PRE-TRIAL DEPOSIT OF CHEQUE AMOUNT BY THE ACCUSED IN CASES UNDER SECTION 138 OF THE N.I. ACT

In compliance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *Sanjabij Tari Vs. Kishore S. Borcar & Anr., 2025 INSC 1158*, decided on 25 September 2025, guidelines for the effective implementation of directions for the early disposal of cases under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 were issued vide **P.I. Circular No. 20/P.I./2025 dated 14.11.2025**. In the said guidelines, it has been directed that:

> **"3. Interim Payment Facility:** All District and Sessions Judges of each District Court shall create and operationalize dedicated online payment facilities through secure QR codes or UPI links. Since in the courts of Rajasthan the mechanism of making payments through QR Code and UPI pay link is not operational, therefore, until such dedicated online payment systems are created, the summons shall expressly state that the respondent/accused may deposit the cheque amount at the initial stage before the concerned Court. Upon confirmation of such payment, the Court shall inform the complainant and, upon confirmation of receipt, if appropriate, pass orders for release of such money and compounding/closure under Section 147 of the N.I. Act and/or Section 255 Cr.P.C./Section 278 BNSS, 2023."

Now, an online payment facility has been developed with the assistance of the Hon'ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India for all courts in Rajasthan. A new payment type utility, namely **"138 NI Act Cases"**, has been made functional under the **"Other Payment" tab** on the e-Pay Portal. A parking budget head **8843-00-105-02-00** has been allotted for such deposits.

Accordingly, any accused person, after receiving the summons/notice of the Court regarding an offence under Section 138 of the N.I. Act, may deposit the cheque amount by using this utility. After providing an opportunity of hearing to the complainant, the Court shall pass appropriate orders regarding the release of such money and the disposal of the case. The released amount shall be paid from the above parking budget head in compliance with the order of the Court.

For the implementation of this online mechanism, certain directions may also be issued to all trial courts. Every summons issued by the Court should contain essential information such as details of the cheque including the amount, the URL of the e-Pay Portal, and brief directions regarding the process for depositing the cheque amount if the accused is willing to do so. The official e-mail ID of the Court may also be mentioned on the summons for further communication or for submitting proof of the said deposit.

For example, the following note may be endorsed on all summons:

> *"In compliance with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in* **Sanjabij Tari v. Kishore S. Borcar & Anr., 2025 INSC 1158**, *if you so desire, you may visit the e-Pay Portal (URL: https://pay.ecourts.gov.in/) and, under the* ***'Other'*** *Payment tab, enter the case details and select the option* ***'138 NI Act Cases'*** *in the payment type to deposit the cheque amount of ₹…….. The payment receipt may thereafter be submitted to the Court through the official e-mail ID ……, or through any authorized person, or personally. The Court, after providing an opportunity of hearing to the complainant, shall pass an order in accordance with law regarding the deposited amount and the case."*

After depositing the said amount, the concerned party shall submit the receipt before the concerned Court, through any mode as directed, where it will be defaced. Thereafter, the Court shall provide an opportunity of hearing to the complainant and pass a judicial order regarding release of the deposited amount.

In compliance with any order directing payment of the said amount to any party, the deface shall first be released in accordance with **Letter No. F.5(५) DTA/IFMS/e-GRAS-22/654-1053, dated 13.04.2022** issued by the **Government of Rajasthan, Finance (Treasury & Accounts) Department (Copy Enclosed)**, or any other directions issued by the State Government from time to time through Head of Department (i.e. Rajasthan High Court). Thereafter, the deposited amount shall be paid to the concerned party through a refund bill. The step by step manual for the accused party for this activity is also mentioned here after. This manual may be given wide publicity by uploading on Official Website of all District Courts etc.

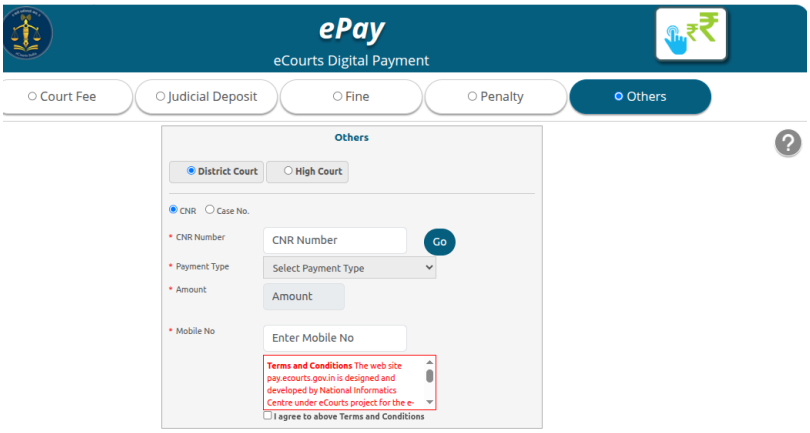
STEP BY STEP MANUAL FOR THE ACCUSED PARTY

STEP - 1

किसी भी वेब ब्राउजर का उपयोग करते हुए ePay पोर्टल को open करें। (URL: https://pay.ecourts.gov.in/)

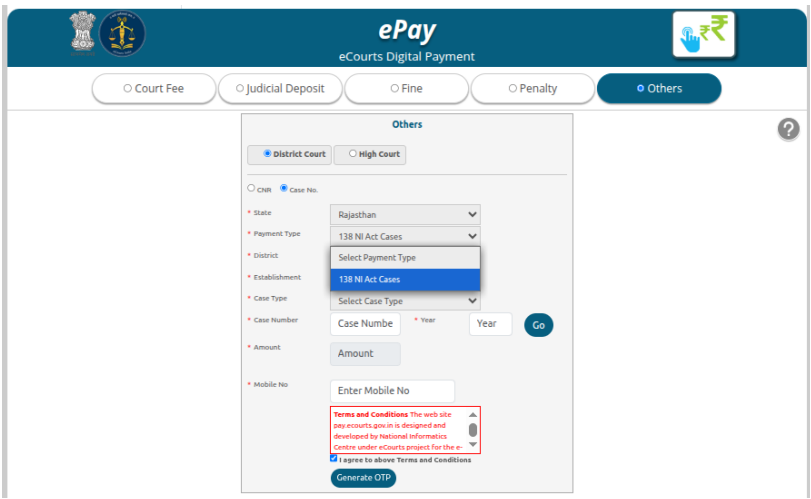
STEP - 2

पोर्टल पर अंतिम मुख्य टेब "Other" को select करें।



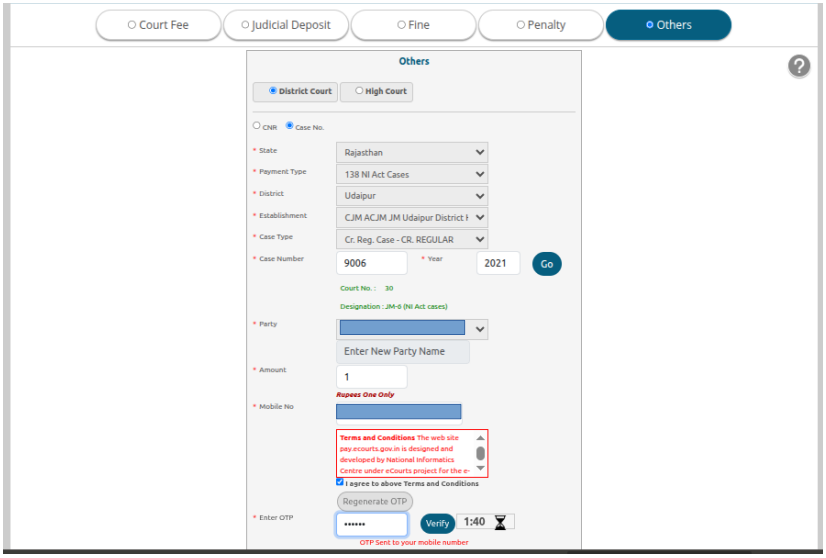
STEP - 3

"District Court" को select करें। CNR या Case No. में से एक को select करें। पेमेंट टाइप में 138 NI Act Cases को सलेक्ट करें। अपने केस के अनुसार बाकी प्रविष्ठियाँ अंकित कर Go बटन पर Click करें।



STEP - 4

पक्षकार के रुप में स्वयं का नाम चुनें। यदि सूची में नाम नहीं आ रहा है तो Enter New Party Name Box में अपना नाम टाईप करें। राशि व मोबाईल नंबर की प्रविष्ठियां करें। उक्त मोबाईल पर प्राप्त OTP को प्रमाणित करें।

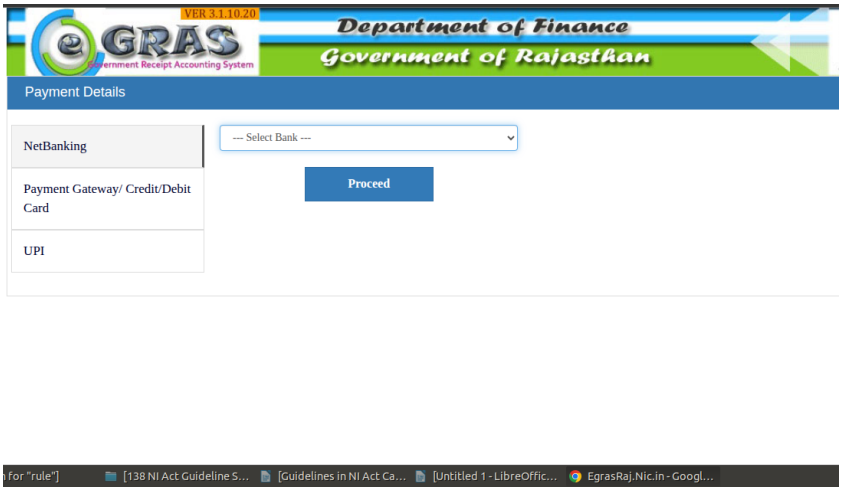


STEP - 5

ePay पोर्टल यहाँ से eGRAS पोर्टल पर redirect होगा। Continue बटन पर Click करें।

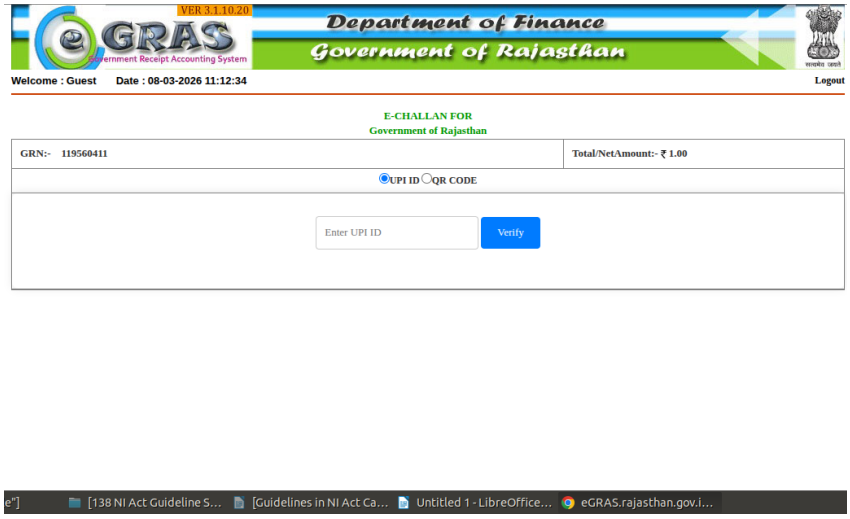
STEP - 6

Payment Mode के लिए Net Banking, Card और UPI में से अपना विकल्प चुने।



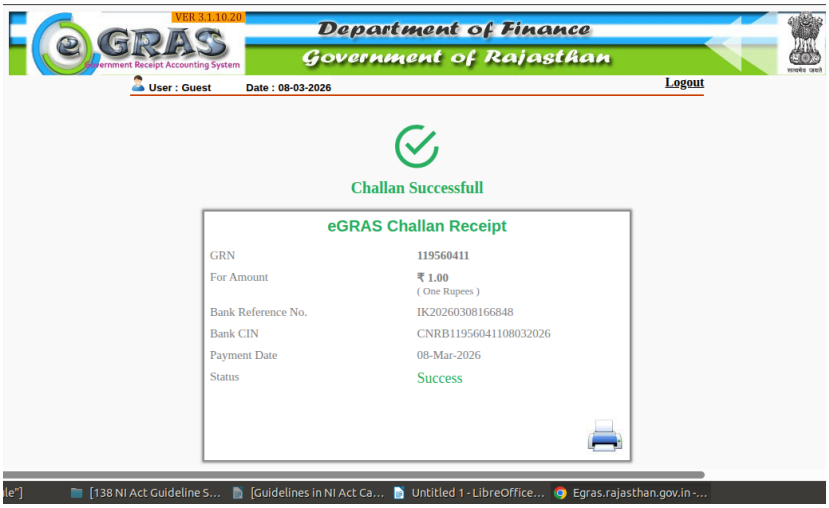
STEP - 7

UPI की दशा में UPI ID अथवा QR Code को स्केन कर भुगतान किया जा सकता है।



STEP - 8

सफलतापूर्वक भुगतान होने पर eGRAS पोर्टल पर चालान रसीद generate होगी, जिसे प्रिण्ट आईकन से प्रिंट अथवा PDF डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।



STEP - 9

डाउनलोड ई-चालान में GRN, बजट हेड, जमा राशि, दिनांक, समय, पक्षकार का विवरण इत्यादि का उल्लेख होता है।

e-Challan

Rajasthan High Court
Government of Rajasthan

GRN: **0119560411** Payment Date: **08/03/2026 11:13:00**

Office Name: **District and Sessions Judge, Udaipur**
Location: Udaipur City
Period: 08/03/2026-To-08/03/2026

S.No	Purpose/Budget Head Name	Amount (₹)
1	8443-00-105-02-00-एन.आई. एक्ट के अन्तर्गत जमाएँ	1.00

Commision(-): 0.00
Total/NetAmount: **1.00**

One Rupees and Zero Paise Only

Payee Details:			
Full Name:		Tin/Actt.No./VehicleNo./Taxid 0	
Pan No.(If Applicable):		City(Pincode):	NA(000000)
Address:NA		Remarks:RJUD02	

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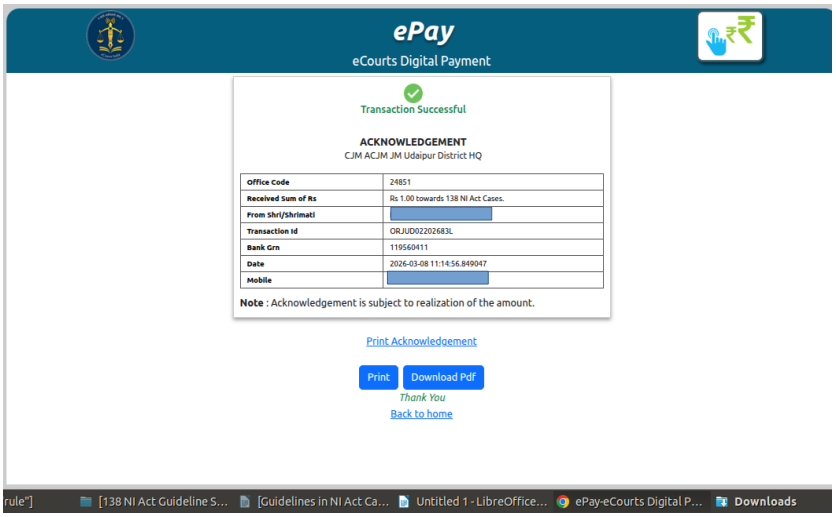
Bank:	UPI	Bank CIN No:	CNRB11956041108032026
Date:	08/03/2026 11:13:00	Refrence No:	IK20260308166848

Computer generated copy on : 08/03/2026 *Courtsy : https://Egras.rajasthan.gov.in*

STEP - 10

eGRAS पोर्टल से पुनः ePay पोर्टल पर redirect किया जायेगा, जहाँ से भी जमाकर्ता अपनी रसीद को प्रिंट या डाउनलोड कर सकता है।



STEP - 11

ePay पोर्टल की रसीद में समस्त जानकारी उपलब्ध होगी।

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CJM ACJM JM Udaipur District HQ

Office Code	**24851**
Received Sum of Rs	Rs 1.00 towards 138 NI Act Cases.
From Shri/Shrimati	[redacted]
Transaction Id	ORJUD02202683L
Bank Grn	119560411
Date	2026-03-08 11:14:56.849047
Mobile	[redacted]

Note : Acknowledgement is subject to realization of the amount.