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REGISTRAR GENERAL

HYDERABAD
Dt: 15.09.2026

ROC.NO.1809/SO/2025

To

All the Unit Heads in the State of Telangana.

Sir/Madam,

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Sub:- High Court for the State of Telangana – New Criminal Laws - Conference on "Strengthening the Criminal Justice System through Digital Platforms" held on 13.08.2026 at the Telangana State Judicial Academy– Forwarding the circular instructions - Reg.

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Adverting to the above subject, as directed, I am to inform you that the instructions in the attached circular shall be followed scrupulously, and any deviation there from will be viewed seriously and also to circulate the circular among all the Judicial Officers and the concerned staff under your control.

Compliance of the same shall be intimated to this office.

Yours sincerely,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA ::
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Subject: Utilisation of Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)/Court Information System (CIS) integrations — Authentication and Consumption of e-FIR and e-Charge Sheet - Instructions — Issued.

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A Conference on "New Criminal Laws: Strengthening the Criminal Justice System through Digital Platforms" was held on 13/08/2026 at the Telangana State Judicial Academy for Judicial Officers, Police Officers, Prosecution Officers, and Officers of the Prison Department, in the august presence of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Judges.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in consultation with the Hon'ble e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India, is implementing the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), which enables the seamless integration and exchange of data across the five pillars of the criminal justice delivery system, namely Judiciary, Police, Prosecution, Prisons, and Forensics.

The main objective of the ICJS is to facilitate the early and effective retrieval and sharing of data among all the pillars of the criminal justice system, thereby strengthening coordination, efficiency, and transparency in the delivery of criminal justice and implementation of new criminal laws.

It is to inform that eFIRs and eChargesheets are increasingly being transmitted electronically to Criminal Courts through the Interoperable

Criminal Justice System (ICJS). In order to ensure uniformity in the authentication, consumption, preservation and supply of electronically received FIRs and Chargesheets, and to facilitate the effective implementation of the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), the following instructions are required to be issued for strict compliance by all Judicial Officers concerned.

The objective of the ICJS is founded upon the principle of "One Data – One Entry", whereby data generated by one component of the criminal justice system is electronically shared and consumed by the other ICJS pillars, thereby avoiding repeated data entry, reducing manual intervention and errors, facilitating seamless flow of information and expediting judicial proceedings.

It is, therefore, hereby directed that all Judicial Officers shall mandatorily consume and verify e-FIRs and e-Chargesheets

1. Authentication of e-FIRs and e-Chargesheets

An FIR or Chargesheet received by a Criminal Court electronically through the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)/CCTNS/CIS interface, bearing the digital signature/e-signature or other authorised electronic authentication of the Investigating Officer or the competent police authority, shall be treated as an electronically authenticated record for the purposes of registration, taking cognizance and further judicial proceedings, subject to such verification as may be required under law.

The electronic record so received shall carry or be capable of verification with the relevant ICJS/CIS metadata, including the identity of the originating Police Station, the concerned officer and the date and time of transmission/upload, wherever such metadata is generated by the system.

The electronic mode of transmission or consumption shall not, by itself, affect the evidentiary or procedural status of the record, which shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and other applicable law.

2. Electronic Filing of Chargesheet and Annexures

Where a Chargesheet is forwarded to the Court electronically under Section 193(3) of the BNSS, all annexures, including the FIR, case diary extracts, remand report, and forensic/medical reports etc., shall be uploaded as separate, OCR-searchable PDF documents.

Each such document shall bear the digital signature or authenticated mark of the officer concerned. The metadata, including the file upload timestamp, officer identity and police station code, shall be preserved in the ICJS record and made visible to the Court.

3. Authentication and Verification Protocol

The Administrative Officer/Chief Ministerial Officer of the Court concerned shall, before the record is placed before the Magistrate/Judicial Officer, verify the digitally consumed FIR/Chargesheet data against the ICJS metadata, including:

- FIR number and year;
- Police Station code;
- Chargesheet date and time-stamp; and
- Investigating Officer's digital signature/authentication.

The said particulars shall be cross-checked as per the procedure prescribed for checking of FIRs and Chargesheets and also intern 193(3)(i) of BNSS. Upon such verification, the Administrative Officer/Chief Ministerial Officer shall record an endorsement to that effect in the Court record, following the prescribed procedure.

Upon receipt and consumption of an e-FIR/e-Chargesheet through the ICJS/CIS interface, the Court shall ensure that an electronic or system-generated acknowledgement of such receipt/consumption is recorded, wherever such functionality is available. The acknowledgement shall, wherever technically supported, capture the date and time of receipt/consumption and the relevant ICJS/CIS transaction/reference details. Such acknowledgement shall constitute only a record of electronic receipt and consumption of the e-FIR/e-Chargesheet and shall not, by itself, amount to taking cognizance under Section 210 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. The electronic record shall be

subject to verification in accordance with the prescribed procedure and further judicial consideration in accordance with law.

4. Unavailable or Delayed Electronic Record

Where an FIR or Chargesheet is not available in electronic form on the date on which it falls due for consideration, the Court shall proceed on the physical record, if available.

The police station concerned shall be directed to update the CCTNS record within reasonable period and timelines specified under the Court.

Any non-compliance shall be reported to the Superintendent of Police / Commissioner concerned.

5. Supply of Copies to Accused – Section 230 BNSS

Where the Chargesheet and its annexures are consumed electronically, copies may be supplied to the accused and, where required, to the Public Prosecutor, through one or more of the following methods:

(a) Electronic transmission to a verified e-mail address or mobile number recorded in the Court's Register No.12-B, in accordance with Rules 7-8 of the Criminal Rules of Practice, with a time-stamp and read-receipt system;

(b) Physical copies printed and supplied at no cost to the accused, in accordance with the existing practice; or

(c) A hybrid method, where the Chargesheet is supplied electronically to counsel and physically to the accused, as agreed.

All electronic supply shall include a certification that the digital copy bears an electronic seal or signature authenticating its connection to the FIR/Chargesheet available in the ICJS record.

6. Police Station Compliance – CCTNS Updation

Every police station shall ensure that FIR data is uploaded to CCTNS within 24 hours of registration, as per NCRB standards, and that Chargesheet data is uploaded within 12 hours of filing in the Court, together with the authenticated digital signature of the officer concerned and complete annexures.

The Police Station Master maintained in the CIS shall contain only those Police Stations which are jurisdictionally mapped to the concerned Court/Unit. Unnecessary, duplicate or unrelated Police Station entries shall not be created or retained. The concerned administrative/system officers shall ensure that the mapping is periodically reviewed so as to facilitate transmission and receipt of case data through the authorised ICJS Bridge/interface.

Any practical difficulties encountered in the implementation of these instructions may be brought to the notice of the High Court for the State of Telangana through the appropriate administrative channel for further consideration.

All Unit Heads are instructed to circulate this circular among all Judicial Officers and the concerned staff to ensure strict adherence to the above procedure, maintain uniformity in the authentication and consumption of e-FIRs and e-Chargesheets, facilitate effective case management, and ensure that electronic and physical records are accorded equal procedural safeguards.

These instructions shall be followed scrupulously, and any deviation therefrom will be viewed seriously. Compliance with these instructions shall be intimated to this office.

Registrar General

To

1. All the Prl. District and Sessions Judges/ Unit Heads (with a request to communicate the same to all the Judicial Officers working in the Unit.)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT: NALGONDA

Dist.Court Endt.Dis.No. 3995/2026/A1, Date: 18.09.2026.

"Communicated, with a request to follow the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court, scrupulously".

K. Kavitha 19/9/26

FAC: PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE,
NALGONDA.

To:

1. All the Judicial Officers of Nalgonda District Judiciary.
2. The System Officer, District Court, Nalgonda (with a direction to upload the same in the District Court Website, Nalgonda).