

Digital Accessibility Training for Visually Challenged Judicial Officers and Court Staff by eCommittee

2023-2024



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INTRODUCTION

The Task Of Making The Digital Infrastructure Of The Indian Judicial System More Accessible To Persons With Disabilities Has Been A Core Component Of The Work Of The Ecommittee, Supreme Court Of India

E-Committee Conducted Digital Accessibility Training For Visually Challenged Judicial Officers And Staff Of District & Taluka Courts under the vision and leadership of Honble Justice Dr D.Y. Chandrachud , patron -in Chief of Ecommittee.

28 Batches

558 Participants



**E-COMMITTEE CONDUCTED DIGITAL
ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING FOR VISUALLY
CHALLENGED COURT STAFF TRAINING
PROGRAMMES DURING 2023-2024**

28 Batches

**558 Visually challenged Judicial officer
and court staff covered pan India**

HON.CJI. DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD WITH ALL THE VISUALLY
CHALLENGED JUDICIAL OFFICERS FROM PAN INDIA



HON.CJI. DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD WITH THE VISUALLY
CHALLENGED COURT STAFF FROM PAN INDIA

eCommittee Conducts the First Ever Digital Accessibility Training for Visually Challenged Judicial Officers & Court Officials





Thee-Committee, Supreme Court of India conducted the first ever Digital Accessibility ICT training for Visually challenged Judicial Officers and Court staff on 17&18 April 2023 at IIPA, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Dr Justice D.Y.Chandrachud, interacted with the participants from various parts of the country and heard their suggestions and feedback on the training. Making the digital infrastructure of the Indian judicial system more accessible to persons with disabilities is one of the core components of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India. As Hon'ble Chairperson of the e-Committee, Dr Justice D.Y. Chandrachud exhorted all High Courts to make their digital infrastructure accessible to all, in conformity with the constitutional and statutory entitlements of people with disabilities. The letter contained a series of structural interventions for all High Courts to undertake towards enhancing digital accessibility. A significant milestone in the E-committee's efforts towards this objective- the E-committee has made all High Court websites, the websites of the E-committee and e-Courts, and the judgement search portal accessible to persons with disabilities. Digital accessibility training for the Differently Abled is a part of the eCommittee's ICT capacity-building exercise. The digital accessibility training will be spread to all categories of disabilities among Judges and Court staff in a phased manner.



In the first phase, Digital Accessibility training has been held for the visually challenged Judges and Court Staff, which is the first of its kind. Hon'ble Justice Rajiv Shakdher inaugurated the two-day programme, Judge Delhi High Court, In the august presence of Hon'ble Justice G R Swaminathan Judge High Court of Madras, Shri SKG Rahate Secretary Department of Justice, S.N.Tripathi, Director General IIPA. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, addressed the Valedictory function. The two-day digital accessibility training was held in two separate batches for six visually challenged Judicial officers and 14 visually challenged Court staff. The training was held as Hands-on training covering various assistive technologies like the accessible reading of court documents with a screen reader and instant reading device; accessible documentation & note-making in a digital work environment; techniques and tools for scan and creating Digital Accessible format; using the internet, judgement searching with screen readers; smartphone-based assistive technologies, the orientation of keyboard and input in regional languages, Artificial intelligence tools and techniques for the visually impaired, digital office handling & usages. Ms. R. Arulmozhiselvi, Member (HR), eCommittee, coordinated the programme with Er Manish Verma, Director NIEPVD, and Dr. Surabhi Pandey, IIPA.

Regional Digital Accessibility Training for Visually
Challenged Court Staff at DJA (1st & 2nd Sep, 2023 Batch 1)
(4th & 5th Sep, 2023 Batch 2) (14th & 15th Sep, 2023 Batch 3)









e-Committee Conducts a
Digital Accessibility Training
For Visually Challenged Court
Staff at Tamil Nadu State
Judicial Academy from 19th
December, 2023 to 22nd
December, 2023



The eCommittee organized a two-days training on digital accessibility training for visually challenged court staff in the coordination with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD). This transformative program took place at the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy from 19th December, 2023 to 20th December, 2023 (Batch 1) and 21st December, 2023 to 22nd December, 2023 (Batch 2). The digital accessibility training for visually challenged starts with an inaugural session and Mr. C. Sanjai Baba, Director of Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, address welcome speech to all the participants & Ms. R. Arulmozhiselvi from the eCommittee delivered a scope and objective of digital accessible training and vote of thanks to all participants given by Dr. R. Sathya, Additional Director, TamilNadu State Judicial Academy.

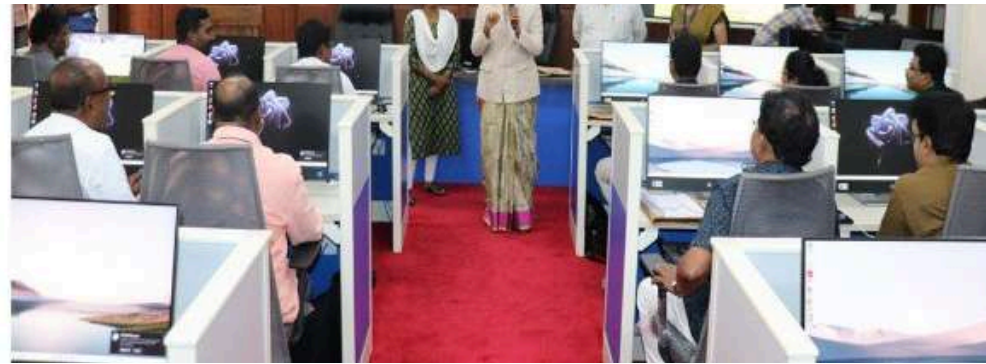
The two-day training witnessed a convergence of dedicated participants from various courts across the nation, eager to acquire skills and knowledge to better serve individuals with visual im-pairments.

In this training, 33 court staff participate from High Court and District Courts and Mr. G.M. Sridhar, Computer Faculty, NIEPVD and Ms. A. Anushiya, Computer Faculty, NIEPVD trained participants to easily accessible the document. The eCommittee, a body formed by the Supreme Court of India to promote the use of technology in the judiciary, organized this training as part of its ongoing efforts to make justice more accessible to all. The two-day training was held in the hands-on training model wherein each participant have system which is provided by Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy loaded with accessibility software like NVDA, Jaws, etc.



e-Committee Conducts a Digital Accessibility Training For Visually Challenged Court Staff at Kerala on 15.01.2024 and 16.01.2024(Batch-I) and January 2024 17.01.2024 and 18.01.2024(Batch-II)







The e-committee's digital accessibility 2-day hands-on training program for the visually challenged court staff was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, Justice Ashish Jitendra Desai on the 15th of January. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Chairperson (computerisation committee), delivered a special address while Ms. R. Arulmozhiselvi, Member (HR), e-committee introduced the attendees with the scope and object of the digital accessibility training program. The event was then concluded by a vote of thanks by Sri. Joseph Rajesh K. A., Deputy Director (IT). This transformative program was held at the Kerala High Court in collaboration with Kerala Judicial Academy from the 15th to 18th January, 2024 in the I.T. Training Hall in two batches. The two batches covered a strength of 53 visually challenged court staff members.

The special educators from the NIEPVD Regional Centre, Chennai, Mr. GM Sreedhar along with Ms. Anushiva A, computer faculty, conducted a hand holding training in using various assistive technologies, covering various aspects such as accessible reading of court documents, documentation and note-making in a digital work environment, creating digital accessible format, using internet and judgement search through the e-SCR portal, judgement search portal using the screen readers, smartphone-based assistive technologies, and input in regional languages.

The training program aims at making the digital infrastructure of the Indian Judicial System more accessible to persons with disabilities which is one of the core objectives of the e-committee, executed under the guidance of the hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Dr Justice D. Y. Chandrachud.



KARNATAKA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

E-Committee, Supreme Court of
India Digital Accessibility
Training for Visually Challenged
Court Staff in Co-ordination
with Karnataka Judicial
Academy (Batch-I to XIX from
11Sep 2023 to 06 July 2024)



KARNATAKA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

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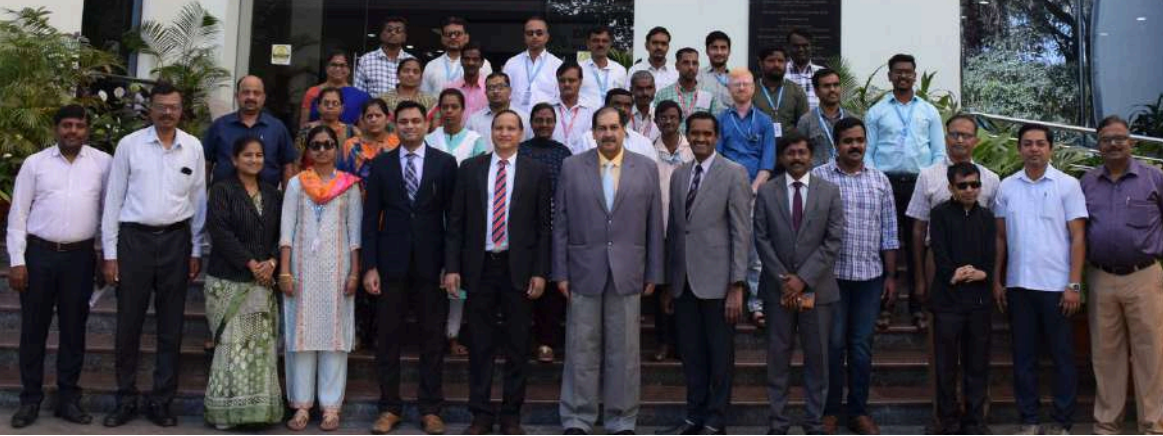
The High Court of Karnataka hosted a valedictory event to celebrate the successful completion of the eCommittee Digital Accessibility Training Program for staff members with visual impairments. Over the course of several months, 371 visually impaired employees from the state judiciary were covered by the program in 19 groups. Screen readers, magnification software, OCR tools, refreshable braille displays, braille notetakers, and assistive mobile applications were among the many assistive technologies that were addressed in the course.

The following are some highlights of the valedictory function:

- Distinguished guests graced the event, including Mr. Shivaram S. Deshpande (Head of Operations, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled), Dr. Sanjay Jain (Member, Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility), and Hon. Mr. Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav (Chairman, Accessibility Committee, High Court of Karnataka).
- The program's journey was captured in a documentary.
- Participants talked about their satisfying training experiences.
- Mr. Shivaram S. Deshpande presented project options for staff members with visual impairments, and Dr. Sanjay Jain praised the program as an international success story and a model for implementing accessibility.
- In order to create an inclusive workplace, Hon. Mr. Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav emphasized teamwork and ongoing development. The participants' eagerness for more instruction in court-related software applications demonstrates their dedication to lifelong learning and career advancement. For the Indian judiciary, this ground-breaking eCommittee effort represents a ray of hope for establishing a fully inclusive workplace where people with disabilities can realize their full potential.







Digital Certificates

**eCommittee, Supreme Court of India**
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Delhi Judicial Academy

C.No. : 013/DAT/002/DL/2015/04092023

This is to certify that **RAVI KUMAR**, has successfully completed the **Regional Digital Accessibility Training** on **September 4th and 5th, 2023** at Delhi Judicial Academy conducted by eCommittee, Supreme Court of India.

Dr. Aditi Choudhary
Director(Academies)
Chairperson (Officiating)
Delhi Judicial Academy



R.Arulmozhiselvi
Member(Human Resources)
eCommittee,
Supreme Court of India

**eCommittee, Supreme Court of India**
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY
JUSTICE TRIUMPHS

C.No. : 02/DAT/TN002/2004/21222023

This is to certify that **V.MUTHUKUMAR**, ASSISTANT, HIGH COURT OF MADRAS has successfully completed the **Regional Digital Accessibility Training** on **December 21st & 22nd, 2023** at Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy conducted by eCommittee, Supreme Court of India.

C. Sanjai Baba
Director
Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy



R.Arulmozhiselvi
Member(Human Resources)
eCommittee,
Supreme Court of India

**eCommittee, Supreme Court of India**
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
KERALA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

C.No. : 001/DAT/KL001/2019/15162024

This is to certify that **DIVYA J R**, SR. CLERK, MACT, NEYYATTINKARA has successfully completed the **Regional Digital Accessibility Training** on **15th and 16th January, 2024** at Kerala Judicial Academy conducted by eCommittee, Supreme Court of India.

Sri. Sujith K.N
Director
Kerala Judicial Academy



R.Arulmozhiselvi
Member(Human Resources)
eCommittee
Supreme Court of India

**eCommittee, Supreme Court of India**
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
KARNATAKA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

C.No. : 001/DAT/KA013/2013/290124

This is to certify that **LAXMI P**, SECOND DIVISION ASSISTANT, JMFC III COURT, HUBBALLI has successfully completed the **Regional Digital Accessibility Training for Visually Challenged Court Staff [Batch-XIII]** on **February 29th & March 01st, 2024** at Karnataka Judicial Academy conducted by eCommittee, Supreme Court of India.

Narahari Prabhakar Marathe
Director
Karnataka Judicial Academy



R.Arulmozhiselvi
Member(Human Resources)
eCommittee,
Supreme Court of India

E-COMMITTEE CONDUCTED DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED JUDICIAL OFFICERS/COURT STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES DURING 2023-2024

S. No.	Conducting Institute	Batch No.	Date	No. of Participants	Total no. Of Participants
1	IIPA, New Delhi	Batch 1	17 & 18 April, 2023	20 (7 Judicial Officers and 13 Court staff)	34
2	IIPA, New Delhi	Batch 2	15 & 16 May, 2023	14 (Court staff)	
3	Delhi Judicial Academy	Batch 1	1-2 September 2023	17 (Court staff)	47
4	Delhi Judicial Academy	Batch 2	4-5 September 2023	20 (Court staff)	
5	Delhi Judicial Academy	Batch 3	14 & 15 September, 2023	10 (Court staff)	
6	Tamil Nadu state judicial academy	Batch 1	19th & 20th December, 2023	27 (Court staff)	53
7	Tamil Nadu state judicial academy	Batch 2	21th & 22th December, 2023	26 (Court staff)	
8	Kerala Judicial Academy	Batch 1	15th & 16th January, 2024	25 (Court staff)	53
9	Kerala Judicial Academy	Batch 2	17th & 18th January, 2024	28 (Court staff)	

10	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 1	11th & 12th September, 2023	20	371
11	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 2	09th & 10th October, 2023	18	
12	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 3	12th & 13th October, 2023	18	
13	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 4	16th & 17th October, 2023	20	
14	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 5	19th & 20th October, 2023	20	
15	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 6	25th & 26th October, 2023	19	
16	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 7	08th & 09th February, 2024	14	
17	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 8	12th & 13th February, 2024	15	
18	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 9	15th & 16th February, 2024	20	
19	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 10	19th & 20th February, 2024	22	
20	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 11	22nd & 23rd February, 2024	20	
21	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 12	26th & 27th February, 2024	19	
22	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 13	29th Feb. & 01st March, 2024	23	
23	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 14	04th & 05th March, 2024	24	
24	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 15	11th & 12th March, 2024	22	
25	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 16	14th & 15th March, 2024	17	
26	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 17	18th & 19th March, 2024	21	
27	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 18	2nd & 3rd July 2024	19	
28	Karnataka Judicial Academy	Batch 19	5th & 6th July 2024	20	
Total Covered Batches and participants of Visually Challenged Court Staff			28	558	

eCommittee team members with Honble DR Justice
DY Chandrachud the Chief Justice of India / Patron in
Chief of the eCommittee



ECOMMITTEE TEAM MEMBERS SHRI ATUL M KUREKHAR MEMBER (PROCESSES), SHRI A. RAMESH BABU MEMBER (PROJECT MANAGEMENT), SMT R ARULMOZHI SELVI MEMBER (HUMAN RESOURCES), SHRI KULDEEP SINGH KUSHWAHA MEMBER (SYSTEMS) & HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RC CHAVAN (VICE CHAIRPERSON) WITH HONBLE DR JUSTICE DY CHANDRACHUD THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA / PATRON IN CHIEF OF THE ECOMMITTEE

2021 National award for institutions engaged in
empowering person with Disabilities awarded to
eCommittee, Supreme Court of India



THE ECOMMITTEE MEMBERS SHRI ATUL M KUREKHAR MEMBER (PROCESSES)
& SMT R ARULMOZHI SELVI MEMBER (HUMAN RESOURCES) WITH THE
HONBLE DR JUSTICE DY CHANDRACHUD THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA /
PATRON IN CHIEF OF THE ECOMMITTEE WITH 2021 NATIONAL AWARD FOR
INSTITUTIONS ENGAGED IN EMPOWERING PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

National award for the Digital accessibility initiatives of eCommittee



2021 NATIONAL AWARD FOR INSTITUTIONS ENGAGED IN
EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES –
SARVSHRESTHA SUGAMYA YATAYAT KE SADAHAN/
SOOCHANA EVEM SANCHAR PRODYOGIKI



eCommittee Supreme Court of India