch all the relevant record pertaining to an Employee's Name/Unique Id, by designation, by post held and by the period of tenure etc.</p>

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