





India and its Legal Landscape



India

- Area- 3.3 million sq. km
- States/UTs- 36
- Districts- 766
- Population- 1.4 bn
- Official Languages- 22

Legal System

- Based on the Constitution of India-
 - Single Integrated Judicial System
 - > English Common Law
 - > Judicial Review
 - Indian Constitution is codified and is the supreme law of land

India is a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular and Democratic Republic

Federal Polity- Division of Power

Separation of Powers-Executive, Legislative, Judiciary

Independent Judiciary- Interpreter of Constitution

Legal Set-up

Supreme Court (Apex Court)

- At National Capital Delhi
- Judges- 34
- Cases- 68.3k

High Courts

- At State capitals- 25
- Judges- 788
- Cases- 6.08 M

District & Sub-ordinate Courts

- At District and Talukas- 21.3k
- Judicial Officers- 19.9k
- Cases- 43.44 M

Computerization of Indian Courts and its challenges



GENESIS

- Conceptualization of e-Courts Mission Mode Project for ICT enablement of courts
- > Part of National eGovernance Plan
- To enhance judicial productivity;make justice delivery system more accessible, cost effective, reliable and transparent
- Implemented jointly by Department of Justice and e-Committee, Supreme Court of India.

CHALLENGES

- Adjudication for vast population requiring huge infrastructure
- > 2/3 rd of the population in rural areas
- Diverse socio-economic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds

- Dispersed/ far flung / difficult terrain areas
- Digital divide
- > Lack of legal awareness

eCourts Phase I (2011-15): Basic Computerization & Connectivity

eCourts Phase II (2015-23): Citizen Centric e-Services



- ➤ 14249 Courts computerised
- ➤ Outlay: ₹ 9.35 Billion
- ➤ LAN installed in 13683 Courts
- ➤ Laptops provided to 14309 Judicial Officers
- ➤ VC enabled in 347 Jails and 493 Court Complex
- CIS software version 1.0: 13672 Courts software enabled and 72 Mil. cases on CIS

- > 18735 Courts computerised
- ➤ Outlay: ₹ 16.70 Billion
- > 2976 Court Complexes out of 2992 (99.4%) connected with WAN
- > Solar Energy backup installed in select courts.
- > VC enabled in 3240 Jails and 1272 Court Complex
- CIS software version 3.2 based on Free and Open-Source Software implemented in all Courts



Phase I & II -: Facilities and e-Services created

Department of Justice Ministry of Law and Justice Government of India

NJDG

7 e-Services

Video Conferencing Live Streaming

e-Filing

e-Payments

Virtual Courts

e-Sewa Kendra

JustIS App

Virtual Courts

NSTEP

Judgment & Order Search Portal

Justice Clock

Commercial Courts

ECMT for Judges

Trainings

eCourts Phase III: Next level of court digitization to maximize ease of justice



OBJECTIVES

- Paperless courts digitization of court records
- > Smart systems
- AI based system for clubbing of cases and automatic translation/ transcribing
- Bridging the digital divide
- Improved transparency- Live Streaming
- Cloud Technology

KEY INITIATIVES

- Digitization of 31.08 billion court records
- 25 PB of Cloud infrastructure for data management
- ➤ 1000 Paperless Courts to bring proceedings under digital format
- > 1150 Virtual Courts for eliminating the physical presence of litigants / advocates
- 4400 e-Sewa Kendras.
- Live Streaming in 300 Court Complexes
- Expansion of e-Filing facilities in 18000 courts
- ➤ VC to be expanded to 10,200 facilities like district hospitals, additional courts, jails, police stations, etc.



eCourts Overview

3479 Court Complexes



188 Million

Cases (pending + disposed)



215 Million

No of Orders & Judgements

25 High Courts



42 Million

Cases (pending + disposed)



11 Million

No of Orders & Judgements



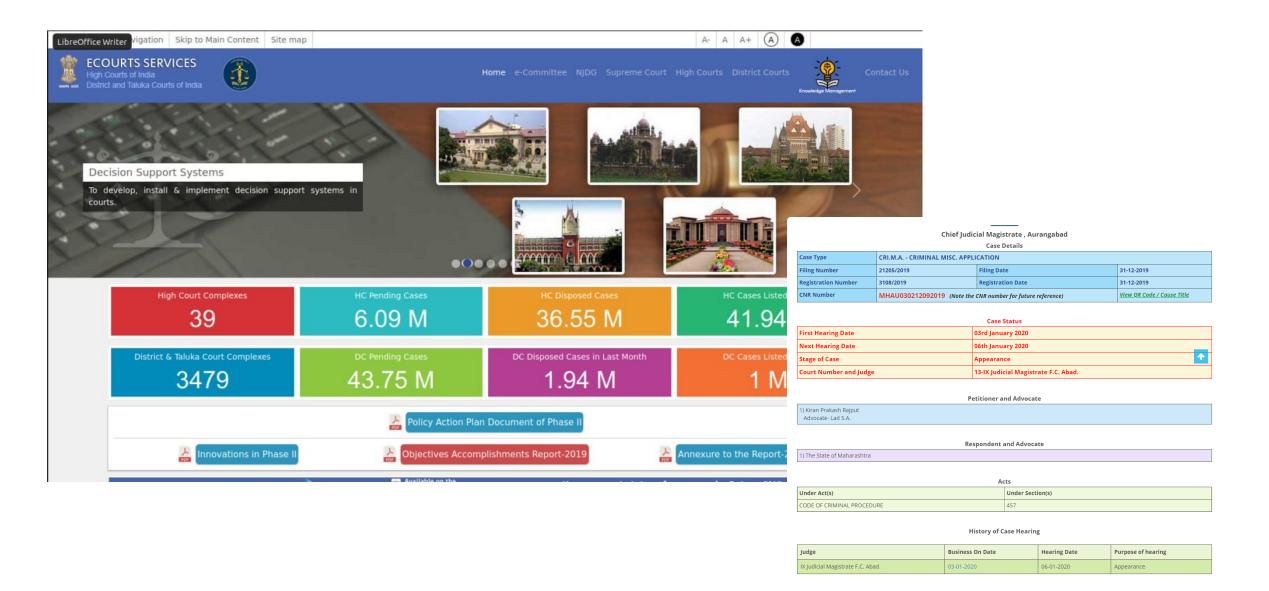
Online adjudication &

payment of fine 24X7

Online filing of cases,

IAs and documents

eCourts Services Portal - ecourts.gov.in



National Judicial Data Grid - njdg.ecourts.gov.in



Pendency & disposal of the cases viewed online



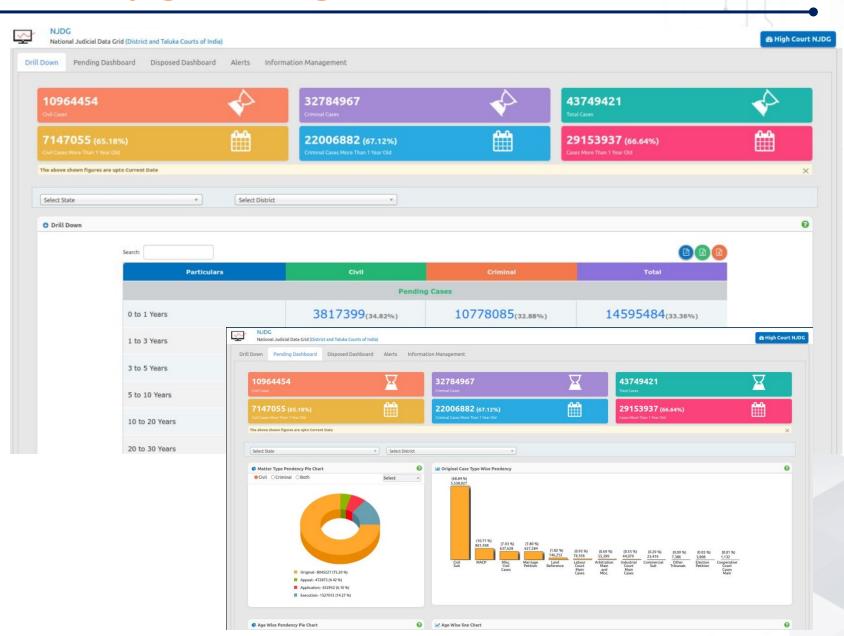
Acknowledged as innovation in ease of doing business



Elastic search analytics



Pendency & disposal monitoring on various parameters like case type, age of the case, stage, disposal nature etc



Search Supreme Court/ High Court Judgments

Current Status



11 Million

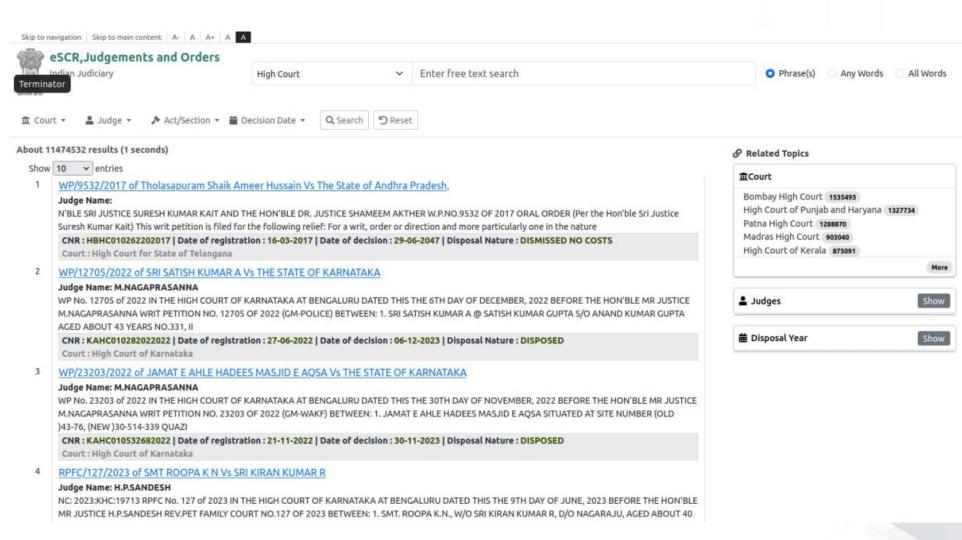
Judgments from across 25 high courts



35 Thousand

Judgments from Supreme Court of India





Capacity
Building
Challenges in
eCourts Project



eCourts (TOT) Training of Trainers Module

Phase - I

(National level TOT Training)

Phase-I - (National level TOT Training)

Nominated master trainers from every state trained at the National level.

PPT and training materials given in English at National level.

Phase - II

(State level TOT Training)

The national level TOTs will train all the State level master trainers pan India in their respective state and in their respective regional Languages.

Phase III

(District level TOT Training)

The State level trainers will take the training in every Districts in the respective regional languages

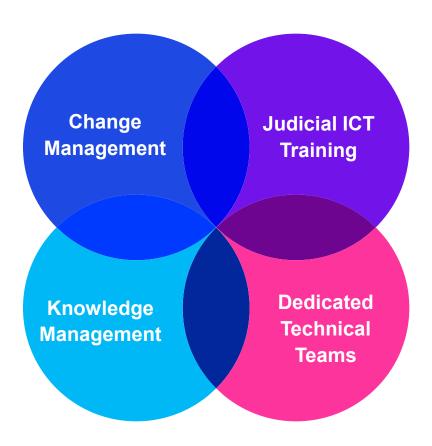






Institutional Capacity Building

Stakeholders



Capacity building - Model rules



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e-Committee, Supreme Court of India

Information and Communication Technology in Indian Judiciary





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Model Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts

Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings

Model Rules for e-Filing

Video Hearings

District Courts >19 million cases

High Courts >7.8 million cases

Supreme Court 0.40 million hearings



Digital accessibility capacity building

Audio Captcha

Accessible court documents

Digital accessible training













Stakeholder benefited (February 2023)

e-Committee Training and Awareness Programme



Challenges For Judiciary

Mindset shift

Digital Divide

Regional Languages

Training & education

Thank You!

