

# Judgement Search Portal

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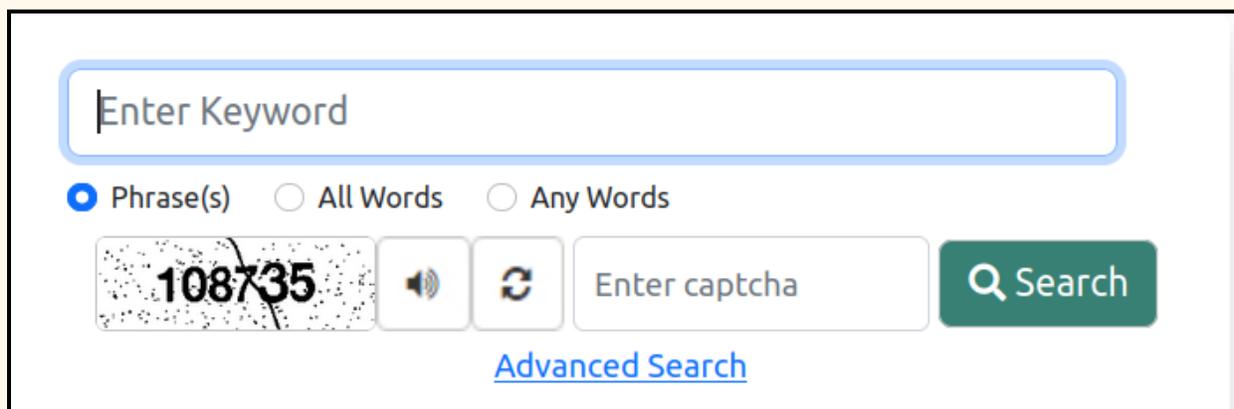
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## 1.Introduction:

Judgments & Final Orders search portal is a repository of judgments pronounced by various High Courts in the country. It provides the facility to search judgments and orders based on several search criteria. The most important feature of this portal is that it has a free text search engine, which culls out judgments based on a given keyword in the search box provided. Users can search on various criteria like High Court, Hon'ble Judge name, case number, acts, section, name of parties, decision date and disposal nature. A combination of several search options will assist the stakeholders in getting the desired results. The embedded filtering feature allows further filtering on available results, thus adding value to the search.

## 2.Judgement search portal Home page -



The screenshot displays the search interface of the Judgement Search Portal. It features a large text input field with the placeholder text "Enter Keyword". Below the input field, there are three radio button options: "Phrase(s)" (selected), "All Words", and "Any Words". To the right of these options is a CAPTCHA image showing the number "108735" with a diagonal line through it. Next to the CAPTCHA are two small icons: a speaker icon and a refresh icon. Below the CAPTCHA and icons is a text input field labeled "Enter captcha". To the right of this field is a green "Search" button with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search area is a blue link labeled "Advanced Search".

The Judgement search portal has a simple, user-friendly search page where one can make keyword searches based on Phrases, All words, any word . To make a simple keyword search

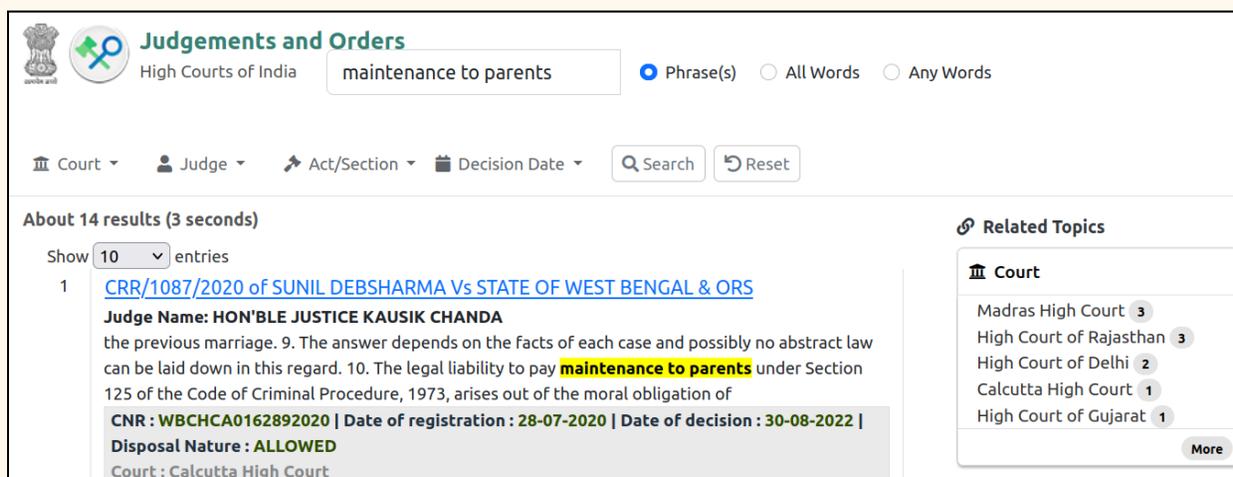
- Choose from Phrases/ All words/ any word
- Enter Captcha
- Click search
- The search result will be displayed

## 2. Keyword search options

The Keyword search provided in the Home page can be made under three options i.e. Phrases, all word , any word search as shown hereunder.

### 2.1. Phrases search option

Under Phrases one can type any phrase and search for citations only with that phrases. For example for searching a phrase “ maintenance to parents” will fetch the citations only with the complete phrase .



The screenshot displays the search interface for Judgements and Orders. The search term "maintenance to parents" is entered in the search box, and the "Phrase(s)" radio button is selected. The results section shows "About 14 results (3 seconds)" and a list of results. The first result is a case from the Calcutta High Court, titled "CRR/1087/2020 of SUNIL DEBSHARMA Vs STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS", with Judge Name "HON'BLE JUSTICE KAUSIK CHANDA". The text of the judgment includes the phrase "maintenance to parents" highlighted in yellow. The case details include CNR: WBCHCA0162892020, Date of registration: 28-07-2020, Date of decision: 30-08-2022, and Disposal Nature: ALLOWED. A "Related Topics" sidebar on the right lists courts with counts: Madras High Court (3), High Court of Rajasthan (3), High Court of Delhi (2), Calcutta High Court (1), and High Court of Gujarat (1).

### 2.2. All words search option :

All word options can be used to search citations with all the search words in the citation. For example, to search for “ Maintenance to parents and children”, and when you click all words, one can get the citations having all the words in it as shown in the screenshot herein

The screenshot shows the 'Judgements and Orders' search interface. The search term 'maintenance to parents, child' is entered in the search box. The 'All Words' radio button is selected, indicating that all words in the search term must be present in the results. The search results show 'About 6300 results (1 seconds)'. The first result is 'CRLRC/609/2022 of Edara Sumanth, Vs Edara Rajitha', with Judge Name 'K SREENIVASA REDDY'. The text of the judgment includes 'Rs.30,000/- for the daughter? 3. If not, what quantity of maintenance can be awarded against the husband? 6. Section 125 Cr.P.C. deals with order for maintenance of wives, children and parents. It says that if a person, having sufficient means, neglects or refuses to maintain his wife'. The CNR is 'APHC010357842022', the date of registration is '27-07-2022', and the date of decision is '27-09-2022'. The disposal nature is 'DISMISSED NO COSTS'. On the right, the 'Related Topics' section shows a list of courts with their respective result counts: High Court of Kerala (1088), High Court of Karnataka (875), Bombay High Court (867), Madras High Court (786), and High Court of Gujarat (425).

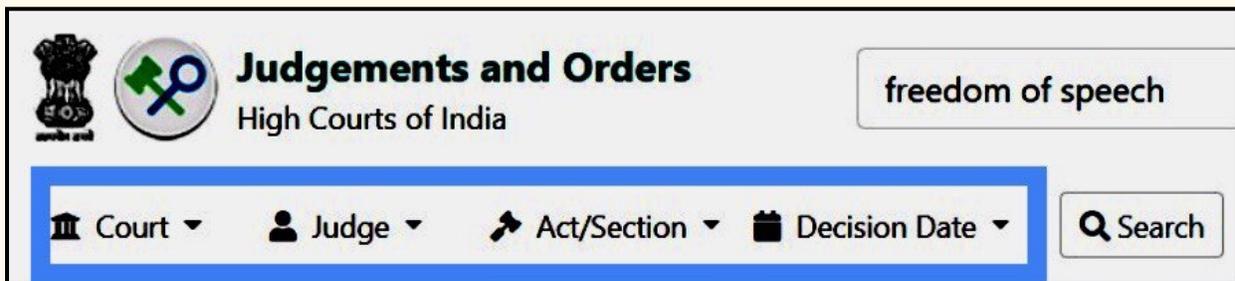
### 2.3. Any words search option:

Sometimes, you want to search the judgement having any one of the words. For example, here we have tried to search maintenance for parents and children, and if any one word appears, then that judgement will be fetched.

The screenshot shows the 'Judgements and Orders' search interface. The search term 'maintenance to parents, child' is entered in the search box. The 'Any Words' radio button is selected, indicating that any one of the words in the search term can be present in the results. The search results show 'About 393216 results (0 seconds)'. The first result is 'OP (FC)/128/2022 of SINIJA Vs P.DEVADETHAN', with Judge Name 'HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE SHOBA ANNAMMA EAPEN'. The text of the judgment includes 'the Family Court to decide on the question of guardianship of the person or custody of or access to any minor. Before deciding the question of guardianship and custody, if one party is permitted to take the children abroad, the other party will be non-suited, as there is little scope'. The CNR is 'KLHC010157622022', the date of registration is '03-03-2022', and the date of decision is '29-09-2022'. The disposal nature is 'DISPOSED OF'. On the right, the 'Related Topics' section shows a list of courts with their respective result counts: Bombay High Court (56206), Madras High Court (49527), High Court of Kerala (48893), Patna High Court (39740), and High Court of Karnataka (38198).

### 3. Search within search:

The judgement search portal also provides an interesting search within the search

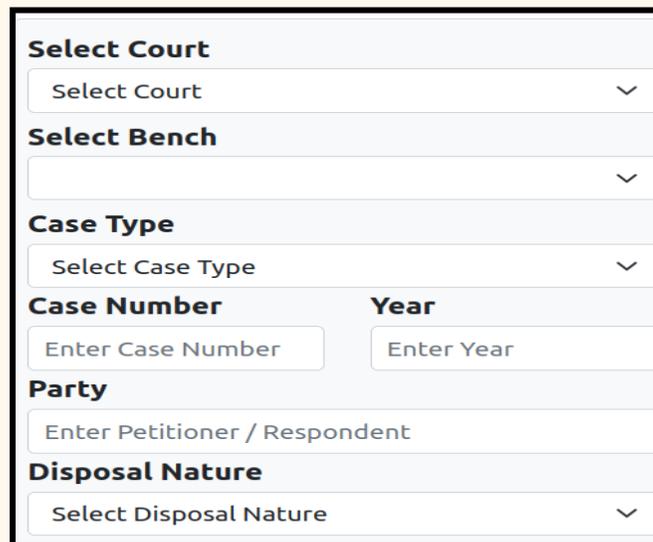


The screenshot shows the top section of the 'Judgements and Orders' portal. On the left is the Indian national emblem and the text 'High Courts of India'. On the right is a search box with the text 'freedom of speech'. Below this is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Court', 'Judge', 'Act/Section', and 'Decision Date', each with a dropdown arrow. A 'Search' button is located to the right of the navigation bar.

The search within search option is provided under four tabs Court; Judge; Act/Section, and Decision date.

### 3.1.Court search option

The court option can be used for searching within the main search results. To further filter the search results based on courts one can fill up the relevant fields under the court tab and can get the desired results.

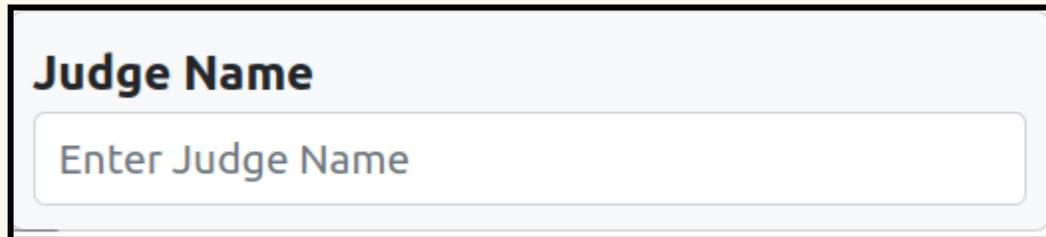


The screenshot shows a search filter form with the following fields:

- Select Court**: A dropdown menu with the text 'Select Court' and a downward arrow.
- Select Bench**: A dropdown menu with a downward arrow.
- Case Type**: A dropdown menu with the text 'Select Case Type' and a downward arrow.
- Case Number**: An input field with the text 'Enter Case Number'.
- Year**: An input field with the text 'Enter Year'.
- Party**: An input field with the text 'Enter Petitioner / Respondent'.
- Disposal Nature**: A dropdown menu with the text 'Select Disposal Nature' and a downward arrow.

### 3.2.Judge search option

Under the Judge tab, the citations got under the main search can be further filtered using the Judge name. Type the Judge name and filter the search results based on Judge's name



The image shows a search filter interface for the Judge Name. It features a light blue header with the text "Judge Name" in bold. Below the header is a white input field with rounded corners and a light blue border, containing the placeholder text "Enter Judge Name".

### 3.3. Act/Section search option

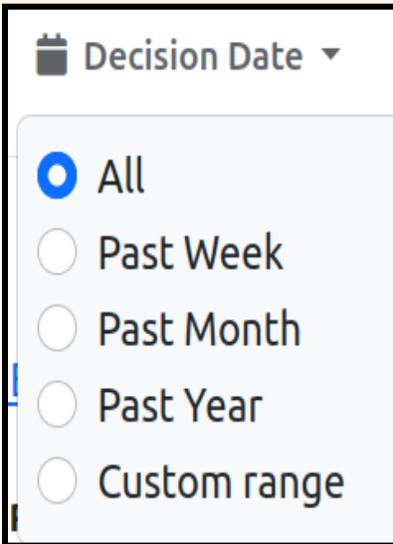
Under the Act/Section tab, the citations under the main search can be further filtered using the Act/Section name. Type the needed act /section and filter the search results based on the Act/Section.



The image shows a search filter interface for the Act/Section. It features a light blue header with the text "Act" in bold. Below the header is a white input field with rounded corners and a light blue border, containing the placeholder text "Enter Act". Below this is another light blue header with the text "Section" in bold, followed by another white input field with rounded corners and a light blue border, containing the placeholder text "Enter Section".

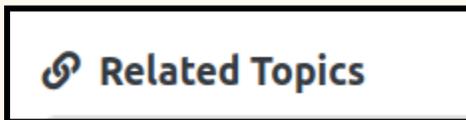
### 3.4. Decision date search option:

The search can also be made based on the decision date . The search results obtained under the main search can be further filtered under decision date using past week, past month past year or defined custom time range. Try your hands and search within your search based on the decision date



#### 4. Related Topics options:

The search results can also be filtered using a related topics search. The related topics options provide further filtering of search under High court wise, Judgewise, Yearwise options



##### 4.1.High Court wise filtering option:

The Judgements search can be further filtered using Court option. Under this related topic option the number of Judgements High Court wise will be shown. And further drill down can be made using this related topics court option

Court	
Bombay High Court	56206
Madras High Court	49527
High Court of Kerala	48893
Patna High Court	39740
High Court of Karnataka	38198
<a href="#">More</a>	

#### 4.2. Judgewise filtering option

The Judgements search can be further filtered using the Judge option. Under this related topic option, the number of Judgements judge wise will be shown. And further drill down can be made using these related topics Judge option

Judges	Show
Hon'ble Shri Justice Rajendra Chandra Singh Samant	2746
Mr. Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh	4863
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALEXANDER THOMAS	2511
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.M. SHAFFIQUE	2578
B.A. PATIL	1488
<a href="#">More</a>	

#### 4.3. Disposal Yearwise filtering option

The Judgements search can be further filtered using the Disposal year wise option. Under this related topic option, the number of Judgements disposed based on the year will be shown. And further drill down can be made using these related topics disposal year wise option



Year	Number of Judgments
2022	30395
2021	40747
2020	27509
2019	37641
2018	32804

## 5. Search results

### Search result shows;

- A small **paragraph** including search text along with
- The case **number** and cause **title**
- **CNR** Number
- Date of **Registration**
- Date of **Disposal**
- **Nature** of Disposal
- The **list of Judges** who delivered the judgments based on search criteria
- **Year** of Disposal/Decision
- **Act/Sections** is provided

The search results contain various details like the case number and cause title;



Click the link to access the Judgement search portal

<https://judgments.ecourts.gov.in/pdfsearch/index.php>

## 9. Conclusion:

The Judgement search portal is a free citizen-centric service for all stakeholders, including litigants, advocates, and Judges. Police offices and it is available 24\*7. The portal is user-friendly with the free downloadable option of the High Court Judgements. It saves the cost spent by the stakeholders. The portal is accessibility compliant, and the judgments are Digitally accessible for PwD. The Judgement search portal serves as a one-stop authenticated, unified portal for all Judgments and orders of the High Court of India. And this judgement search portal is based on the constitutional mandate of the Right to access Justice guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution, which Encompasses the right to access judgment/orders.

