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Introduction

Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud took over as the Chief Justice of India on 09.11.2022., Under the pioneering leadership of the Hon'ble CJ, the period has been exceptional as it led to the introduction of various path breaking initiatives that include adoption of cutting edge technology, making court premise more accessible & inclusive, introduction of staff & litigant friendly facilities and upgradation of Integrated Case Management System.



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Initiatives



The years 2022-2023 remain notable because of the plethora of initiatives undertaken by the Chief Justice of India in the field of Information and Communication Technology to accomplish the valued goals of enhancing efficiency and access to justice.



Hybrid Hearing System – the Game Changer in Courtroom Access



The 'hybrid hearing' system combines the best of video meeting tools and conferencing technology to ensure that advocates and parties-in-person have the convenience to choose to appear either in virtual mode or physical mode.

CONFERENCING.		
[Period: from 23 rd March 2020 to 19 th October, 2023]		
1. Number of matters heard through video conferencing	Miscellaneous	5,06,906
	Regular	72,629
	Total	5,79,535
2. Number of matters disposed of after hearing through videoconferencing	Miscellaneous	1,24,053
	Regular	15,080
	Total	1,39,133
3. Number of footfalls of Advocates during hearing through videoconferencing (approximately)		3,319,590
4. Number of cases filed during the period 23.03.2020 to 19.10.2023	e-Filed	9913
	Counter filing	51598
	Total	1,37,709
5. Total number of benches		19,660

Note: - Above statistics are generated from ICMS and e-filing database of website. Further, the above figures include data of Physical hearing cases as well as the hearings were held physically with hybrid option w.e.f. 1st

The system enabled participation of advocates and parties through video conferencing and in physical mode simultaneously

Supreme Court Signed the MOU With IIT Madras



The Supreme Court of India has entered into MoU with IIT Madras following the visit of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India to IIT Madras earlier this year . The MoU is aimed to facilitate the digital transformation of the Indian judiciary, aligning it with the vision for a more efficient and technologically advanced legal ecosystem to improve access to justice.

Integrated Case Management & Information System (ICMIS) – SCI's Indigenous Core Tech

The Supreme Court of India's flagship case management software, the Integrated Case Management Information System (ICMIS) continues to be upgraded with the latest technological advancements in databases. Some of the key improvements made to ICMIS include upgrading the database engine, optimizing all queries and weeding out unwanted modules among others.

Optimizing Accessibility to Judgments - e-SCR

The image displays two screenshots of the e-SCR portal. The top screenshot shows the search interface with the e-SCR logo, search filters (Judge, Act/Section, Decision Date), and a search bar with a keyword '553418'. The bottom screenshot shows the search results for 'judge advocate general', listing two cases: 'UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Vs BRIGADIER JAVED IQBAL' and 'UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS Vs LT. GEN. (RETD.) S.K. SAHNI'. The results include case details, judge names, and disposal nature.

Making Court judgments accessible to citizens has been the foremost goal of judiciary and towards this end the Supreme Court of India launched the e-SCR (Supreme Court Reporter) system, an online repository of reported judgments of the Supreme Court made available to citizens, free of cost, at the click of a button.

The portal allows fast and easy searching of judgments by using the “free text” search engine. e-SCR was opened for public access on 02.01.2023.

Taking Power of Information to Citizens – SCI's Online RTI Portal

On November 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of India crossed a landmark in enhancing transparency and ease of access to information by launching a web-based portal where citizens can conveniently submit their RTI applications and receive response to the same without having to physically visit the Court.

By 19.10.2023, as many as 4202 online RTI applications, 636 Appeals and 83 Miscellaneous RTI applications have been received via the portal. Various High Courts have replicated the online RTI portal developed by the Supreme Court of India.

Translation of Judgments in Regional Languages

Access to justice: At present more than 36000- Supreme Court judgments are available on eSCR. More than 11000 in Hindi and together more than 1700 judgments have been translated in other regional languages (Tamil, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Odiya, Malayalam, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada, Assamese, Nepali, Urdu, Garo, Khasi and Konkani) .

Advocates' Online Appearance Portal

In line with its commitment to safeguard the environment and reduce carbon footprints by minimizing usage of paper, the Court launched the [Advocates' Online Appearance Portal](#) on January 02, 2023. The portal has empowered Advocates-on-Record to file appearance slips electronically without having to physically visit the Registry.

All-New E-Filing 2.0 - the Next Step in Paperless Filing



The E-filing 2.0 is an upgraded version of its predecessor (e-Filing 1.0) aimed at providing ease in the business of electronic filing, defects notification, curing of defects, processing the documents for scrutiny to all the stakeholders, namely, Advocates-on-Record, Party-in-Person and the registry.

FAQs, Video Tutorials and a Short User Manual have been provided on the e-Filing 2.0 portal for guidance of users.

From its launch on 12.05.2023 till 19.10.2023 as many as 9913 fresh filings have been made using the new e-Filing module in a variety of matters.

Further statistics are as below:

SC-EFM				
Cases/Documents E-Filed between: 01-05-2023 TO 18-10-2023				
CASE	MISC	IA	CAVEAT	Total
9751	28481	4223	3320	45775
Cases/Documents E-Filed today (as on 19-10-2023 11:58:01 PM)				
CASE	MISC	IA	CAVEAT	Total
162	525	61	41	789

Establishment of e-Sewa Kendra – Bridging the Digital Divide



The brainchild of Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India an E-Sewa Kendra is a one-stop citizen service centre where any Advocate and member of public can walk in to avail a variety of e-services relating to the Court. On 12th May, 2023, Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India inaugurated the Supreme Court of India's e-Sewa Kendra and dedicated it to the legal community and members of public at large.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Transcribe

Arguments

Fulfilling the commitment to enhance accessibility and transparency, Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India initiated an automatic transcribing of arguments and exchanges in matters before the Constitutional Benches by use of artificial intelligence starting in the month of February, 2023. These transcripts are eventually shared on the Court's website (https://main.sci.gov.in/vernacular_judgment) for wider access.

E-Office - Ushering in the Era of Paperless Workspace

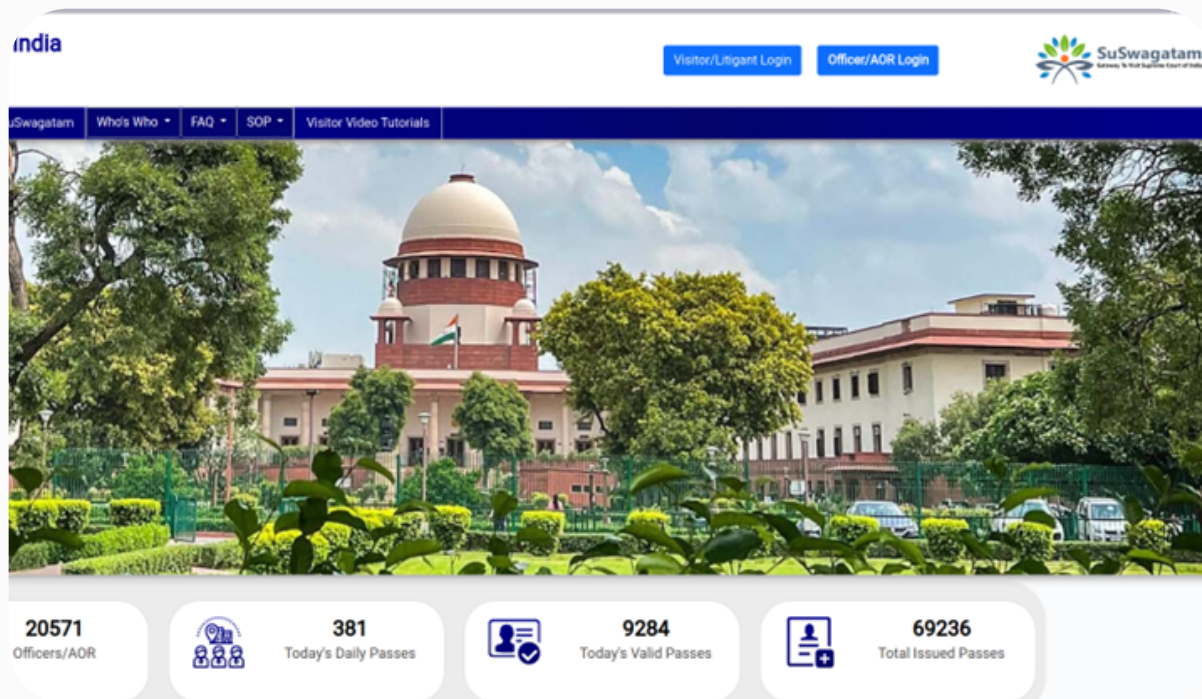


Crossing another milestone in reducing paper usage, enhancing efficiency, accountability, and transparency in its work, making a breakthrough in space and resource management (hitherto engaged in physical movement of files and documents) the Court has now adopted for its Registry NIC's flagship 'Work from Anywhere' module called the e-office.

E-office has shifted the day-to-day work mode of Registry away from paper-dependency and confines of work-station space besides increasing ease and speed of performance.

As of 19.10.2023, as many as 36 branches have been onboarded onto e-office and 2653 number of files have already been processed on the module.

Su-Swagatam' Portal – Paradigm Shift in Visitor Management



Su-Swagatam offers a convenient and simple interface for any person desirous of visiting Supreme Court to manage the creation of an entry pass all by oneself online without visiting the Reception Counter or waiting in queues.

Some of its notable features include paper less visitor entry, swift process in generation of entry passes and circumventing queues

As of 18.10.2023, as many as 69236 visitors' passes have been issued through Su-Swagatam portal.

Free Wi-Fi on Premises

To facilitate optimum network connectivity for lawyers and visitors visiting the Supreme Court of India, free Wi-Fi facility has been provisioned inside the premises of the Supreme Court of India including inside every Courtroom. Users can access this network by a simple log-in process and browse the internet to meet their research needs uninterrupted.

Initiation of Futuristic Courts – the Next Step in

Innovation

As we stand at the threshold of a new era, Hon'ble Chief Justice's commitment to technological excellence is steadfast, aiming to enhance efficiency, accessibility, and transparency.

Today, the Benches have transitioned to paperless mode of functioning. The integration of a comprehensive digital library accessible through web browsers symbolizes the Court's dedication to knowledge dissemination. With a wealth of legal resources at their fingertips, practitioners can delve into extensive research, enriching their arguments and insights.

In the realm of virtual connectivity, the Supreme Court of India has embraced a state-of-the-art digital video conferencing system that transcends geographical barriers. This facilitates seamless communication between diverse stakeholders, underscoring our resolve to ensure justice knows no bounds. Witnessing the convergence of technology and visual engagement, the installation of an LED video wall within courtrooms elevates the presentation of camera feeds and multimedia content. This high-resolution display brings visual narratives to life, enhancing the overall courtroom experience. Strategically enhancing the exchange of evidentiary materials, our courtrooms are now equipped with document cameras. This innovative addition facilitates real-time sharing and clear capture of document content, ensuring that vital information is conveyed accurately and efficiently.

On Boarding of SCI on National Judicial Data Grid



National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), a flagship project implemented under the aegis of the e-Committee Supreme Court of India, is a system for monitoring pendency and disposal of the cases in courts all over India. NJDG provides a comprehensive database of orders, judgements, and case details of Indian Judiciary.

It also serves as a decision support system to the management to monitor pendency on varied attributes for effective decision-making. On September 14 Supreme Court onboarded its case data on NJDG, completing the circle of transparency and accountability in judicial domain.

Neutral Citations

The screenshot shows the Supreme Court of India's website interface. At the top, the logo and motto "|| यतो धर्मस्ततो जयः ||" are visible. The navigation menu includes options like HOME, COLLEGIUM RESOLUTIONS, CAUSE LIST, CASE STATUS, DAILY ORDERS, JUDGMENTS (highlighted), OFFICE REPORT, CAVEAT, E-FILING, CERTIFIED COPY, and RTI. A sidebar on the left lists various court-related services. The main content area is titled "Judgment Date" and features a search bar with the number "5970" and a date range filter set to "01-08-2023 To 21-08-2023". Below this, a table displays search results for judgments.

Sno.	Neutral Citation	Case No.	Cause Title	Date Of Judgment
1	2023INSC748	C.A. No. 1434/2023	EXPERION DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED v/s HIMANSHU DEWAN AND SONALI DEWAN	2023-08-18
2	2023INSC747	C.A. No. 2437/2010	H.J. BAKER AND BROS.INC. v/s THE MINERALS AND METALS TRADE CORPORATION LTD. (MMTC)	2023-08-18

The Supreme Court has launched and implemented the Neutral Citation System- a uniform, reliable, and secure methodology for identifying and citing judgments and orders of Supreme Court in a phased manner with effect from July 6, 2023.

Total no. of neutral citations which have been generated from the year 2014 till 19.10.2023 is 11148.

Sno.	Neutral Citation	Case No.	Cause Title	Date Of Judgment
1	2023 INSC 973	Crl.A. No. 524/2021	PARSHURAM v/s STATE OF M.P.	2023-11-03
2	2023 INSC 965	Crl.A. No. 2697/2023	ANIL KUMAR v/s THE STATE OF KERALA	2023-11-01
3	2023 INSC 969	SLP(C) No. 4748-24749/2023	MOHIDEEN ABDUL KHADAR (NOW DECEASED) THROUGH LR. v/s RAHMATH BEEVI (DIED) THR. HER LRS.	2023-11-01



UP-GRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Setting up FTTH Network for Broadband facility

The work of setting up of FTTH network for providing broadband facility in Lawyers' Chambers Block, Additional Building Complex and other areas in the Supreme Court of India has been completed through MTNL.

Enhancement of Mobile Connectivity in Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India.

Steps have been taken to improve mobile connectivity in the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India through In-Building Solution (IBS) being provided by the TCIL.

Development of Visitor's Waiting Lounge

A waiting lounge has been developed near Public Relations Office in the Main Building of the Supreme Court of India for the high Govt. Officers/visitors/litigants coming to the Supreme Court of India.

Setting up of Consultation Room and Creation of Cubicles for Lawyers

An additional exclusive space is being developed to host consultation rooms for the members of the Bar.

Cubicles are being created in three Big Halls of Block 'D' in Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India for the wait-listed advocates from the panel formed for allotment of Lawyers Chambers. The areas in the M.C. Setalvad and C.K. Daphtary Lawyers Chambers Block are being beautified by carrying out various repairing/developing/illumination/floral works.

Enhancement of Security

Two types of security zones have been created in Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India. To segregate the said areas, guard railings are being installed and portacabins are being developed at each such entry points alongwith the introduction of QR based e-pass, which can be generated from home and checked at the flap barriers placed at various points.

STAFF WELFARE INITIATIVES

Training-cum-Examination Centre



An exclusive space in the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India has been designed and developed to host various training programmes that are conducted for different stakeholders and to facilitate the examinations. The centre, which was inaugurated on 18th May, 2023 includes the facility of computers and lounge.

Yoga and Recreation Hall



A 'Yoga and Recreation Hall' has been opened in Additional Building Complex, providing dedicated facilities for yoga and facility of indoor games such as table tennis, carrom, chess that can be used by the staff of the Supreme Court of India. The facility was inaugurated on 22nd March, 2023.

Creche (Childcare Centre)

To meet the demands of the various stakeholders and keeping in view the existing space in New Annexe Building as inadequate, a bigger space on 2nd Floor, 'E' Block in the Additional is being modified and upgraded for setting up of Creche (Child Care Centre) with enhanced intake and equipped with modern facilities for the children such as installation of toys, instruments and furniture items etc.

Health and Wellness Centre for Staff



The 'Health and Wellness Centre' for the staff at the Additional Building Complex, was inaugurated on 13th January 2023, which has facilities of cardio along with regular gym equipment that can be used by the staff of the Supreme Court of India.

CGHS facilities for Retired Employees

Hon'ble the CJI acceded to the request that retired employees and allowed them to avail the benefits of CGHS Wellness Centre at the Supreme Court premises.

Sanitary Vending Machines with Incinerators



96 new Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines and 14 Incinerators have been installed in all the Ladies Washrooms in the Supreme Court premises.

Installation of AEDs and its training

Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble CJJ, five AEDs have been installed followed by six training sessions under the supervision of Dr. Nitish Naik, Professor, Department of cardiology, AIIMS, where apart from the medical staff/security personnel/BVG staff -Members of SCORA have attended the training session.

Apex Court CGHS Wellness Centre Upgraded with Modern Medical Equipment

Installation of Digital X-Ray Machine, Physiotherapy Unit, USG, Dental OPG and several other machines for CGHS Wellness Centre.



Canteen for the Advocates, Litigants in the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India



An exclusive space on the Ground Floor, 'E' Block, Additional Building Complex has been re-designed to host the canteen facility for the advocates, litigants, and other stakeholders. The canteen is equipped with the state-of-the-art infrastructure and the same was inaugurated on 05th October, 2023.



Sports and Cultural Events - 2023



Under the guidance of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, the “Supreme Court Sports, Cultural & Other Events- 2023” . The Court organized 12 sports and 9 cultural events in which over 970 court employees participated.



Facility of Coffee Cafe to be run by Mitti Foundation



An exclusive space at Ground Floor, West Wing, Main Building is being re-designed to host the facility of Coffee Cafe to be managed and wholly run by the physically disabled persons of the Mitti Foundation.

STRENGTHENING THE LIBRARY

Renovation of Hon'ble Judges' Library at Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India



The Judges Library in 'A' Block, Additional Building Complex has been equipped with the required infrastructure and the entrance and other areas have been beautified.

The paintings in Judges Library, Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India have been installed depicting the father of Nation, maker of Modern India, father of Library Science, and the Constitution of India. A 6 feet high beautiful sculpture 'Goddess of Justice' has been installed inside Judges Library. The Goddess of Justice is in white robes and wearing a crown, holding a balance with scales in one hand and a book in the other. The Goddess is not blind-folded.

Webpage on 50 years of Keshavananda Bharathi Judgement



A web page was created to commemorate 50 years of Kesavananda Bharati Judgment with all the relevant material for which the Supreme Court library collected, collated and digitized all the relevant document for introduction, key legal issues, arguments, conclusion and reference material.

Soli Sorabjee's Bibliotheca Inaugurated



Soli Sorabjee's Bibliotheca was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India on the Second floor of the new Judges Library. It has books from the personal collection of Mr. Sorabjee which was given by his family to the Judges Library.

Digital Library

The Digital Law Library webpage to assist the Digital Courts as a pilot project was created and it started functioning in July 2023. Links to the inhouse databases and IP based commercial databases have been provided. The databases include comprehensive constitution database, central legislation database, state legislation database, law commission report database, commission & committee reports database, legal news clippings database, digital current content database.

Vidhi Gyan Sampada and Library Digitization Project

The work of designing the home page of the said legal knowledge portal and web pages for central and state legislation, constitution database, commission & committee reports, legal news clippings, recent additions, digital current content etc. is going on in-house. A digital repository of the Library is also being developed.

Radio Frequency Identification System

This will help in stock verification and quick identification of the books. On installation RFID system will be interfaced with our existing KOHA library software.

Inaugural of New library at the Additional Building Complex

The new library in the Additional Building Complex was formally made functional by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India on 24 April 2023. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has also approved the setting up of a library for the Supreme Court employees in, B Block of Additional Building.

Advanced Training Hall with Computer Lab



Under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble CJI a comprehensive training calendar was prepared with a view to enhance the efficiency and the professional competence of the officers and officials of the Supreme Court Registry. 38 training programmes were conducted during Nov 2022 to 4th Nov 2023-. Total Participants covered in Nov 2022 to 04th Nov, 2023 were 2195.



Collegium

While recommending names for judicial appointments, the following aspects are being duly taken into consideration by the Collegium:

- gender diversity;
- due representation to marginalized and backward sections of the society and minorities

A platform has been prepared for assessment of High Court Judges in the country to be considered from among them for elevation to make process of recommending names more transparent by laying down objective parameters for selection.

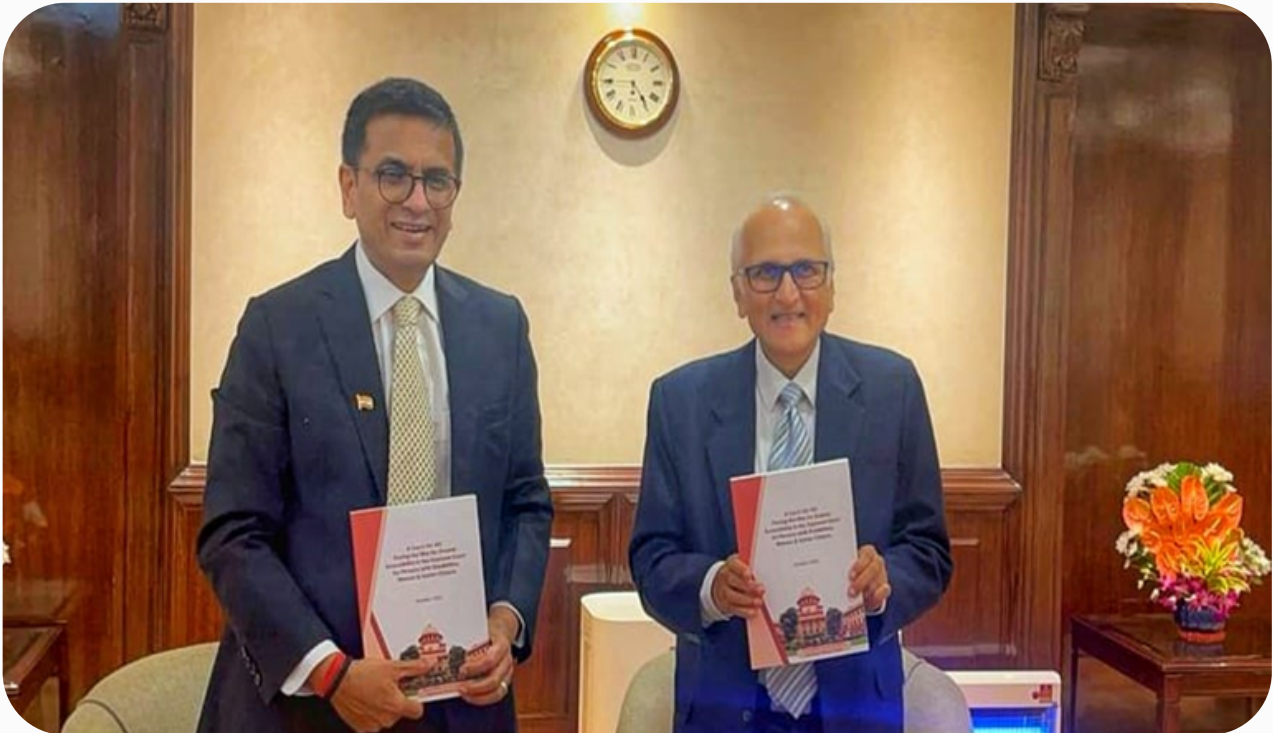
Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India has written letters to Chief Justices of High Court to expedite the process for filling up of vacancies of High Court Judges.

Inclusive infrastructure at Apex court

Universal Rest Rooms

Supreme Court, under the directions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Dr. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, took the lead towards inclusion of LGBTQIA + Community within the Supreme Court. Universal Rest Rooms were created at different locations in the main building as well as the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court. Online Appearance Portal launched earlier this year was also made Gender neutral.

Report on Accessibility

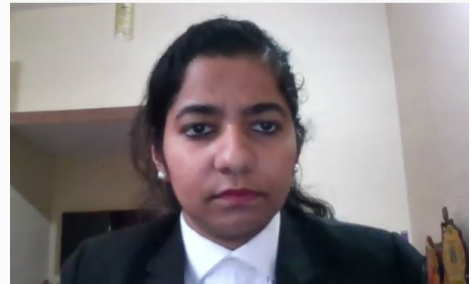


Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, released a landmark report prepared by Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility in the presence of Hon'ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Chairperson of the Supreme Court Committee on Accessibility, marking a monumental step towards making the Supreme Court of India a bastion of inclusivity and accessibility.

Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes"

In a significant step towards a gender just legal order, the Supreme Court of India launched a "Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes". The initiative under the directions of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud aimed at fulfilling the Indian judiciary's goal of eradicating preconceived gender stereotypes from judicial discourse, especially those concerning women.

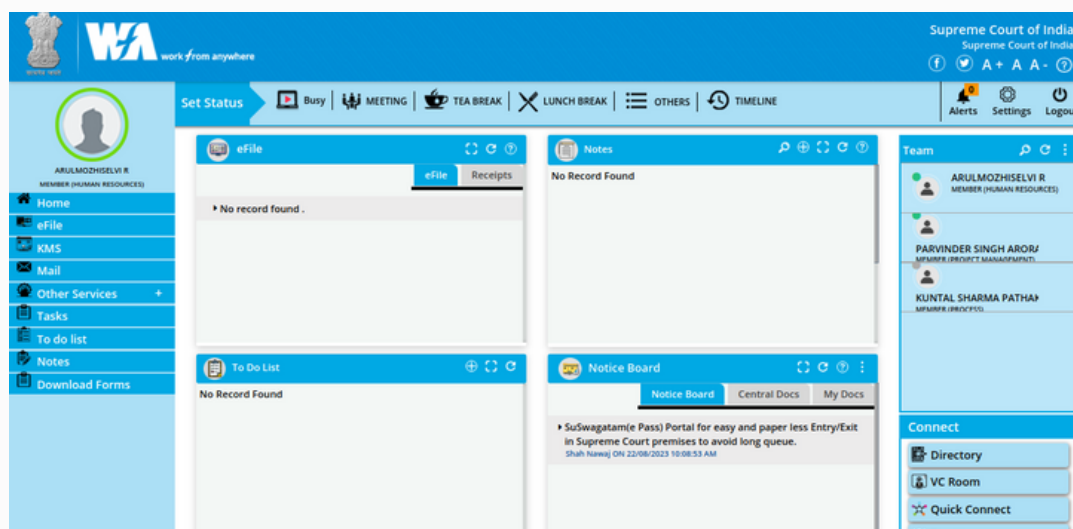
The Supreme Court For The first Time Designates a Sign Language Interpreter for a Deaf Lawyer



As another significant move towards inclusive and accessible apex court of India , the Supreme Court for the first time appointed an sign language interpreter for Sarah Sunny, a deaf lawyer. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud also remarked "we are thinking that for the constitution bench hearings we will have an interpreter so that everyone can follow.

SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

E-Office Implementation – and Provisioning of new IT Products –



E office has been implemented in several branches of the Registry and approx 1500 total numbers of New ALO desktop computers, printers, Apple iMac Mini, Laptops and peripherals have been procured.

Procurement Procedure-2023 and Implementation of GEM & Central Public Procurement Portal for Procurement (CPPP) –

Purchase Procedure-2008 has been revised as Procurement Procedure 2023 in accordance with latest GFR guidelines and present day requirements. Registration on online procurement portals viz. GeM and CPPP has been done ensuring transparency.

e-Copying Module

To further achieve the digitization aims, e-Copying module has been designed and developed for bringing speed and efficacy in obtaining certified copies in the Supreme Court of India.

Every month approx 5500 Letter Petitions and 10000 e-mails are received in the PIL English section. Several initiatives have been taken by PIL- English to reduce paperwork and expedite the processing of the applications digitally.

Bill Submission Software Modernisation

Compact System of Bill payments software of Cash & Accounts I is giving way for Software to be developed by the NIC/ Computer Cell of this Registry for the new digitalization mode which is user friendly and compatible with Gem Portal as well.

Data Management and Automation in Financial Management

Initiatives have been taken for curtailment of paperwork within Registry by implementing new digital and report distribution system for submission of saving proofs vide email (e-filing).

Recruitment

Fresh appointments have been undertaken by the recruitment cell through open examination, departmental test, deputation and compassionate appointments.

Contractual Engagements/ extension; engagement of Law Clerks, Interns/ Trainees, Law Researchers and supporting staff are being done through a transparent selection process.

Case Management:

- After assuming the highest constitutional office of Indian Judiciary as the Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud immediately went into mission mode to address the issue with regard to ever increasing dockets and pendency. His Lordship inherited 69,647 pending cases in the Supreme Court of India.
- The verification and listing of cases were addressed on priority and streamlined. To redress the issue of early listing of cases, the cases verified on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, are now being listed on the next Monday and the matters verified on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays are being listed on the following Friday.
- It was decided that on Monday and Friday only miscellaneous, fresh and after notice matters shall be posted. His Lordship being a harbinger of personal liberty directed listing of 10 Transfer Petitions everyday along with 10 Bail Applications before each Court. His Lordship also took conscious note of the pendency of miscellaneous after notice matters and directed that Tuesday shall be the day dedicated specifically for Miscellaneous After Notice Matters. With regard to the Regular Matters, specific days i.e. Wednesday and Thursday of every week were kept for Listing of such Matters.
- The Chief Justice also devised a mechanism with regard to addressing the pendency of the cases relating to specific categories i.e. Criminal Matters, MACT Matters, Land Acquisition Matters, Arbitration Matters, Direct and Indirect Taxes Matters and constituted Special Benches for dealing with Criminal Matters, MACT Matters, Land Acquisition Matters, Arbitration Matters, Direct and Indirect Taxes Matters on Wednesday and Thursday.

- Considering the steps taken by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India during the period ranging from 09.11.2022 to 20.10.2023 total number of cases filed are 51,209 and total number of cases disposed by His Lordship and his team of Hon'ble Judges are 51,037. It is only because of the strenuous efforts of His Lordship that the processes from filing of the matters till listing of the matters have been duly streamlined.
- New system of Mentioning of matters has been introduced, thereby ensuring that all urgent matters be mentioned timely before the Hon'ble Court.
- Further, as per the directions of the Chief Justice of India the period for filing and listing of the matter has been streamlined and has been made litigant friendly.
- Various steps regarding increase in the number of counters at both the complexes viz. Main Building and Additional Building, opening of extra counter at both the complexes of Supreme Court for facilitating women advocates and women registered clerks, for promoting e-filing culture in Section IB, Printing charges involved in the filing of e-filed matters have been waived off for the advocates also more infrastructure viz. High tech computers, High tech Printers, speedy LAN connections have been provided to the staff so as to avoid wastage of time of staff and advocates.
- Large number of matters which are defective for more than 90 days and the advocates have not refiled the same, such matters have been put before the Hon'ble. Chamber Judge for listing and minimizing pendency. Matters in which soft copy has not been filed by the advocates, such matters were directed to be listed before the Hon'ble. Court by scanning such matters in-house and without waiting for the scanned copy from advocate.

- Targets of verification of matters have been increased from the existing number of 150 (approx.) matters per day to 250 matters daily, this has helped in managing pendency. Proposals for streamlining Human Resources related matters are also in pipeline.

Special emphasis on listing and deciding constitutional bench matters:

- During the period from 09.11.2022 to 20.10.2023
- 9 judges constitutional bench took 4 (+172) matters
- 7 judges constitutional benches took up 8(+76) matters
- 5 judges constitutional benches took up 12(+176) matters out of which 4(+31) matters were disposed off

Live-streaming of the Supreme Court's constitution bench hearing



Live streaming is an expansion of the open court concept. To improve the transparency and accessibility, the Supreme Court has taken a historic step to live stream all of its constitutional bench hearings starting from September 27. This will enable the various stakeholders starting from the law students, lawyers , advocates throughout the country, and common citizen to watch the constitutional hearings of the apex court even without travelling to Delhi .

GLOBAL IMPRINT



Delivered Annual Lecture 2023 on the topic “Seven decades of the Indian Constitution: The Life of a Nation”, on 8 September 2023, organized by the Singapore Academy of Law.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India also headed the Indian Delegation comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Judge,



High Court of Delhi, Hon'ble Dr. Justice A K Jayasankaran Nambiar, Judge, High Court of Kerala, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suman Shyam, Judge, Gauhati High Court and Hon'ble Dr. Justice Anita Sumanth, Judge, Madras High Court for the Inaugural Singapore-India Roundtable organised by the Supreme Court of Singapore on 9th September, 2023.



Eighteenth meeting of Chief Justices/Chairpersons of the Supreme Courts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States was held in New Delhi under the Presidency of Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud from 10-11 March, 2023 with an aim to foster effective judicial cooperation among the Member States.



The MoU signed between the Supreme Court of India & the Supreme Court of Singapore in the field of judicial cooperation during September 2023. The Chief Justice of India Dr. Dhananjaya Yashwanth Chandrachud and his Singaporean counterpart Sundaresh Menon witnessed the signing of the MoU.

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, in his speech at the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations held in London, said the Mahatma's lessons on sustainability and harmonious living with nature were a guiding light for today's world which faced pressing issues such as climate change and environmental challenges.



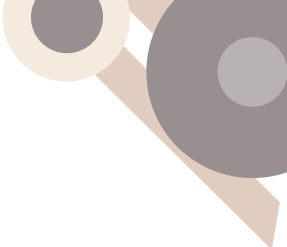
Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India was felicitated with an 'Award for Global Leadership by Harvard Law School Center on Legal Profession, during his visit to Harvard Law School, Cambridge, USA on 21st October, 2023 Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India also participated in Fireside chat (Questions and Answers) with Mr. David B. Wilkins, Professor at Harvard Law School.



Visited Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA on 22nd October, 2023 to deliver keynote address at the Sixth International Conference on the Unfinished Legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, on the topic: Reformation beyond representation: The social life of the Constitution in remedying historical wrongs".



Visited Georgetown Law University, Washington DC, USA on 23 October 2023 for the "In Conversation Series, 2023" under the theme "Comparative Constitutional Law Conversation: Perspectives from the Supreme Courts of India and the United States". Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India shared the dais with Mr. William M. Treanor, Dean of Georgetown Law, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Stephen Breyer, former Judge, Supreme Court of the United States and Ms. Vibha Datta Makhija, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India.



First Annual Lecture on “The Role of Judiciary in a Changing World’ by Mr Justice Sundaresh Menon, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Singapore in Commemoration of 73rd Anniversary of the establishment of the Supreme Court of India was organised on February 4, 2023.

Hon’ble Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, participated in several International Conferences and Meets, from 9th November, 2022 to 31st October, 2023.

Hon’ble Dr Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India visited:

- Cambridge Pro Bono Project (CPP), Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, Cambridge to deliver the CPP Lecture organised by the CPP, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge on 30th May, 2023.
- Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh to deliver a public lecture on “Global change and the legal profession, past and future: perspectives from India” on 1st June, 2023.
- Royal Courts of Justice, London for a bilateral meeting with Lord Burnett of Maldon, Hon'ble Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, as he then was, on 6th June, 2023.

- Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) Institute, Prague, Czech Republic on 7th June, 2023 for participating in the third and final training of trainers workshops organised by the CEELI Institute from 6th to 10th June, 2023 in Prague.

Federal Constitutional Court of Germany for a bilateral meeting with Professor Dr Stephan Harbarth, President, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany along with Professor Dr. Henning Radtke, Mr. Thomas Offenloch and Dr. Miriam Meßling, Judges, on 12th June 2023.



- Federal Court of Justice, Germany for a meeting with Ms. Justice Bettina Limperg, President of the Federal Court of Justice, Germany on 14th June, 2023.

- Hessian Higher Regional Court for a meeting with Ms. Dr. Ruth Römer, Acting President of Hessian Higher Regional Court on 15th June, 2023.



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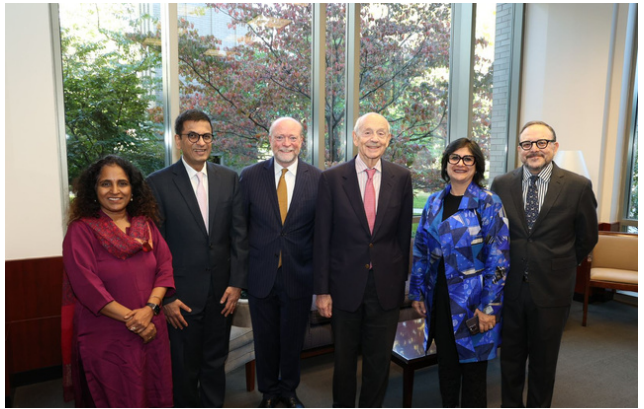
- Visited Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom to attend International Judicial Symposium on Freedom of Expression, organized within the framework of the “2023 Global Conference of the International Day of Universal Access to Information” by the UNESCO and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights of the University of Oxford.



- On the invitation from Lord Burnett of Maldon, Hon'ble Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, as he then was, attended Opening of the Legal Year Service on 2 October 2023 at Westminster Abbey, London.
- Visited Hon'ble Society of Lincoln's Inn, London for a meeting with Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Vos, Treasurer, the Hon'ble Society of Lincoln's Inn on 3 October 2023.
- Visited Royal Courts of Justice, London for a meeting with Hon'ble Ms Justice Dame Sue Carr, Head of the Judiciary of England and Wales and the President of the Courts of England and Wales on 3 October 2023.



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