Best Practices adopted by the High Court of Sikkim

1. Virtual Court

To ensure access to justice even amid these challenging times due to the pandemic, virtual court hearing has been implemented in all the Courts of Sikkim. Video Conferencing facilitation Centres have been established in all Courts of Sikkim where Advocates and litigants have been availing these facilities. Further, Standard Operating Procedures for Video Conferencing and Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts, 2020 have been implementated in all the Courts of of the State. Any assistance required with regard to VC is provided in eSewa Kendras set up in all the Court premises. Any technical challenge faced during Virtual Court proceeding is addressed by the Technical manpower of the concerned Court.

2. eFiling and ePayment

The High Court of Sikkim has launched e-filing module and e-payment system for the High Court and all the District Courts of the State of Sikkim on 3rd August 2020. efiling has also been made compulsory w.e.f 1st January, 2022.

3. eSewa Kendras

eSewa Kendras have been set up in all Courts of Sikkim as per the directions received from eCommittee, Supreme Court of India, to serve the common litigant as a one stop centre for all Court related needs.

4. Scanning and Digitization

All Courts have deputed Staff members for continuation of Scanning and Digitization of Judicial records. This is an ongoing process and the files scanned are uploaded into the digital repository of the concerned Court.

5. Accessibility Standard

The website of the High Court of Sikkim has been enhanced to include the following features in order to ensure better accessibility:

    1. Contrast features (Black and White),

2. Font increase and decrease feature,

3. Keyboard (Tab) navigation features,

4. Labeling of image and text,

5. Screen Reader option placed at front page of the website,

6. Calendar features incorporated in the website for display of Final Orders/ Judgments and

7. Final Order and Judgments are uploaded in .pdf as well as HTML format in the website of the High Court of Sikkim

6. Justice Clock

Justice Clock has been installed in the High Court in month of February, 2020 and the information of Justice clock is also reflected in the website of the High Court of Sikkim, which enables citizens to access information about eCourts from anywhere.

8. Mobile Application

Android as well as iOS based mobile applications have been developed by the High Court of Sikkim. Information, such as causelist, case status, order and judgment, notification are provided to the users.

7. Others

Apart from the above, High Court of Sikkim has implemented '*One Stop Solution*' wherein a single application is tailored to deliver different content and functionalities to the users. 'One Stop Solution' is personalized based on roles of the user.

Various application softwares have been developed and implemented in the High Court of Sikkim. These applications are the website for High Court of Sikkim, Sikkim judicial Academy and Museum High Court of Sikkim, File tracking system, Copy Room Software, Android Mobile App, Screen Sharing application etc.

Free text search facilities for final order and judgement has been incorporated in the websites of the High Court of Sikkim wherein the required information can be searched using the relevant text.