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# Newsletter

## e-Committee, Supreme Court of India

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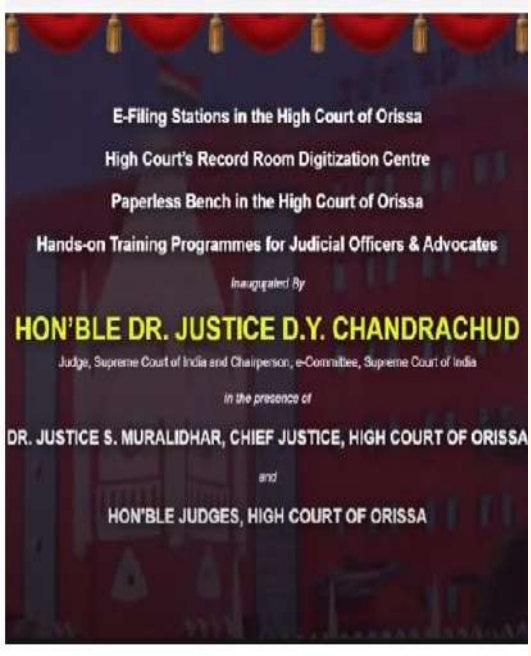


- On 11.09.2021 - Hon'ble Dr Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairperson, e-Committee, Supreme Court of India in the presence of Dr Justice S. Muralidhar, Hon'ble Chief Justice & Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Orissa inaugurated in virtual mode
- .**E-Filing Station** in the High Court of Orissa to assist and facilitate e-filing Usage among Advocates of the High Court Bar Association.
- **High Court's Record Room Digitization Centre** for record preservation, digitisation, archival and retrieval all under one roof.
- **The First Paperless Courts of Orissa** The Court of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Orissa and the Court of Hon'ble Mr Justice S.K. Panigrahi

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## Hands-on training for Judicial Officers on conducting Virtual hearings & recording evidence at Orissa Judicial Academy

The Chairperson of the e-Committee also virtually inaugurated the Hands-on training for the Judicial Officers on conducting Virtual Court proceedings. The hands on training at Orissa Judicial Academy, Cuttack was presided by the Hon'ble Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Judge, High Court of Orissa, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Talwant Singh, Judge, High Court of Delhi and Ms R Arulmozhiselvi, Member (Human Resources), e-Committee, Supreme Court of India were the resource persons for the said training Programme During the hands on training session the 21 Judicial officers were divided into four groups and all of them were given Hands on training on the various aspects of conducting Video Conferencing hearings and recording evidence through VC (i) How to schedule the Video Conferencing meeting; (ii) How to conduct the Video Conferencing meeting from court point with remote point; (iii) Live recording of evidence of Police officers from remote Police stations; (iv) Live examination of a Doctor Witness from a remote hospital point (V) Marking exhibits & signature using Document Visualizer; (vi) Transmitting deposition of the witness from court point to remote location; (vii) Re-transmitting the signed deposition back to the court point through official email; (viii) How to encrypt and store the recorded evidence using Hash Value; (ix) Hands on Training on using NJDG as a Court and Case Management Tool.

- Hands-on Training Programme for Advocates of District and Taluka Bar Associations of Cuttack on practical usage of e-Filing, e-Payment & -Services under the e-courts project.

*Figure 1: Court Point*

*Figure 2: Hospital remote point*

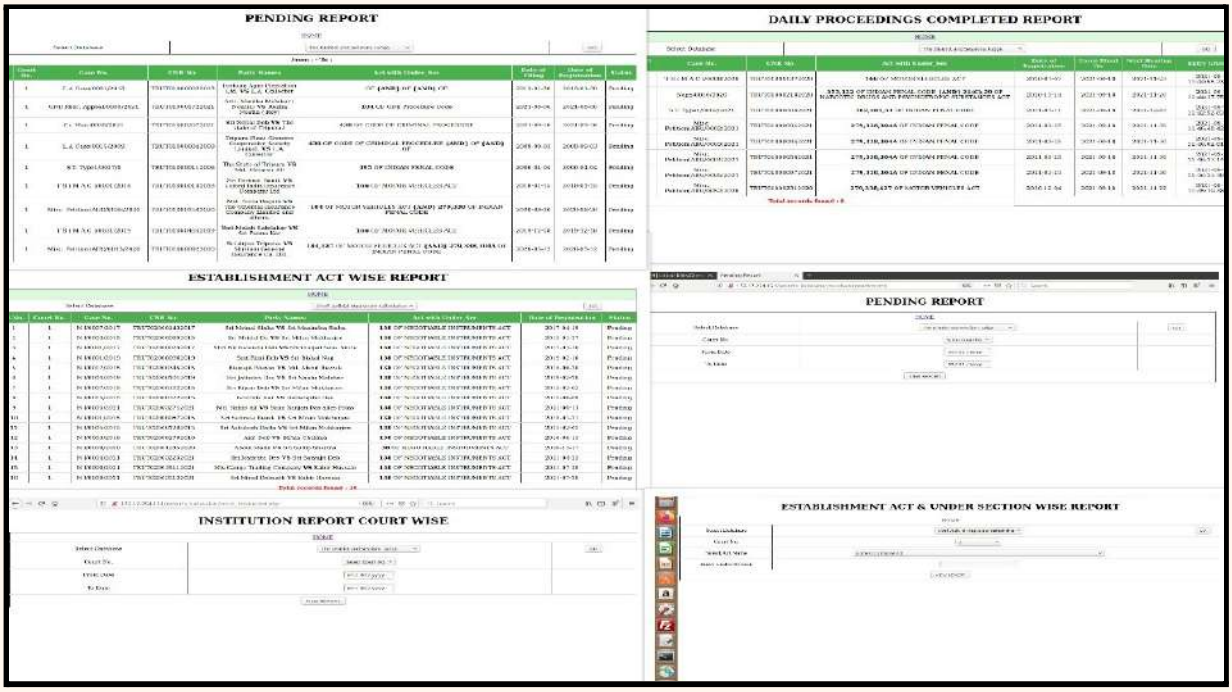
*Figure 3: public prosecutor remote point*

*Figure 4: Examination of Police witness*

*Figure 5: Marking of document using document Visualizer*

*Figure 6: Remote point with VC equipment & Document visualizer*

# Periphery Report Module in the District Court CIS rolled out by High Court of Tripura.



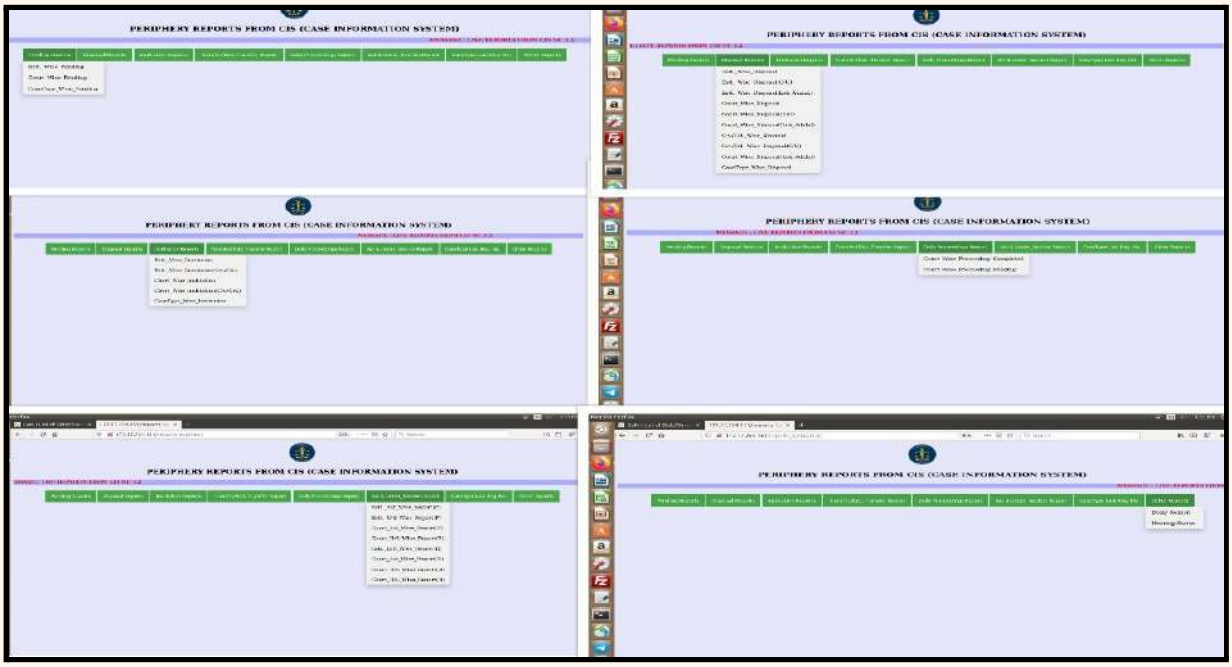

On 2nd September 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Tripura launched a "Periphery Report Module" in the District Court CIS Software to facilitate the generation of as many as 23 different categories of reports based on the Court's data available in the CIS of the local.

Servers of all the Court Complexes of Tripura.

This "Periphery Report Module" has been developed by the Periphery Development Team of the High Court based upon the requirements received from all the Court Complexes.

The Module is developed as a Process Automation Tool for instant generation of 23 different categories of reports to reduce time consumption and human resources involvement and eliminate the instances of data mismatch in preparation of various statistical information by the Courts of the District Judiciary.

The facility has been enabled in this Periphery Report Module to generate several essential reports, such as reports regarding the entry of delay reasons, the report regarding Orders/Judgments not uploaded in CIS, the report regarding pendency and completion of daily proceedings by the Courts, and the facility for the generation of several reports regarding the institution, pendency, and disposal of cases court-wise, establishment-wise, case type-wise along with Act & Section-wise Pendency Report.



## Inauguration of e-Sewa Kendra, Video Conferencing Cabin at the Court Complex of the District & Sessions Judge, West Tripura, Agartala.

On 13th September 2021, the newly established eSewa Kendra and Video Conferencing Cabin at the Court Complex of District & Sessions Judge, West Tripura, Agartala were inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr Justice Akil Kureshi, Chief Justice, High Court of Tripura in the presence of Hon'ble Mr Justice S. Talapatra, Judge, High Court of Tripura and In-Charge of ICT including eCourts Project, Hon'ble Mr Justice A. Lodh and Hon'ble Mr Justice S.G. Chattopadhyay of the High Court of Tripura. The inauguration of the eSewa Kendra and Video

Conferencing Cabin was followed by a brief programme which was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Justice and Hon'ble Puisne Judges of the High Court of Tripura. Such eSewa Kendras are also being established at all the remaining Court Complexes of Tripura District Judiciary. The eSewa Kendra of Agartala Court Complex aims to function as the first line of contact between the litigants and judicial establishment to accesseCourts Project related services. It will also act as a one-stop centre for the litigants and common public to avail all the citizen-centric services of the e-Courts Project and the Legal Aid Scheme. The eSewa Kendra set up at the Agartala Court Complex is fully paperless, being equipped with four counters and each counter having Desktop Computers, High-Speed Scanners and LAN is having access to CIS.

The Video Conferencing Cabin inaugurated at the Agartala Court Complex has been set up to provide hardware, technology, and connectivity to those sections of the advocates and litigants who face difficulty attending virtual hearings due to the digital divide. The Video Conferencing Cabin has been equipped with a large Display System with a separate webcam, mic and speaker to provide a digital interactive platform for the litigants and advocates to attend virtual hearings in the Court, be it online bail hearing or recording of evidence of a witness through video conferencing. Very soon, the Video Conferencing Cabin of the Agartala Court Complex shall be equipped with additional VC Systems to cater for the needs of the advocates and litigants to attend virtual hearings.

## First-ever e-Seva Kendra at the High Court of Uttarakhand

The first-ever e-Sewa Kendra in the State of Uttarakhand was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, Chief Justice of the High Court of Uttarakhand, on September 16, 2021, in the presence of Hon'ble Judges of the High Court.

Besides, other services the e-Sewa Kendra aims to provide services regarding queries about case status, next date of hearing and other details, assistance in downloading the Mobile app of eCourts for android and IOS, queries about judges on leave, guide people on how to avail free legal services from District Legal Service Authority, High Court Legal Service Committee and Supreme Court Legal Service Committee and queries and assistance in respect of facilities which are digitally available under eCourt project.

# Help Desk Counter established at Bhagalpur Civil Court, Bihar

The Help Desk at Civil Court, Bhagalpur, has been established and is equipped with the required technology and will go a long way in bridging the technological divide by providing access to eCourt services to the litigants.

## The Kerala High Court notifies the Electronic Video Linkage Rules for Courts (KERALA), 2021

The Kerala Judiciary extensively used video conferencing solutions to conduct court proceedings during the pandemic to minimise footfalls in courtrooms. The Courts in the Kerala district judiciary in our State had conducted 1,59,153 court proceedings through video conferencing from 22-03-2020 to 31.08.2021. However, there was no specific legislation regulating the use of electronic video linkage or video conferencing for the conduct of court proceedings till 25.08.2021.

The courts in the State are making an effort to expedite proceedings with the help of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools. Video conferencing is being resorted to for the production of accused, hearing of bail applications, interlocutory applications, examination of witnesses, final hearings etc. This makes it imperative that procedures in the form of Rules are laid down for video conferencing in court proceedings.

Hence, the Rules "THE ELECTRONIC VIDEO LINKAGE RULES FOR COURTS (Kerala), 2021" has been framed and notified by the High Court of Kerala under Article 225 and 227 of the Constitution of India for the use of video conferencing in court proceedings for courts in the State, which came into force on 25th August 2021. Copy of said rules and notification is available on the High Court website.

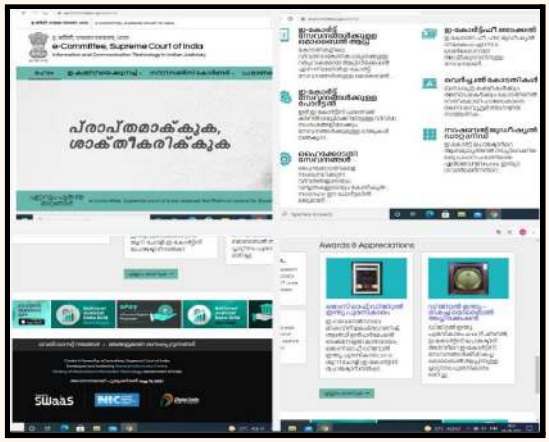
To read, please click the link below:

https://hckerala.gov.in/writereaddata/update_event_1630410108.pdf

## 44 e-filing Help centres at Bar Associations through E-Sewa Kendra & Mobile Video Conferencing facility for Idukki, Wayanad Districts

The High Court of Kerala has decided to launch 2 Mobile Video Conferencing facilities with eSewa Kendra, considering the topography and remoteness of the Districts of Idukki and Wayanad and 44 eFiling help centres at Bar Associations as an extension of eSewa Kendra. For mobile eSewa Kendra with Video conferencing facility by providing Tempo traveller, hardware equipment for Video Conferencing such as wireless Internet connection, VC equipment, Laptop / Desktop, a Multi-functional Device (MFD) (combined equipment of three facilities of Printer, Scanner & Copier) and furniture.

## e-Committee website in Malayalam




e-Committee, Supreme Court of India has made available the website in 13 different languages, including the regional language Malayalam. Now the people of Kerala can bear the fruits of eCourts services in the Malayalam language. The translation of the website's contents was done by the translators of the Supreme Court Cell of the High Court and Master Trainers (Judicial Officers), supported by the Technical Teams of the High Court of Kerala & the website team of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India.

## Rajasthan's SIROHI District Successfully migrates CIS servers on Ubuntu 20.04

To upgrade CIS Servers on the latest Ubuntu Platform, the Hon'ble e-Committee Supreme Court of India decided to migrate Servers on the latest Ubuntu 20.04. Rajasthan and Orissa were chosen as Pilots for the implementation and replicate the same across the country.

Sirohi Judgeship in Rajasthan was identified as Pilot District. The technical team of Rajasthan completed this project and successfully migrated and upgraded the Servers of the Sirohi District Court Complex and all other Taluka Court Complexes of Judgeship to Ubuntu 20.04. All these upgraded servers have been functioning seamlessly on live instances for the last month.

Thus, Sirohi Judgeship has become the first district in the entire country to successfully upgrade CIS servers to Ubuntu 20.04 and perform live testing. This exercise has paved the way for OS up-gradation of CIS servers across India.

## Hands-on Training Programme for Advocates of the Ganjam, District inaugurated by the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court

On 04.09.2021, As a measure of capacity building among Advocates to utilise tools of ICT designed for their benefit under the e-Courts project, a Hands-on Training Programme for lawyers of the Ganjam, District Bar Association was inaugurated by Dr Justice S. Muralidhar, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa in the presence of Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Orissa, District Judge, Ganjam and office bearers of District Bar Association, Ganjam. In the said Hands-on training programme, the trainee Advocates were imparted with practical hands-on training on the usage of e-Services such as e-Filing, e-Payment of Court Fee etc.

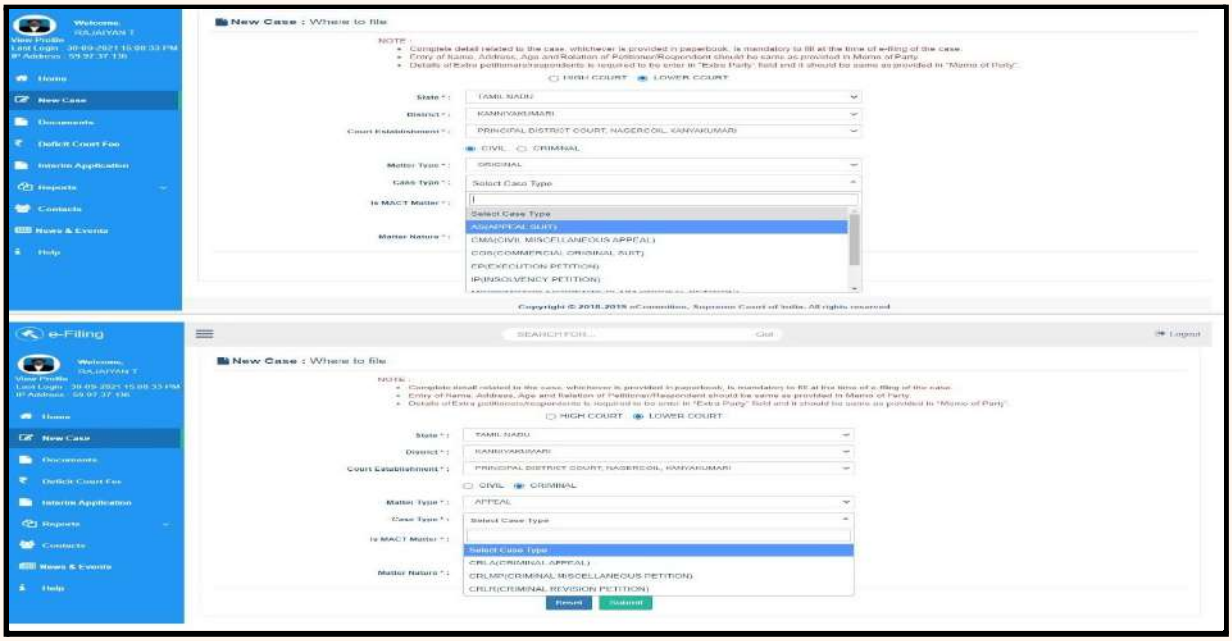
## eCourts Awareness Programme by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy reaches more than 25000 views.

The Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (TNSJA), Chennai had conducted ICT and Computerisation Sensitization and Awareness Programme on e-courts project for Judicial Officers, Court Staffs and Advocates on 05.09.2021 in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy Headquarters at Chennai and its Regional Centres at Coimbatore and Madurai. The said training programme was conducted in coordination with three Nodal Officers (Judicial Officers cum Master Trainers) along with Nine Master Trainers (Resource Persons) on the following e-courts topics viz., e-Filing, e-Payment, e-Summons,

Centralised Filing Counter, e-Service Centre for e-Court Services. Judicial Officers, Court Staffs and Advocates in the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry participated in the said training programme through Video Conferencing. The Online Training Programme was live Streamed in the YouTube Channels of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. The YouTube links for the training mentioned above program and the YouTube Views as of 29.09.2021 are details.

| S.No | Tamil Nadu Judicial Academy | YouTube Link of the Training Programme (Click the link to watch the Programmes) | No. of Views |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chennai (HQ) | https://youtu.be/izWBeCAO5yg | 11,856 |
| 2 | Madurai (Regional Center) | https://youtu.be/tGohWyYB1po | 11,026 |
| 3 | Coimbatore (Regional Center) | https://youtu.be/4yWPvJi0J7U | 2,701 |
| | | **Total Views** | **25,583** |

## Extension of the E-Filing facility to all types of cases in District Judiciary of Tamil Nadu




As per the direction of the Hon'ble Computer Committee, the e-filing facility has been implemented in the Madras High Court from April 2020 and the District Judiciary from May 2020 initially for bail matters and from 02.08.2021 onwards e-Filing facility was extended to all types of cases in Principal Seat and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. Accordingly, all the Principal District Judges in the State of Tamil Nadu, vide letter dated 06.09.2021 were addressed to extend the e-Filing facility to all types of cases in District Judiciary and also requested the Principal District Judges to sensitize the Advocates and Litigant Public to avail the e-Filing facility.

# Know the Best Practices of High Courts

As part of the “Know the Best practices of High Court” series to disseminate information about the e-initiatives and the best practices of the High Courts, this month in the limelight are:

**(i) The High Court of Sikkim**

**(ii) The High Court of Tripura**

**(i) The High Court of Sikkim** - Click the link to read the e-initiatives and the best practices of Sikkim.
https://ecommitteesci.gov.in/division/high-court-of-sikkim/

**(ii) The High Court of Tripura -** Click the link to read the e-initiatives and the best practices of Tripura.
https://ecommitteesci.gov.in/division/high-court-of-tripura/

# eCourt Statistics

## Rs.182.72 Crore fine collected - Status of Virtual Courts as on 30.09.2021

| Sr. No. | Virtual Court Name | Challans Received | Proceedings Done | Contested | Paid Challans | Fine Collected |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Assam Traffic Department | 10772 | 10772 | 41 | 1980 | 1453902 |
| 2 | Chhattisgarh Traffic Department | 62 | 61 | 0 | 27 | 57501 |
| 3 | Haryana Traffic Department | 7458 | 1553 | 12 | 139 | 122001 |
| 4 | Jammu Traffic Department | 58 | 58 | 1 | 26 | 23159 |
| 5 | Karnataka Traffic Department | 8294 | 8267 | 119 | 4701 | 4670350 |
| 6 | Kashmir Traffic Department | 1074 | 1031 | 15 | 203 | 141713 |
| 7 | Kerala Traffic Department | 30935 | 17961 | 42 | 2732 | 1467453 |
| 8 | Kerala Transport Department | 89254 | 38009 | 100 | 3895 | 5197951 |
| 9 | Maharashtra Transport Department | 10588 | 10454 | 20 | 401 | 1022201 |
| 10 | Notice Branch Delhi Traffic Department | 6671983 | 6603565 | 18628 | 551149 | 387089757 |
| 11 | Odisha Traffic CTC-BBSR Commissionerate | 2203 | 2012 | 0 | 124 | 125500 |
| 12 | Pune Traffic Department | 6080 | 6056 | 16 | 458 | 92051 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu Traffic Department | 66379 | 65460 | 485 | 16180 | 115315160 |
| 14 | Uttar Pradesh Traffic Department | 322296 | 274406 | 269 | 20344 | 8595700 |
| 15 | Virtual Court Delhi (Traffic) | 2252810 | 2207490 | 73471 | 1127219 | 1301837222 |
| | **TOTAL** | **9480367** | **9247157** | **93219** | **1729579** | **1827211622** |

## 2.62 Lakh Process served through NSTEP - Status Report as on 30.09.2021

| Sr No. | State/UT Name | Consumed Status | Delivery Status | Unserved | Served |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 4203 | 824 | 267 | 557 |
| 2 | Assam | 24459 | 3776 | 1063 | 2713 |
| 3 | Bihar | 14814 | 4947 | 1090 | 3857 |
| 4 | Chandigarh | 76932 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 26147 | 16091 | 4517 | 11574 |
| 6 | Delhi | 123281 | 22036 | 8685 | 13351 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 33 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | Haryana | 403294 | 2167 | 620 | 1547 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 483 | 52 | 19 | 33 |
| 10 | Jammu and Kashmir | 496 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 1056 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 768127 | 95893 | 35429 | 60464 |
| 13 | Kerala | 44 | 86 | 4 | 82 |
| 14 | Ladakh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | 36298 | 12685 | 2545 | 10140 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | 194378 | 69964 | 32214 | 37749 |
| 17 | Manipur | 76 | 138 | 24 | 114 |
| 18 | Meghalaya | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | Mizoram | 4 | 91 | 1 | 90 |
| 20 | Orissa | 22 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 21 | Puducherry | 3770 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | Punjab | 782041 | 19973 | 9187 | 10786 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 30763 | 33914 | 7868 | 26046 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 3821 | 2339 | 367 | 1972 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 79459 | 48116 | 14549 | 33567 |
| 26 | Telangana | 84318 | 33182 | 5404 | 27778 |
| 27 | Tripura | 7831 | 9195 | 1187 | 8008 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 112185 | 16701 | 5145 | 11556 |
| | **Total** | **2778340** | **392201** | **130193** | **262007** |

# Training/Awareness Programme during September 2021

| Training/Awareness Programme for Advocates/Advocate Clerks/ Staff/Judicial Officers during September 2021 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **High Court /Institutions** | **Programme details** | **Month/ Date** | **Participants** | **Participants / Views** | **URL Link- Click to watch** |
| High Court of Madras | eCourts Common Awareness Programme | September 2021 | Advocates; Staffs; Judicial officers. | 25583 | Click to watch<br>(i) Chennai:<br>https://youtu.be/izWBeCAO5yg<br>(ii) Madura :<br>https://youtu.be/tGohWyYB1po<br>(iii) Coimbatore:<br>https://youtu.be/4yWPvJi0J7U |
| High Court of Jammu & Kashmir | ECT-004-2021 | 23-09-2021 | Advocates & Clerks | 1926 | Click to watch<br>https://youtu.be/TXqq7dmXC1k<br>https://youtu.be/fFwOvrOr9lQ<br>https://youtu.be/Jl4Bu7a-6lY |
| High Court of Kerala | eFiling Training | September 2021 | Advocates & Clerks | 153 | Physical |
| High Court of Orissa | eFiling, e-Payment ( Court fees, fines) and other e-courts services | September 2021 | Advocates | 110 | Hands-on Training |
| **Total Participants/Views** | | | | **28072** | |

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