



# CHHATISGARH

- Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on 01 November, 2000 with its 16 Chhattisgarhi speaking districts.
- With the passage of time many more districts were formed and now Chhattisgarh consist of 33 districts.
- Chhattisgarh is the 10th largest state in India with an area of 135,190 sq-km.
- Chhattisgarh is the 16th largest state in terms of population which is approximately equal to 2,08,00,000.
- Chhattisgarh is rich in minerals like coal, iron ore, bauxite etc.

State animal - Van Bhainsa, (Wild Buffalo)
State bird - Pahari Myna, (Hill Myna)
State tree - Sal, (Sarai)
Language - Chhattisgarhi



## HIGH COURT OF CG.

- The Chhattisgarh High Court was established on 1st November 2000 in an old school building at Bilaspur.
- The building was constructed during british era in the year 1931.
- At the time of establishment of High Court there was only one Judge against sanctioned strength of 6 Judges.

Pendency at the time of formation of the High Court -19,939

## HIGH COURT OF CG.



 At present there are 15 Judges against sanctioned strength of 22 Judges.
 Pendency has increased due to paucity of Judges.

Current Pendency of the High Court as on 30th April 2023
92593



## HIGH COURT OF CG.

- During Covid 19 almost all the benches worked in virtual mode.
- At that time there was lack of proper infrastructure for video conferencing but with available resources proceedings were conducted.
- All the efforts were made to provide relief to litigants by taking cases on hearing through virtual mode.

Cases heard during COVID 19-102840 Cases disposed during COVID 19-26047

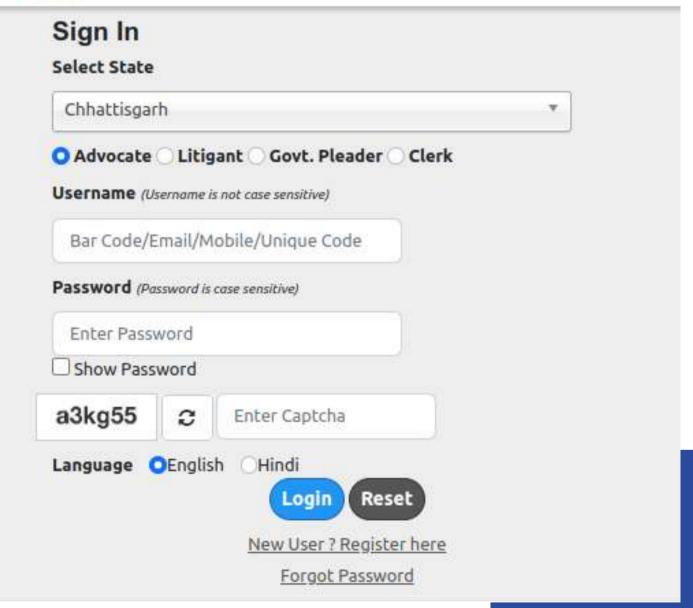
## e-Committee SUPREME COURT OF INDIA



• Initiative of our present Chief Justice of India from May 2020, when he took over as the chairman of e-Committee Supreme Court of India, there has been a revolutionary progress made in the field of adoption of technology in the judicial system.

# eCourts phase 3 to be started in year 2023





• With the aim of reducing the use of paper and increasing the use of technology in the judicial system, the High Court of Chhattishgarh adopted e-filing 1.0 in the year 2021. For smooth functioning of e-filing, rules in this regard namely e-filing Rules, 2020 were framed.

# e-filing rules 2020 came into force on 10/07/2020



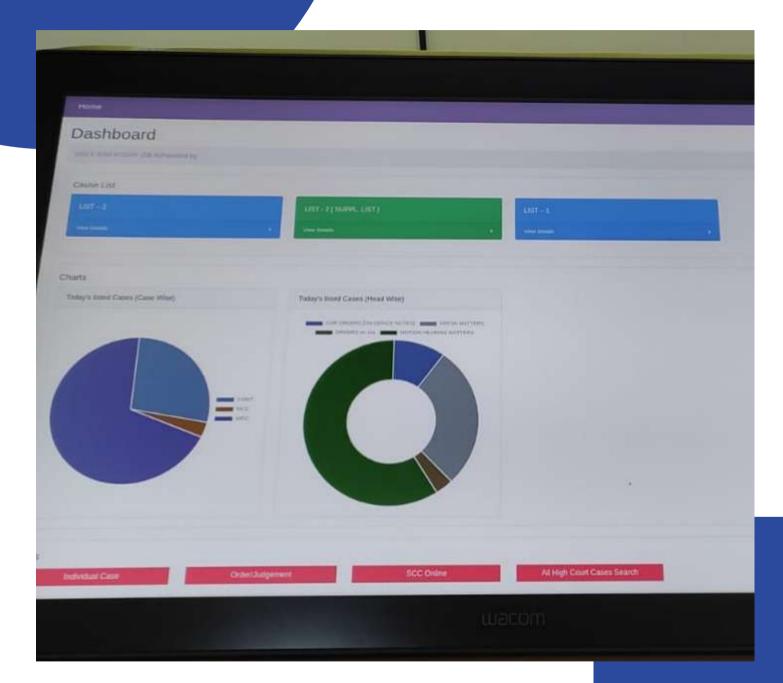
- For increasing e-filing in 2020 filing of petitions by the State Government through e-filing was made mandatory by the High Court of Chhattisgarh.
- A request has been made to High Court legal services to direct panel advocates to file a petition through e-filing.

e-filing mandatory for State Government from 01/01/2022



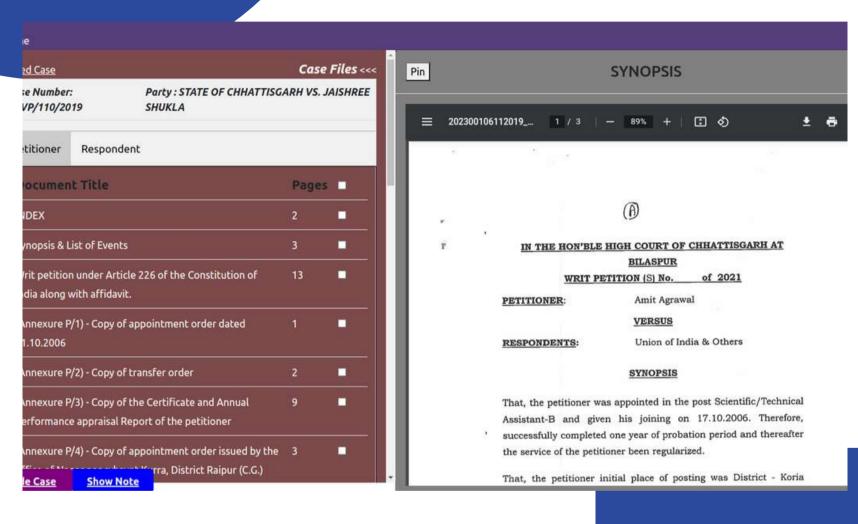
- To improve the quality and make e-filing easier, about 05 High Courts and District Courts of 09 States have migrated to e-filing 3.0.
- High Court of Chhattisgarh and all district courts of Chhattisgarh have already migrated to e-filing 3.0 on 11.11.2022.

# Total number of persons registered as party in person-37



- We are in the process of making e-filing mandatory for many more categories of cases like MCRC(Bail applications) and appeals in the High Court and cases under the Negotiable Instrument Act in District and Taluka Courts.
- Many rounds of training have been organised by the State Judicial Academy for increasing the knowledge of e-filing 3.0.

## Number of person trained in e-filing 1176



- Very soon we will be starting paperless court for which we have developed paperless court software.
- We have procured hardware to start one division bench and two single bench which will function in electronic mode.
- There will be no use of paper and courts will work paperless.

# Number of training organised for e-filing 03

## Digitization of Judicial Records/Case Files of disposed off cases



- To achieve the goal of Digitization High Court of Chhattisgarh started the process of Digitization of disposed case records in the year 2016.
- Almost all the disposed-off case records have been scanned and the process of verification of these digital files is going on.

Total Images scanned 2,31,73,588

# Uploading of Judgements and orders in accesible PDF format.



- The e-Committee, Supreme Court of India with the objective of ICT enablement of the Indian Judicial System has emphasized on uploading the judgements/orders in accesible format and to convert all the physical judgements in digital format in a time bound manner.
- In compliance of that order we have started work from mid November 2022 and have uploaded more than 35,000 judgements/orders of old disposed of cases in accesible format.

Total Judgement uploaded in accessible format From November 2022 (Disposed Prior to Year 2015) 35,000



- N-STEP At present N-STEP software has been implemented in District & Subordinate Courts of the State in Chhattisgarh.
- In 2019 smart phones were purchased and distributed to all the process servers/bailiffs posted at various Districts & Subordinate Courts and training was provided to them for effective implementation of N-STEP Software at ground level and from time to time refresher training was imparted to them.

# Total Number of smart phones purchased for N-STEP this year-254

Virtual Court through "Bluejeans App"			
1	Hon'ble The Chief Justice	Court Hall-1	Click To Join
2	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Goutam Bhaduri	Court Hall-3	Click To Join
3	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal	Court Hall-5	Click To Join
4	Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sam Koshy	Court Hall-2	Click To Join
5	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Agrawal	Court Hall-7	Click To Join
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10	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naresh Kumar Chandravanshi	Court Hall-14	Click To Join
11	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari	Court Hall-12	Click To Join

- Virtual Court (Video Conferencing) Blue Jeans Video Conferencing app is being used in the High Court of Chhattisgarh. Jitsi Meet video conferencing software is being used by the District Courts of the State.
- After the pandemic 134521 cases were heard through Video Conferencing till March 2023.
- All the Courts of this High Court and 396 Courts of Districts are equipped independently with Video Conferencing facilities.
- In District & Taluka Courts under trial are produced before Courts through Video Conferencing and the accused are not brought to Courts physically from custody.

# Cases heard during pandemic 1,34,521



### **High Court Of Chhattisgarh**

#### Vernacular Judgements Monday, Ma 10 entries per page S.No. Case Type/Case No/Case Year Pet Name v/s Res Name TPCR/25/2021 TRILOK SAHU Vs... SMT. KRITIKA SAHU FA/442/2018 NIHARIKA DAS Vs... 2 SMT. POONAM GOLCHHA WPPIL/73/2022 DR. SANJEEV AGARWAL Vs... 3 STATE OF CHHATTISGARH WPC/2285/2018 4 NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA, Vs... UNION OF INDIA CRMP/2137/2019 5 DR. MANMOHAN KUMAR KHANDUJA Vs... AMIT KUMAR 6 MCRC/4165/2022 CHANDRAVEER SINGH @ PINTU/CHINTU Vs... DIRECTORATE OF REVENUE INTELLIGENT (DRI)

- Our Chief Justice of India has emphasised that judgement should be available in language of the stakeholders. Our High Court has started uploading judgement in Hindi also, so that stakeholders do not face barrier of language.
- The judgements are translated from English to Hindi with the help of Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software(SUVAS).



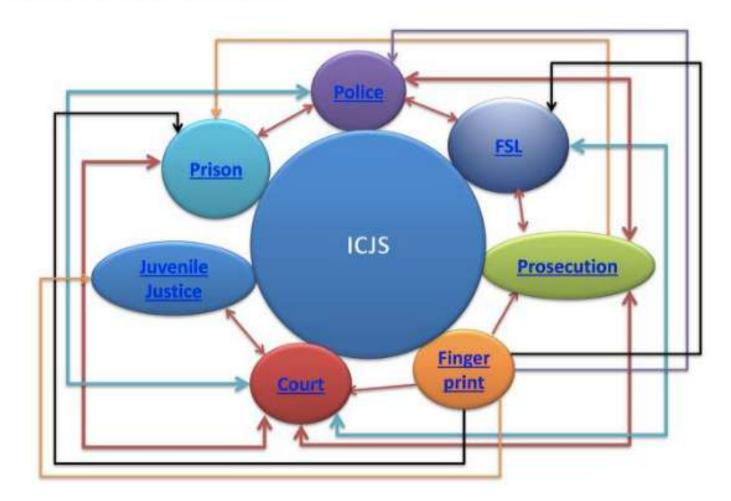
- The deposition of doctors, who are from other states and districts are recorded through Video Conferencing which saves time and expenses.
- We are in the process of providing Video Conferencing facilities in all the District Hospitals which will save the valuable time of Doctors, which in turn could be utilized for the treatment of patients.
- All Court rooms in Chhattisgarh High Court are working on a hybrid mode that is Courts are working physically as well as virtually through Video Conferencing.



- ePay The facility of e-pay is available in High Court and all the District & Sessions Courts.
- In Chhattisgarh State Courts situated in Talukas do not have the facility of ePay due to which e-filing cannot be done in Courts situated in Talukas.
- The process for providing the facility of ePay in Talukas is under process and the same will be available shortly.
- As soon as a facility of ePay in Talukas starts, e-filing in a Court situated in Talukas will be possible.

### Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS)

**Data Flow between ICJS Pillars** 

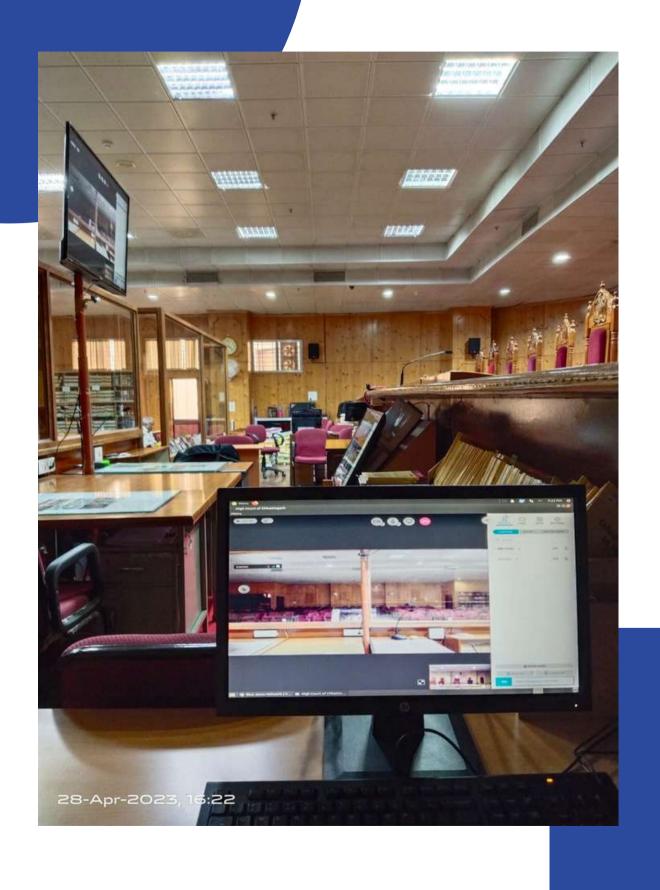


• ICJS - Integration has been done between the Courts and Police under the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) to implement Live Electronic Exchange of data. Data exchange is taking place between Courts of the State and other department like police, prison etc.



- e-Sewa Kendra e-Sewa Kendra has been established at the High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur and one pilot location District & Sessions Court, Rajnandgaon. This e-Sewa Kendra has all the facilities. We are in the process of starting e-Sewa Kendra in all the District and Session Courts and the process has begun for procurement of hardware for this purpose.
- e-Sewa kendras is functional at High Court of Chhattisgarh and District Court, Rajnandgaon. e-Sewa kendra are ready in rest of the 22 districts which after inaugration will be functional. These e-Sewa kendra will be very useful for Advocates and litigants as they will be providing many services free of cost.

VC counter in High Court-14



- Video Conferencing Video Conferencing equipment has been provided to all the Court Complexes in the State. Dedicated Video Conferencing facility is available in 396 courts of the State and this financial year all the remaining Courts will have dedicated Video Conferencing facilities.
- Every Court room in High Court of Chhattisgarh has separate Video conferencing equipment with additional displays for advocate also available.

# Courts in High Court-15 Total VC Setup in High Court-15



• Case Information Kiosk - Kiosk machines have been installed in six places in High Court. In all the District Courts of the State kiosk is available to provide information related to the status of the cases to the advocates and litigants.

# Virtual Court (Traffic challan) in Ambikapur, Bilaspur, Durg, and Jagdalpur







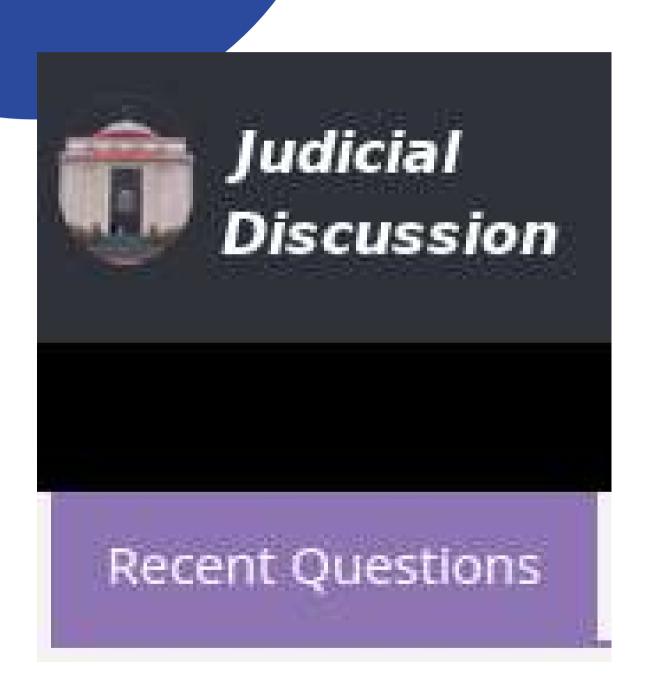
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• With the objective of furthering the ease and convenience for the litigants who are facing traffic rule violation cases, Virtual Court (Traffic challan) in Ambikapur, Bilaspur, Durg, and Jagdalpur is going to be inaugrated shortly. We are simultaneously planning to start Virtual Courts in every district in state. These service is already functional in Raipur District.

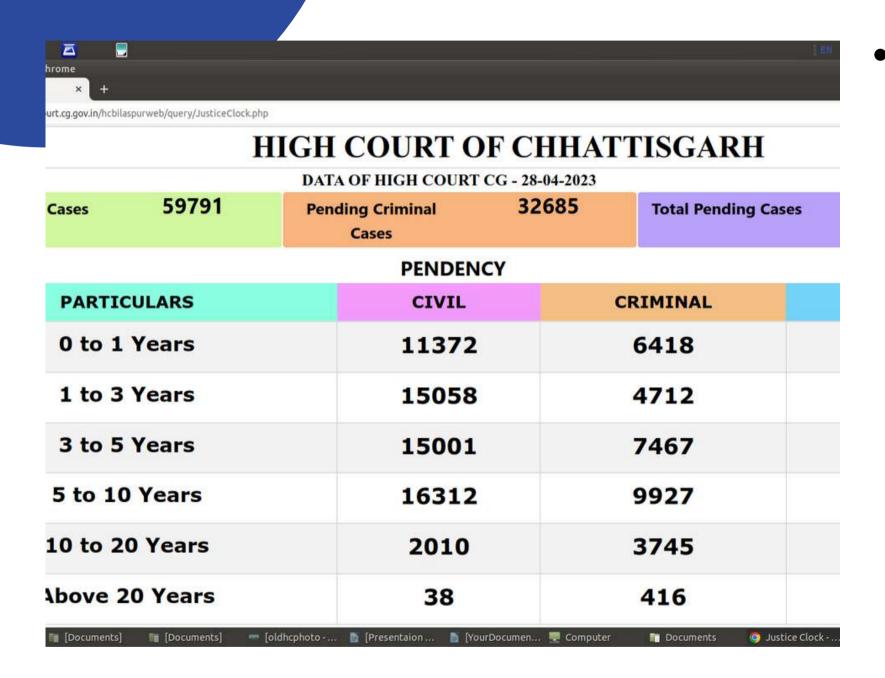
# First Virtual Court in CG started on 20/03/2021

# Software for Judicial Discussion (FAQ Software for Judicial Officers)

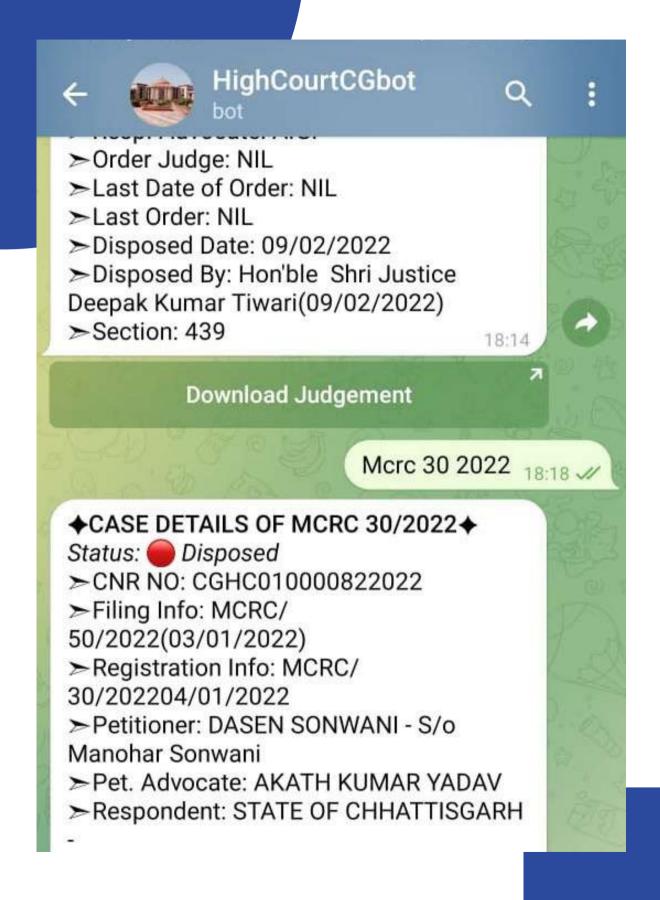


- With the objective of furthering the ease and spreading legal knowledge and clear doubts and provide guidance to Judicial Officers of the State, a software has been created.
- Through it question of legal subjects can be raised and Judicial Officers of the state can express their views and Academy can express its opinion clearing the legal position.
- It works on NICNET so there is no issue of unauthorised persons using the software.
- Through these software legal knowledge of the Judges can be enhanced and their doubts cleared.

## **Virtual Justice Clock**

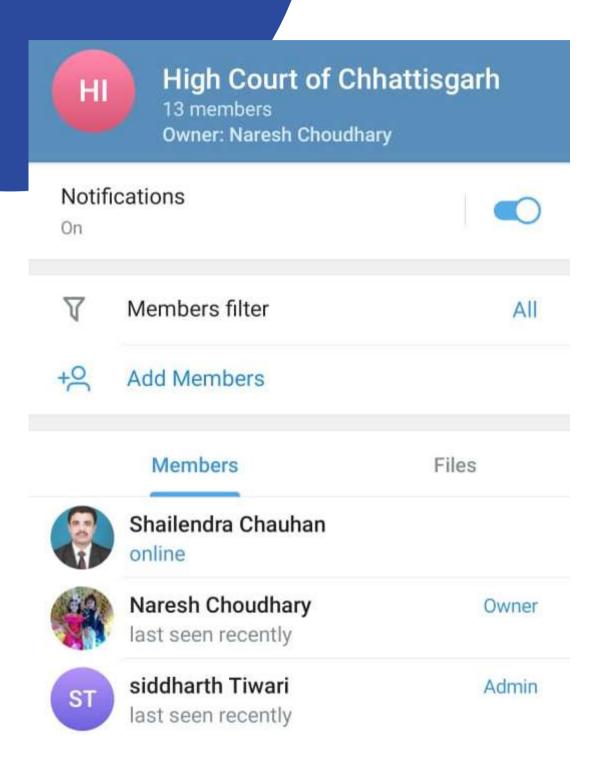


 Physical Justice Clock is already installed in the premises of Hon'ble High Court of Chhattisgarh. Upgradation in the software of Justice Clock of High Court has been done, which when enabled, will show pendency and disposal of our High Court as well as pendency and disposal of the Districts. The same data which is displayed in the physical Justice Clock, will also be displayed on the Virtual Justice Clock on the website of High Court of Chhattisgarh.



## Case Status through Telegram Bot

 With the objective of furthering the ease and convenience for the litigants and all stakeholders, an additional platform information about particular case through Telegram is to be started. Information about case can be fetched through telegram bot for which link will be available in website of High Court of Chhattisgarh. The telegram channel will be one additional medium to fetch case information. By way of this additional mode of providing information the litigants will be able to keep themselves updated about their case.



## Telegram Channel (For Causelist)

- With the objective of furthering the ease and convenience for the Learned Advocates, litigants and all the stakeholders, an additional platform for information dissemination i.e. an official Telegram Channel of the High Court, is planned to be started. The Link for joining telegram channel will be available in website of High Court of Chhattisgarh. Learned Advocates, litigants and all the stakeholders can join the telegram group by just clicking the telegram tab.
- The telegram channel will be one additional medium to push Causelists which is uploaded on the website of the High Court.

# Telegram Channel (For Tenders )



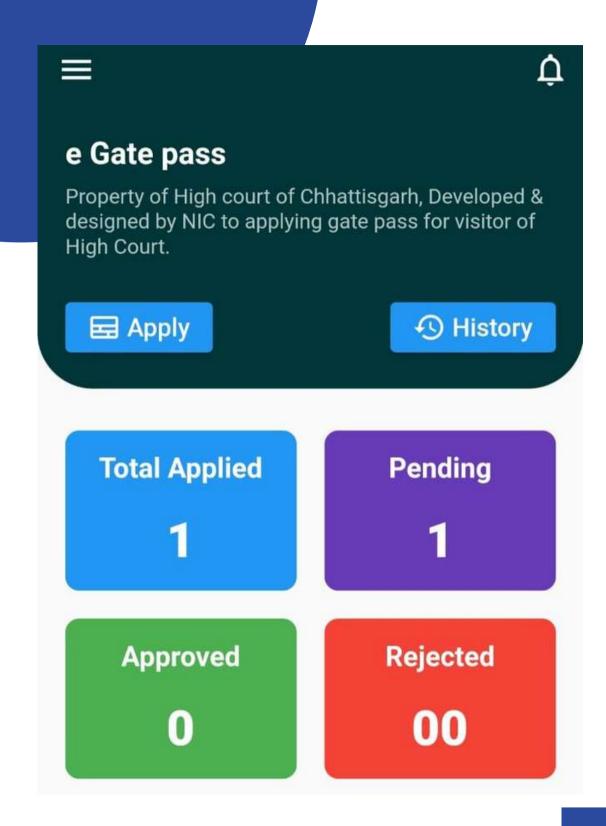
 With the objective of furthering the ease and convenience for the Vendors an additional platform for information dissemination regarding tenders i.e. an official Telegram Channel of the High Court is planned to be started. The Link for joining telegram channel will be available in website of High Court of Chhattisgarh. Vendors and all the stakeholders can join the telegram group by just clicking the telegram tab. The telegram channel will be one medium to push information additional regarding upcoming tenders which is uploaded on the website of the High Court.

## AFR Judgement through Telegram Channel



 With the objective of furthering the ease and convenience for the Learned Advocates, litigants, Law students and all the stakeholders, additional platform for information dissemination i.e. an official Telegram Channel of the High Court, is planned to be started. The link for joining telegram channel will available in website of High Court Chhattisgarh. Learned Advocates, litigants, Law students and all the stakeholders can join the telegram group by just clicking the telegram tab.

## Mobile app for e-Gate pass



• Mobile app for e-Gate pass is ready. Through it persons who need gate pass to enter High Court premises for there work can download the app and apply for e-Gate pass. Link for the e-Gate pass will be provided in the website and very soon app will be available in google store. This will save precious time of persons who need gate pass to enter High Court premises as they will not have to wait at the e-Gate pass counter to get pass.

## Challenges



- Lack of strong network connectivity.
- Lack of technically skilled person.
- Lack of Funds.
- Lack of awareness among advocates and litigants technology.
- Lack of proper hardware among advocates and litigants.

