



# HIGH COURT of **KERALA**



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## INAUGURATION OF VARIOUS E-COURTS PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF KERALA

The Honourable the Chief Justice Shri. S.Manikumar has inaugurated the statewide training on e-Filing at District Judiciary, Online copy application module for District Judiciary, Commissioning of Solar Power Plants at District Courts, Thodupuzha, Kasaragod and Thalassery, Upgradation of Network Infrastructure and Workflow based module for Process Service integrated with NSTEP Mobile

app on 04-08-2021, in the presence of the Honourable Members of the Administrative Committee, the Committee in charge of Computerization, the Advocate General, the Registrar General, the Director-General of Prosecutions, the President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association, the President, Kerala High Court Senior Advocate's Association, the Assistant Solicitor General of India, the State Attorney, the Chairman, Bar Council of Kerala, the Vice-Chairman, Bar Council of Kerala, the President, Kerala Federation of Women Lawyers, the Director, Kerala Judicial Academy and the Director (IT).



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BY  
THE HON'BLE  
THE CHIEF  
JUSTICE



*Good afternoon to all,*

*Sixteen years ago, i.e., on 1st August, 2005, the E-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India formulated a National Policy and Action Plan for implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Indian Judiciary.*

*The objective of this National Policy and Action Plan is to enhance judicial productivity, both qualitatively and quantitatively, as also to make the justice delivery system affordable, accessible, transparent and accountable. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said, "the use of technology will make the legal system more efficient, inclusive, accessible and environmentally sustainable".*

*He said, "Virtual Court, digitized work places and case management, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have provided a rare opportunity to embrace technology to transform our legal system".*

*To achieve this vision, in our state, the Hon'ble Dr. Justice D Y Chandrachud, Chairman of the E-Committee, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, as per letter dated 13.08.2020 has requested to take up e-filing on a high priority. In the subsequent letter dated 13.07.2021 Hon'ble Dr. Justice D Y Chandrachud further stressed to adopt e-filing version 3.0 on priority basis.*

*In order to prepare the Indian judiciary for paperless and digital courts, E-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court has formulated various projects for the State Judiciary, inter alia, the e-filing Module. Introduction of this e-filing system is aimed at promoting paperless filing and the advantages of the new system of E-filing include: speedy access to justice, absolute transparency, interoperability with other agencies and other Departments and also huge saving on manpower and natural resources.*

*High Court of Kerala is keen in setting new benchmarks in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and is implementing the relevant and applicable technological advancements in the Justice Delivery system during the present challenging situations.*

*In the State of Kerala, E-filing programme is envisioned and designed by the Computer Committee in consensus with the Bar Council of Kerala. At this juncture, on behalf of the High Court of Kerala, I sincerely acknowledge the active role of the Bar Council of Kerala in extending their support to the initiatives taken by the Computer Committee.*

*The Training Programme for creating Advocate Master Trainers is being held in five phases in coordination with the Central Project Co-ordinators and State Judicial Academies.*

*I am informed that, from our State, 7 Master Trainers attended the training on the topic “Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMT) for the Advocates”. These Master Trainers have trained 175 Advocates as Advocate Master Trainers, and the Master Trainers have conducted 73 Training Programmes and trained 2209 Advocates and 615 Advocate Clerks from 76 Bar Associations across the State.*

*I am very happy to know that these trainings were co-ordinated by the Kerala Judicial Academy with the assistance of 8 Master Trainers, who are Judicial Officers, and the Academy has done a commendable job in organizing these training programmes.*

*Under e-Court Phase II, the e-Committee, has allotted a total amount of Rs.36,02,74,300/- (Rupees Thirty Six Crore Two Lakh Seventy Four thousand and Three hundred Only), for activities in the courts in District Judiciary and the High Court has met the physical target for Rs. 29,72,42,332/-. Nearly 2 crore has been allotted for e-Sewa Kendras, VC Cabins & connectivity, Help desk counter for E-filing, scanners etc. These activities are under process. As requested by the Bar Council of Kerala, for setting up help desk counters for E-filing at court centres across State, a proposal for additional e-Sewa Kendras and Help desk counters for E-filing has been placed before the e-Committee, which may incur a fund amounting to nearly 3 crore. Mobile e-Sewa kendra with Video conferencing facility for District Court, Thodupuzha and Kalpetta is also proposed.*

*I am also informed that, for the Advocates across the State, already 112 e-Sewa Kendras have been commenced as designated counters, facilitating e-filing. Besides, as requested by the Bar Council of Kerala, for setting up of help desk counters for e-filing at Court centres all over the State, a proposal for additional e-Sewa Kendras and Help Desk counters for e-filing has been placed before the e-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.*

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*As part of modernizing Indian Judicial system and to promote use of renewable energy, the Department of Justice, Government of India, has allotted Rs 1 crore 20 lacs for implementing grid connected solar projects totalling 150 Kwp in 8 subordinate courts under e-Court Project Phase II. The project is completed at the District court complexes of Thodupuzha, Kasargod and Thalassery. The capacity of solar power plants installed at these three District Court complexes together is 45kwp. The network infrastructure in the subordinate courts is upgraded. The Department of Justice has allotted nearly 4.5 crores for the purpose of local area network and other like purposes. Nearly 1.5 crores was earmarked for the establishment of Local Area Network(LAN) ports. This activity is completed in 106 subordinate courts in the State, and Multi Protocol Label Switching(MPLS) WAN connectivity is provided to 166 court complexes across the State under e-courts project phase II.*

*The National Informatics Centre, High Court Unit has designed and developed an online module for Copy Applications, as part of the digitization and use of information technology tools in the District Judiciary in Kerala. The newly developed system facilitates issue of certified copies of the documents requested in a speedy and secured manner.*

*The online copy application solution provides a centralized solution for the Advocates and litigants, with a one time registration of the Advocate/Party irrespective of the courts across the State. It is open for applying Free/certified copy of judgments, orders and all other documents pertaining to Subordinate Courts.*

*The Online Copy Application Module being launched today for the District Judiciary will be a boon to the litigant public in the District and mofussil centres, and I am delighted to inaugurate the Online Module.*

*As we all know, renewable energy has started playing an increasingly important role for augmentation of grid power, providing energy access, reducing consumption of fossil fuels and helping our country pursue its policy of low carbon footprint. In this direction, the Department of Justice, Government of India has allotted Rs.1,20,00,000/- for implementing grid connected solar projects in 8 Subordinate Courts under e-Courts project Phase-II. Accordingly, Solar Power Plants have been installed at District Court Complex, Thodupuzha, District Court, Kasaragod and District Court Complex, Thalassery.*

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*The promotion and use of renewable energy sources are really laudable. I am proud to inaugurate the Solar Power Plants installed in the District Courts in Thodupuzha, Kasaragod and Thalassery.*

*Timely and effective service and delivery of court process is still a concern for the District Judiciary in our State. For the service and delivery of Court Processes, an Android OS APP viz., National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) has been developed by National Informatics Centre, and this module takes care of all the activities in serving of civil process. The service of processes is captured with geographic location map & photo and signature of the recipient, and the activities are reflected real time in the National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes portal as well as in the local Case Information System (CIS). With the introduction of National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes, the efficiency in the service of process would certainly support our justice delivery system.*

*I am privileged to inaugurate the Workflow based Module for Process Service, which will go a long way in ensuring an infallible service of process.*

*I am happy to inaugurate the Statewide training on e-filing for the District Judiciary, which, I am sure, will be a giant leap towards achieving speedy justice. I request the participation of all the lawyers across the State to make the training programmes a grand success.*

*A well-equipped IT infrastructure is the key to modernization of judiciary with the changing times. I feel elated to inaugurate the upgraded network infrastructure in the District Judiciary.*

*I express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the Computer Committee, High Court of Kerala, and all those who have participated in the E-initiatives mission for the District Judiciary in Kerala, and I wish High Court of Kerala, to be the pioneer in the programmes initiated by the E-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.*

*I hope that High Court of Kerala will achieve its goal, with the active support of all the stakeholders.*

*Thank you all...*







• **ONLINE COPY APPLICATION MODULE FOR DISTRICT JUDICIARY:**

As a part of the digitization and information technology improvements in the District Judiciary, Kerala, the National Informatics Centre High Court Unit has designed and developed an online system for Filing Copy Applications. The newly developed system facilitates delivery of certified copies of the documents requested in a speedy and secured manner.

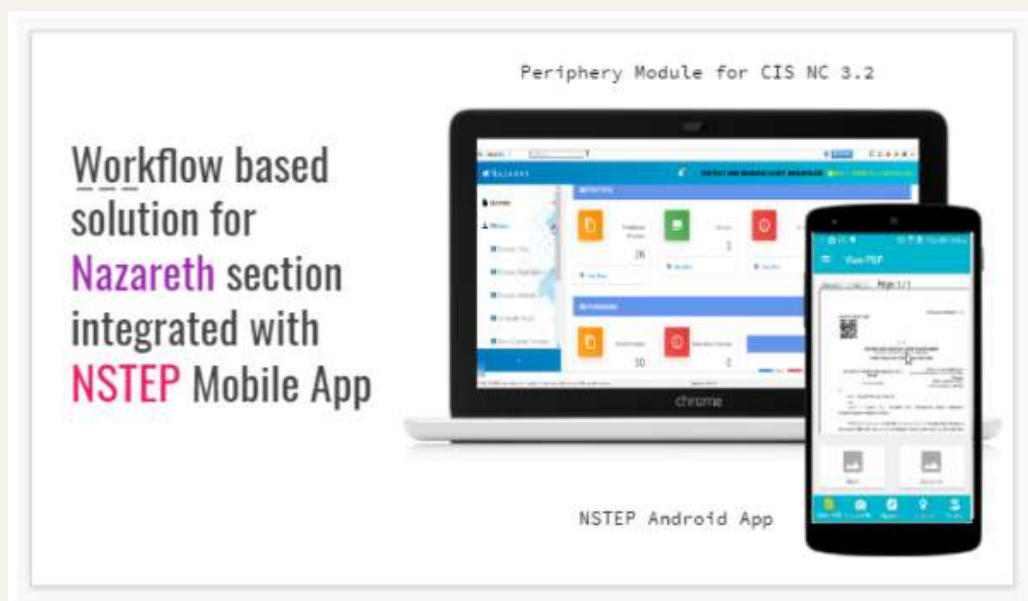


The Online copy application solution provides a centralized solution for the advocates and litigants, with a one-time registration of the Advocate/Party irrespective of the Courts across the state. The service is open for applying free/certified copies of Judgements, Orders and all other documents pertaining to District Judiciary. The petitions like Section 8, Sanction petitions can also be filed online using the new system.

**Features of e-Certified Copy**

 <p><b>One Time Registration</b> One time registration enough for applying in any court establishments in Kerala.</p>	 <p><b>Various documents can be applied</b> Multiple type of documents like Judgements, orders, LCR etc can be applied.</p>
 <p><b>Personalized Dashboard</b> Each registered user will get their own dashboard with applications and its status.</p>	 <p><b>SMS &amp; EMail Communications</b> SMS and email communication in each stage of the applications.</p>
 <p><b>Online filing of Petitions</b> The petitions like section 8, sanction petition can be filed online.</p>	 <p><b>Online Issuance</b> The issued certified copy can be downloaded from email or from the dashboard.</p>

- **WORKFLOW BASED MODULE FOR PROCESS SERVICE INTEGRATED WITH NSTEP MOBILE APP:**



The workflow based solution for the functions of Nazarat section along with the integration with NSTEP mobile app for the process delivery in civil courts in Kerala. This solution aims to provide a solution that will enable the complete automation of the procedures adopted in the process generation and delivery.

National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) is an Android OS APP developed for service and delivery of Court Processes. This App will be used by Bailiffs of the Courts for delivery of Processes. CIS (Case Information System) software is deployed across all Courts in India. CIS provides facility to generate electronic processes in PDF format. Once the electronic processes are generated, the Process admin of the respective court will assign the Processes to Bailiffs through the Web portal.

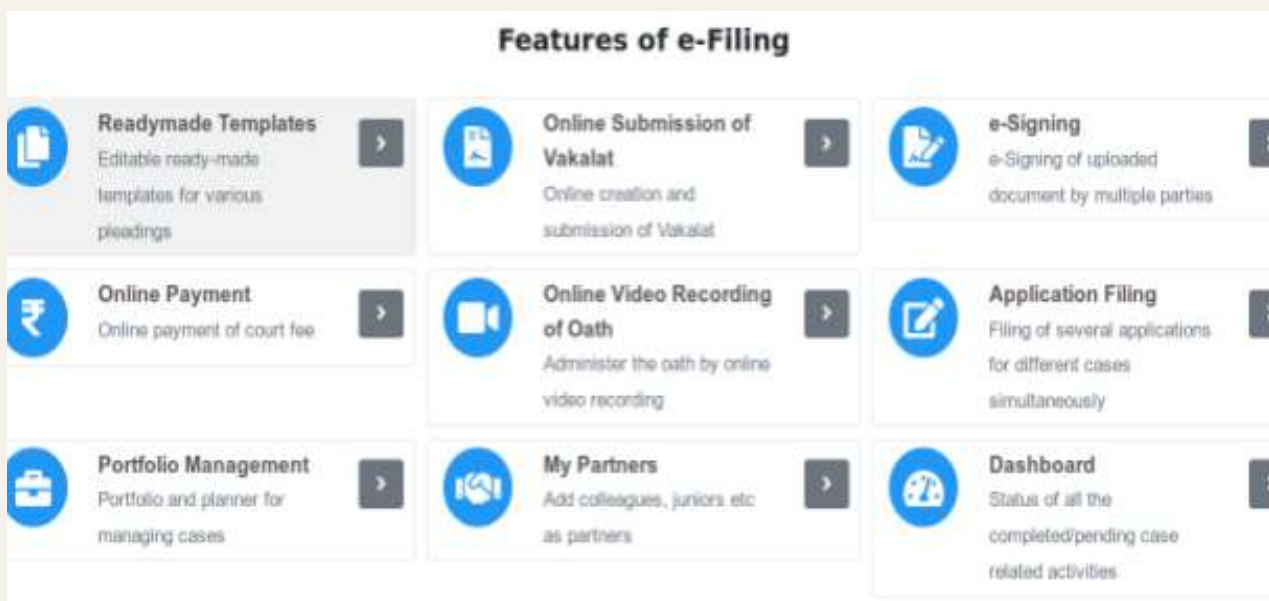
The periphery module developed for the CIS NC 3.2 which enables the seamless integration of electronic process generated in local CIS with the NSTEP web application. The module takes care of all activities in serving of civil process. The service of processes is captured with geographic location map & photo and signature of the recipient, and real time reflecting the activities in the NSTEP portal as well as in the local CIS.

### • E-FILING VER 3.0 STATEWIDE TRAINING:

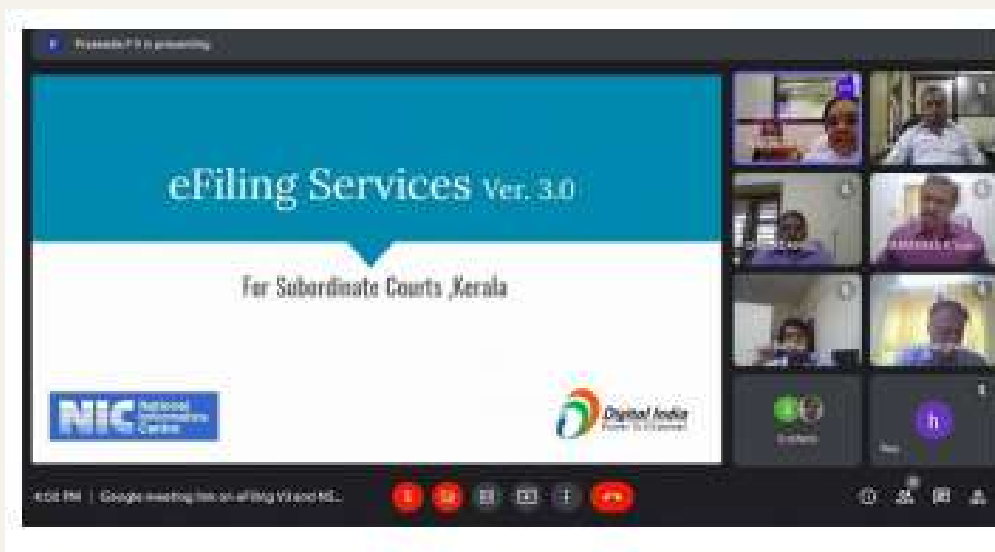
e-Filing Ver3.0 system is a complete end-to-end solution developed for online filing of plaints, written statements, replies, and various applications related to cases. Both Civil and Criminal cases can be filed before any Court across the country adopting the solution. It is designed in Bilingual (English and local language) to reach a wider group covering advocates/ litigants and hence Malayalam also can be incorporated if required. Registered users can log in to the system by using their username (barcode/email/mobile number/unique code given at the time of registration) and password.

e-Filing system provides several benefits;

- Save time, money, travel of advocates and clients.
- Obviate the need to physically visit the court.
- Reduce the need for meetings between clients and advocates.
- Automatic digitization of case records.
- Positive impact on environment by reducing paper footprint.



In continuation of the training programme for advocates on e-filing scheduled by the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, a Statewide training programme on e-filing was designed to provide training to all the advocates in the State. The programme was designed and scheduled in consultation with the Bar Council of Kerala, respective Bar Associations and in coordination with the Master Trainers(JOs) and Advocate Master Trainers. The training programme commenced on 01.08.2021 and as of now, training on e-filing has been completed in 11 out of 14 judicial districts in the State of Kerala.



- **SOLAR POWER PLANT:**

Solar Power plants are being implemented at 8 Court Complexes in the District Judiciary (Thiruvananthapuram, Kottarakara, Thodupuzha, Kasaragod, Kozhikode, Alathur, Kalpetta and Thalassery). Site survey and engineering design completed at all the 8 locations. The Solar Power Plants have been commissioned at District Court Complex, Thodupuzha, District Court, Kasaragod and at District Court Complex, Thalassery. The capacity of Solar power plants installed at District Court Complex, Thodupuzha and Kasaragod is 20 kWp each, and 5kWp at District Court, Thalassery, thus totaling 45 kWp. Installation completed in Kalpetta and Kottarakara Court Complexes. Work is under progress at the remaining Court Complexes.

## • UPGADATION OF NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE:

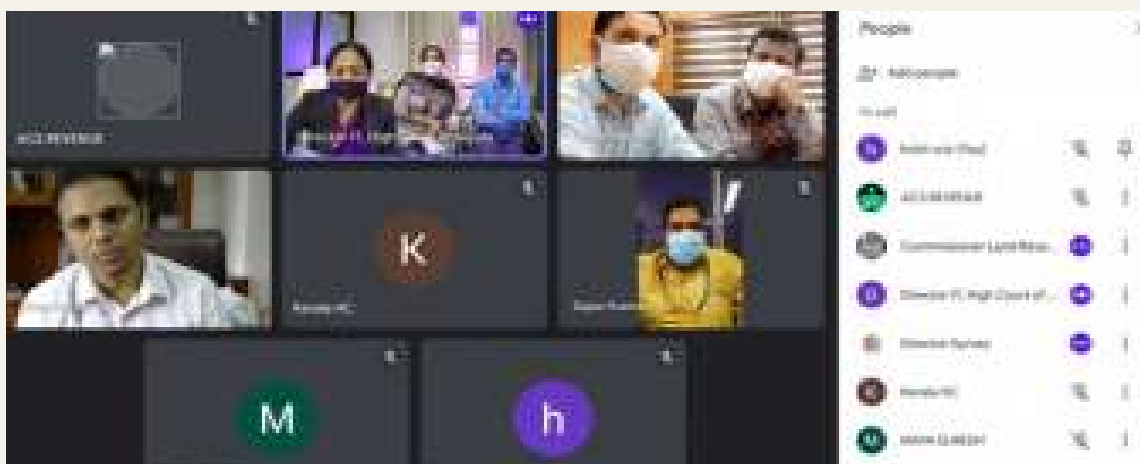
As part of the eCourts Project Phase II, 1021 LAN ports have been installed in 106 Courts in the District Judiciary. The DoJ has provided MPLS (Multi-Protocol Label Switching) WAN connectivity to 166 Court Complexes across the state under eCourts project Phase-II and is functioning.

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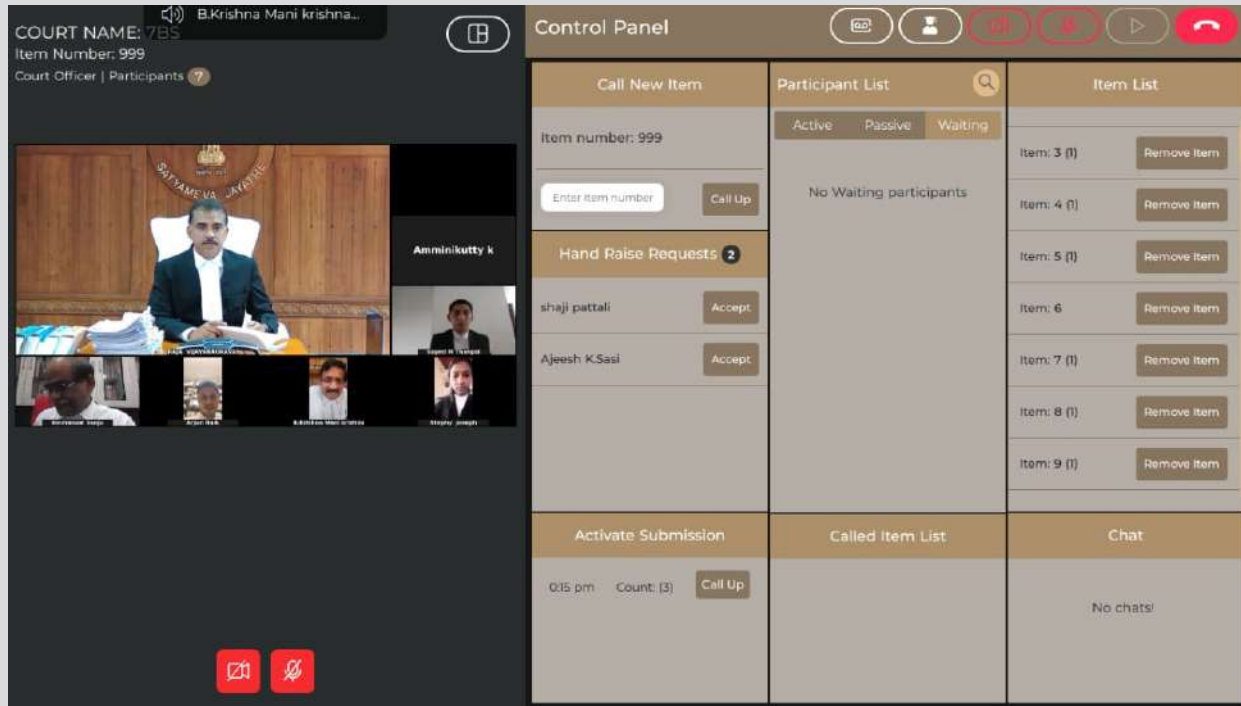
## • LINKING OF ECOURTS WITH LAND RECORDS

A meeting was held on 12.08.2021 between the Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management, Director, Survey & Land Records, Land Revenue Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, Joint IG Registration, and Commissioner Land Survey Govt of Kerala and the Director (IT) cum Central Project Coordinator, High Court regarding the linking of eCourts with land records.

The plan is to integrate eCourt system with land information system. The Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue, and the Registration Department agreed that they are ready to share the required details with the High Court and encouraged to go ahead with the said project. Follow-up actions are being taken with the technical assistance of NIC, High Court Unit for integration



# VCONSOL



High Court of Kerala implemented VCONSOL Application for Court Proceedings. VCONSOL Court is a role-based, custom-made virtual courthouse made in India. It uses the MeiTY award-winning VCONSOL VC engine based on MCU technology for a smoother video conferencing experience even at a very low internet speed. In VCONSOL Courthouse any number of courtrooms can be created & supported.

One advantage of this application is that only one-time registration is required for each person. After that one can use the credentials to log in to VCONSOL Court from any compatible smartphone or computer from anywhere. This gives all the roles an added flexibility when procedures are conducted in multiple courts at the same time. There are even roles allocated to party-in-person and public to watch or take part in the procedures.

### VCONSOL Roles and Privileges

- Judge: Single sign in with direct access to courtrooms.
- Advocates: Single sign into all courtrooms in the courthouse. Automatic entry and exit based on item numbers and court lists. Can be customized based on local courtroom requirements.
- Prosecutors: Single sign in with direct access to courtrooms. Stays in the courtroom till the procedure ends.
- Court Officer/ Court Master: Manages the courtroom. Have complete access to all courtroom functionalities. Manages the item lists and cases.
- Stenographers/PA/PS: Single sign-in with direct access to courtrooms.
- Party-in-Person: Single sign-in. Registration to be approved by Court Admin.
- Public: Can only view court proceedings after getting approval from the Court master.
- Media & Newspaper: Can view court proceedings after getting approval from the court master

### Unique customized facilities

- Secret “judges chat” for judges in division bench which is only readable/ available to judges
- Secret “judges’ room” for the division bench
- Secret room/in-camera to manage POCSO proceedings Urgent entry to courtrooms for advocates
- Chat for advocates and court officers with inbuilt PDF, image & document share facility
- Hand raise functionality for advocates to address Court Officer.
- Pause court functionality for emergency Mute, Unmute Audio & Video facilities
- Live streaming facility (To court website or any other destination)

High Court of Kerala started using the VCONSOL Court Application on 13th June 2021 and at present Five Courts are using this Court Application for Court Proceedings.

## DIGITIZATION OF LIBRARY RECORDS

The Kerala High Court Library has a good collection of books which includes rare and historical records and most of them are now out of print. With an intention to preserve these books, enhance easy access to the institution's resources, reduce handling of fragile books and save space, the High Court Library has started the digitization of these old documents, books, gazettes and registers.

At present, the Library has a total collection of 206478 books. The project for digitizing the collection was started in the year 2018 by way of outsourcing with the e-governance fund. Rare books, High Court publications, Farewell and Retirement Speeches of Hon'ble Judges, Settlement Registers,-Cochin-Travancore and Revenue Settlement Register-Travancore comprising 619627 pages have been digitized completed at a total cost of Rs 40 lakhs which includes the cost of server.

The digitization project in the Library is a continuing one. Four Lakhs pages of Jenmikaram Settlement Register-Travancore have been completed in the current Financial Year and the project is in progress.

All the digitized documents are available in the High Court Library Repository and can be accessed from the High Court network (I.P based).



## THE HIGH COURT DIGITIZATION CENTRE

- High Court of Kerala is having a dedicated Digitization Centre and allotted over 2000 sqft in the area for exclusive scanning and digitization activities.
- As a Pilot phase of the project, the scheduled 4 lakh pages have been completed by the service provider M/s Newgen Software Technologies Limited
- User Acceptance Certificate is also issued to commence the project and to complete it within a time frame of 2 years as per the terms and conditions in the contract.



## THE ELECTRONIC VIDEO LINKAGE RULES FOR COURTS (KERALA), 2021

Video conferencing solutions were used and are in use in our State for the conduct of court proceedings during pandemic-induced restrictions for minimising the footfalls in courtrooms. The Courts in the district judiciary in our State had conducted a total of 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 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 the use of 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:

[http://hckerala.gov.in/writereaddata/update\\_event\\_1630913002.pdf](http://hckerala.gov.in/writereaddata/update_event_1630913002.pdf)

• **“e-Courts Services Mobile app” Manual in Malayalam**

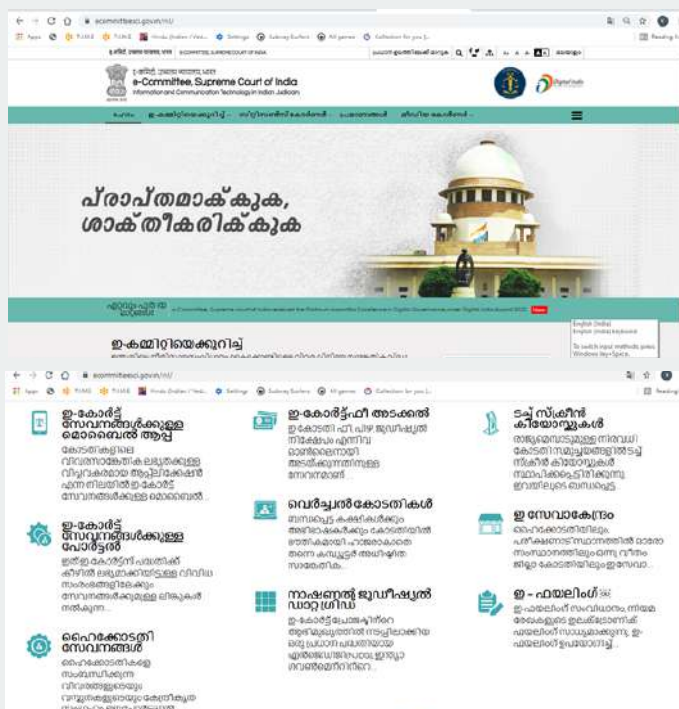
The e-Committee, Supreme Court of India released manuals in 14 languages including Malayalam for its top citizen-centric service- free e-Courts services mobile app. The “e-Courts Services Mobile app” has already been released by e-Committee for the benefit of the litigants, citizens, lawyers, law firms, police, Government agencies and other institutional litigants. The app, so far, had crossed 57 lakh downloads. The translation of the manual for the mobile app in Malayalam was carried out by the Master Trainers(Judicial Officers) of the State.



Please read the manual in Malayalam by clicking the link below:

<https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s388ef51f0bf911e452e8dbb1d807a81ab/uploads/2021/04/2021051077.pdf>

• **Availability of e Committee's Official Website in Malayalam**



The official website of e-committee, Supreme Court of India is now available in Malayalam Version. The translation of the contents of the website was done by the translators of the Supreme Court Cell of High Court along with Master Trainers (Judicial Officers), supported by the Technical Team, High Court of Kerala.

To read, please click the link: <https://ecommitteesci.gov.in/ml/>

## JUDGES DASHBOARD

Additional features incorporated in Judges Dashboard

- **Reportable Judgments**

Reportable Judgments are judgments considered significant in explaining and interpreting the law and are considered to be valuable precedents. Court Management System(CMS) has features to mark Reportable Judgments and the facility to mark CR for already uploaded Judgment.

Hon’ble Judges can access the Marked Reportable Judgment using Judges Dashboard ( <https://ecourts.kerala.gov.in>).

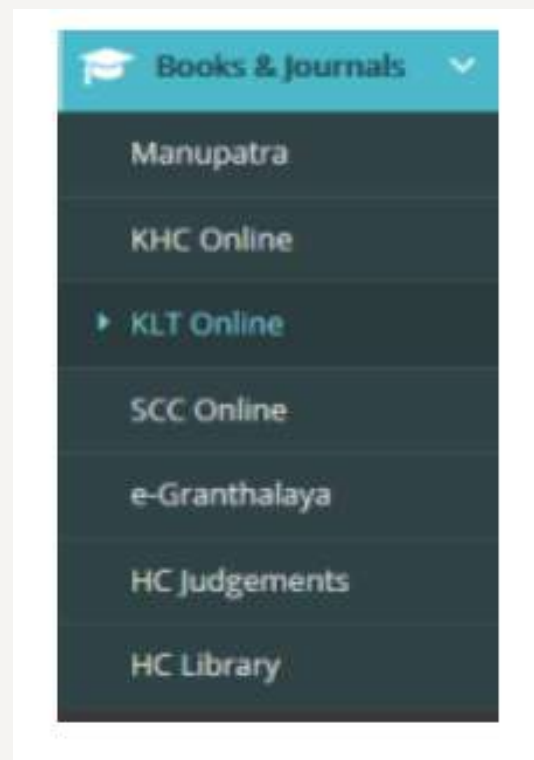
- **Law Journals and Books**

All Law Journals and Books links can be accessed from Judges Dashboard. High court is in the process of integration with various Law Journals and Books application

### Date Wise and Judge Wise Search

The screenshot shows a search interface for 'CR JUDGEMENT'. It includes a search bar with the date '29-01-2021' and a search button. Below the search bar, it displays 'TOTAL CR - JUDGMENTS - 9'. A table titled 'View Details' lists the following judgments:

#	Case No.	Judge Name	Party	Judgment/Order	Action
1	WP(C) 17589/2021	HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH NEERAN	THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF VELLAMUNDA SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. IND. C. 530 VS THE JOINT REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (GENERAL)	JUDGEMENT	View
2	CH MC 3532/2021	HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. HARSHAN	SRI VARAJ VS THE STATE OF KERALA	JUDGEMENT	View
3	WP(C) 25682/2020	HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANANDARAMAN	RAJAN R VS THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (JOM)	JUDGEMENT	View
4	WP(C) 25682/2020	HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANANDARAMAN	BABY S. W. KALLAMATHURKAL GEORGE PANCHAYAT	JUDGEMENT	View



## STATUS

**E-FILING**

High Court of Kerala  
e-filing application  
status :10282

District Judiciary e-filing  
status as on 20-09-2021  
: 2375

**VIRTUAL  
COURTS**

### Traffic Department statistics as on 20-09-2021

RECEIVED 30935	VERIFIED 28278	REJECTED 930	TO BE VERIFIED 1727
UNALLOCATED 0	PENDING FOR PROCESSING 10493	PROCESSING DONE 17785	SENT SMS 17459
URGENT SMS 314	PAID 2542 ( ₹ 1364201 )	CONTESTED 39	PENDING FOR ACTION FROM OFFENDER 15186
OVERDUE 7097	PAID THROUGH CHARGES NO. OR ENGINE NO. 62 ( ₹ 35900 )	TRANSFER TO REGULAR COURT 0	CONVICTION DINED 0

### Transport Department statistics as on 20-09-2021

RECEIVED 83110	VERIFIED 35395	REJECTED 1405	TO BE VERIFIED 46310
UNALLOCATED 0	PENDING FOR PROCESSING 3861	PROCESSING DONE 31534	SENT SMS 31407
URGENT SMS 108	PAID 3156 ( ₹ 4394051 )	CONTESTED 92	PENDING FOR ACTION FROM OFFENDER 27959
OVERDUE 19366	PAID THROUGH CHARGES NO. OR ENGINE NO. 214 ( ₹ 489250 )	TRANSFER TO REGULAR COURT 274	CONVICTION DINED 0



## The eCourt Project : Phase II

eCourts project phase II is being implemented by the eCommittee, Supreme Court. The infrastructure/hardware to be procured and specification of the items for the procurement will be decided by the eCommittee, Supreme Court in consultation with the NIC. The funds required for the procurement will be provided by the Department of Justice. The High Court is at liberty to improve or better the specifications of the items. After the procurement of hardware, High Court will directly provide a Utilization Certificate to the eCommittee.

The funds provided by the Department of Justice for the eCourt Project Phase-II is deposited in the current account opened in the name of Registrar General, High Court of Kerala in the State Bank of India, High Court Branch. An acknowledgement will be forwarded to the GoI, Ministry of Law & Justice (DoJ) on the receipt of fund and an intimation will also be forwarded to the State Government.

The eCommittee, has allotted a total amount of ₹.36,02,74,300/- (Rupees Thirty-Six Crore Two Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand and Three Hundred Only), under eCourts Project Phase II for 46 activities.

As on 17.09.2021 ₹29,93,16,941/- (Rupees Twenty-Nine Crore Ninety-Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One Only), has been spent towards the expense of 32 completed activities and 6 ongoing activities namely (VC Facility between Courts & Jails, Studio based VC for KJA, Solar Project, Justice Clock, eSewa Kendra & Technical Manpower)

Utilization Certificate, for a total amount of ₹29,77,72,633/-(82.65%) has been furnished by the High Court till date. UC for the remaining amount of ₹15,44,308/-- has to be furnished which comprises of ₹11,26,000/- spent for Justice clock, ₹1,06,400/- for Solar project, ₹2,75,618/- Salary for Technical Manpower, and ₹36,290/- spent for eSewa Kendra as salary. All the above projects are ongoing and the UC will be furnished on the completion of the said projects. Out of ₹ 36,02,74,300/-, the High Court has met the physical target for ₹29,93,16,941/--(83% of the allotted amount) and the physical target for ₹ 6,09,57,359/- (17% of the allotted amount) will be met at the earliest. So far, an amount of ₹.2,54,39,073/- has been accrued as savings from the completed 32 activities..



## **THE STATUS OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ECOURT PROJECT :**

<b>Status of activities under e-court project</b>	
<b>Completed Activities</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Ongoing Activities</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Steps Initiated activities</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Not Initiated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

### **STATUS OF 14 ACTIVITIES UNDER E-COURTS PROJECTS**

#### **1. VC FACILITY BETWEEN COURTS & JAILS :**

- 459 locations (One studio each in 372 Courts and 87 Jail Studios)
- The Prisons Department, Government of Kerala has completed the installation of VC facility connecting Courts and Jails in 488 locations (402 courts & 86 studios in 52 Jails) throughout the State for the remand extension of prisoners.

#### **2. STUDIO BASED VC FOR KJA :**

P.O. issued on 06.03.2019 for a total amount of Rs.5,87,000. Bill not furnished. Item supplied and installation not completed since dedicated internet connectivity has not been provided so far by the Kerala Judicial Academy(KJA). Directions have been issued to the firm for commissioning studio-based VC at KJA at the earliest.

#### **3. SOLAR PROJECT:**

Site survey and engineering design completed at all the 8 locations. Solar project commissioned at Thodupuzha, Thalassery and Kasargode. Supply and delivery of items have been completed in all Court Complexes except Court Complex, Alathur where the report from M/s. ANERT, technical consultant is awaited. Work is under progress at the remaining Court Complexes.

#### **4. MANPOWER:**

To assist, CPC in technical matters as well as in software development, 10 Technical persons were appointed during the FY 2018 – 19 under eCourts Project PhaseII. eCommittee has accorded sanction for the extension of technical manpower for the 5th year, meeting expenses from the saved/unused funds up to March 2023.



### 5. JUSTICE CLOCK :

Justice Clock already installed in the High Court. The Computerization Committee and the Hon'ble the Chief Justice has ordered to purchase video processor to display data fed via online /live mode in the Justice clock from M/s. Unique Services Pvt. Ltd. (vendor who supplied justice clock). Purchase Order for the purchase of Video Processor issued to M/s. Unique Services Pvt. Ltd. Installation is going on.

### 6. SMART PHONES :

eCommittee has proposed to provide smartphones to all the Process servers and Bailiffs for implementing the NSTEP, service that helps to track the movement and delivery of Process. The Rule Committee and the Full Court have recommended an amendment to the Civil Procedure Code for the implementation of NSTEP. The proposal is pending before the Government. An additional fund of ₹.1 Crore has been received from the eCommittee for the procurement of Smartphones.

### 7. E-SEWA KENDRA :

- e-Sewa Kendra started functioning at High Court and District Court Complex, Ernakulam with effect from 14.5.2020.
- As on date, e-Sewa Kendra has been established at 116 court complexes out of 160 court complexes in the State utilizing the existing infrastructure including High Court.
- eCommittee, Supreme Court allocated an amount of ₹10,68,000 for the e-Sewa Kendras at 2 locations namely High Court of Kerala and at District Court Complex, Ernakulam. eCommittee, has accorded sanction for the re-appropriation of ₹1,98,48,000 for the procurement of hardware for 116 e-Sewa Kendras established in the State.
- Steps have been initiated for the procurement of hardware for 116 e-Sewa Kendras. Sanction has also been accorded for the extension of service of PLVs appointed at High Court & at District Court Complex, Ernakulam for 1 more year by re-appropriating the saved funds.



### 8. VC CABINS AND CONNECTIVITY :

- For High Court – 10 nos
- For District Judiciary – 42 nos
- Each VC cabin should be equipped with low powered Computer + Camera and mike (if not in build) @ ₹ 20,000/- each.
- eCommittee has allocated an amount of ₹10,40,000/- for the procurement of 52 nos of VC cabins in the State.

### 9. VC EQUIPMENT FOR COURT ROOMS :

- 349 nos of VC equipment for the District Judiciary.
- Every Court to be equipped with (i) LED display unit (50” or more as per the room requirements) to connect laptop output (Optional), (ii). USB PTZ Camera and iii. External USB Speaker cum mike. Estimated Cost per Court ₹ 20,000/-.
- eCommittee has allocated an amount of ₹.69,80,000/- for the procurement of 349 nos of VC equipment for the District Judiciary.

### 10. HELP DESK COUNTERS FOR E-FILING IN COURT COMPLEXES:

- For High Court – 4 nos
- For District Judiciary – 37 nos
- Set may include –
  - a. Computer
  - b. Scanner
  - c. Camera
  - d. The cost may be ₹70,000 per set.
- eCommittee has allocated an amount of ₹28,70,000/- for the procurement of 41 nos of Help Desk counters for e-filing In the State.

### 11. E-FILING HELP DESK COUNTERS AT BAR ASSOCIATIONS:

- eFiling help desk counters- 44 nos
- eCommittee has accorded sanction for the re-appropriation of ₹.50,16,000/- for creating 44 nos of help desk counters for e-filing at Bar Associations.



## 12. DOCUMENT VISUALIZER (DV) FOR VC IN COURT COMPLEXES :

- For High Court – 4 nos
- For District Judiciary– 37 nos
- The estimated cost is ₹.43,900/- each
- eCommittee has allocated an amount of ₹18,00,000/- for the procurement of 41 nos of Document Visualizer in the State.

## 13. SCANNERS :

- High-Speed Scanner – 16
- Flatbed Scanner – 15
- eCommittee has allocated an amount of ₹45,85,000/- for the procurement of scanners for High Courts & District Judiciary
- e-tenders for the procurement of flatbed scanners for court complexes and eSKs was published and opened on 30.07.2021. Demo of the Scanners conducted on 13.09.2021.

## 14. MOBILE VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITY WITH MOBILE E-SEWA KENDRA

- 2 Nos (in the districts of Idukki and Wayanad)
- eCommittee has accorded sanction for the re-appropriation of ₹.50,00,000/- for implementing the mobile video conferencing facility with mobile e-Sewa Kendra in districts of Idukki and Wayanad (₹25 lakhs each) by providing tempo traveller and other necessary items/equipments.



## NODAL OFFICERS FOR ALL DISTRICTS

For the efficient and speedy implementation of eCourt Projects in the District Judiciary, The Hon'ble Chairman, Computerization Committee, High Court has requested all the Principal District Judges to choose Nodal Officers on the basis of their caliber and keen interest in IT-related activities and development of IT infrastructure. It was also directed that the persons so nominated should be technically capable to oversee the IT projects, supervise the implementation of such projects, and assist the District Judge in the management of the entire IT infrastructure provided to the district.

The Chairman has also directed to include an officer from a station outside the District Court Center for appointing as Nodal Officers of the districts.

Accordingly, all the Principal District Judges have furnished proposals identifying Judicial Officers for appointing as Nodal Officers of their respective district to the High Court.

The Hon'ble Chairman after considering the proposals from the District Judges has appointed the following Judicial Officers as the Nodal Officers of the district and further directed District Judges to allot Court Centers in their respective jurisdiction to the nominated Nodal Officers of their district.

### Nodal Officers nominated by the Honourable Chairman, Computerization Committee

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| • <b><u>THIRUVANANTHAPURAM</u></b> | Sri.R Jayakrishnan<br>Special Judge, Fast Track<br>Special Court (POSCO), Pattoor  | Sri. Shibu Daniel<br>Principal Sub Judge<br>Thiruvananthapuram               |
| • <b><u>KOLLAM</u></b>             | Sri. N Harikumar<br>Addl. District & Sessions<br>Judge I, Kollam                   | Sri. Sandeepkrishna V<br>Sub Judge, Kottarakkara                             |
| • <b><u>PATHANAMTHITTA</u></b>     | Sri. S Radhakrishnan<br>MACT, Pathanamthitta                                       | Smt. Veena V S<br>Munsiff, Thiruvalla  |
| • <b><u>ALAPPUZHA</u></b>          | Sri. C K Madhusoodanan<br>Judge, Family Court, Alappuzha                           | Sri. Kenneth George<br>Addl. District Judge III, Mavelikkara                 |
| • <b><u>KOTTAYAM</u></b>           | Sri. Sanu S Panicker<br>Addl. District Judge V<br>District Court Complex, Kottayam | Sri. Jayakrishnan G P<br>Special Judge, FTSC<br>JFCM Building, Changanassery |

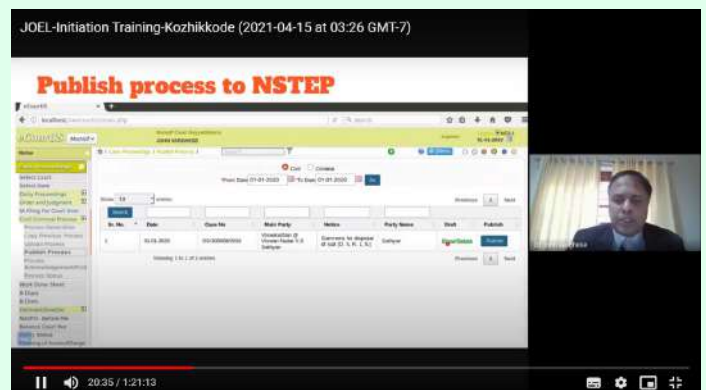
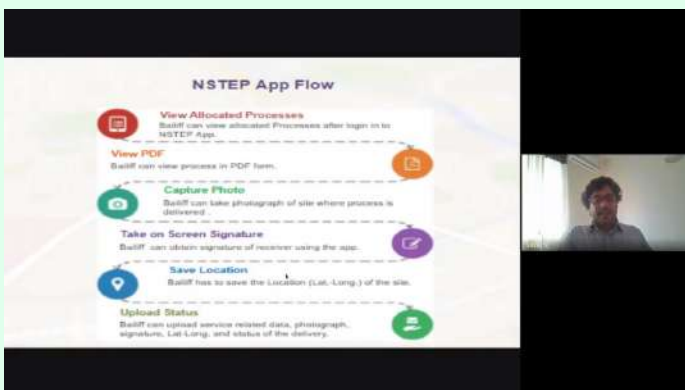
- **THODUPUZHA**                      Smt.Roshun Thomas                      Sri.Philip Thomas  
Sub Judge, Thodupuzha                      Spcl Judge, POSCO Court,  
Kattapana
- **ERNAKULAM**                      Sri.K .Kamaneesh                      Sri. Satheesh Kumar V  
Special Judge,SPE/CBI II                      Spcl Judge FTSC  
Special Court, SPE/CBI II, Kaloor                      Spcl Judge FTSC , Perumbavoor
- **THRISSUR**                      Sri.Arun Bechu N N                      Sri.Sanju T  
Principal Munsiff, Thrissur                      Principal Sub Judge,Irinjalakuda
- **PALAKKAD**                      Sri. P P Saidalavi                      Sri. K J Arby  
First Addl.District Judge                      Judge, Family Court  
Addl.District Court I, Palakkad                      Family Court,Ottappalam
- **MANJERI**                      Smt. S Nazeera                      Sri.Pradeep P  
Addl District and Sessions Judge III                      Sub Judge  
Addl District and Sessions Court III                      Sub Court, Tirur  
Manjeri
- **KOZHIKODE**                      Sri. Anas V                      Sri.Suresh Babu V P M  
Addl District and Sessions Judge-V                      Addl District and Sessions Judge  
Addl District & Sessions Court V,                      Special Court NDPS Act Cases  
Kozhikode                      Vatakara
- **KALPETTA**                      Sri. M V Rajakumara                      Smt.Anit Joseph  
Addl. District & Sessions Judge-I                      Sub Judge, Sulthanbathery  
Kalpetta
- **THALASSERY**                      Sri.Muhammed Raees M                      Sri Rajeevan Vachal  
Addl.District Judge IV                      Sub Judge  
Addl.District Court IV, Thalassery                      Sub Court Kannur
- **KASARAGOD**                      Sri Unnikrishnan A V                      Smt Selmath R M  
Addl District and Sessions Judge III                      Munsiff/ JFCM III  
Kasargod                      Hosdurg

## JUDICIAL OFFICERS' E-LEARNING (JOEL) PROGRAMME

The need to have a digital environment and to ensure that the judiciary gets maximum outputs out of the advanced technology, the computer committee envisaged a vision to enhance the capacity of judicial officers to utilise ICT infrastructure provided to them. And the JOEL (Judicial Officers E-learning) programme was conceived. On their request, a concept and syllabus for E training were formulated by the Board of Governors of the Kerala Judicial Academy.

The Academy thereafter conducted the First Phase of online initiation training on ICT tools for the members of the district judiciary on 07.04.21 & 08.04.21 and on 15.04.21 & 16.04.21 under the Judicial Officers' e-Learning (JOEL) programme with one hour duration on two days each for every district. 475 judicial officers attended the programme. The Ubuntu- CIS Master trainers(UMTs) led the sessions.

The Second phase viz online Training of Trainers (TOT) of three days duration for the 39 judicial officers who are identified as State level Master Trainers (SMTs) for the JOEL programme will be held in October, 2021. The Ubuntu- CIS Master trainers will conduct the TOT programme.



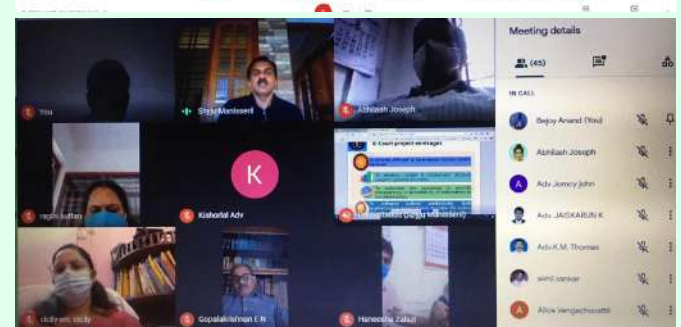
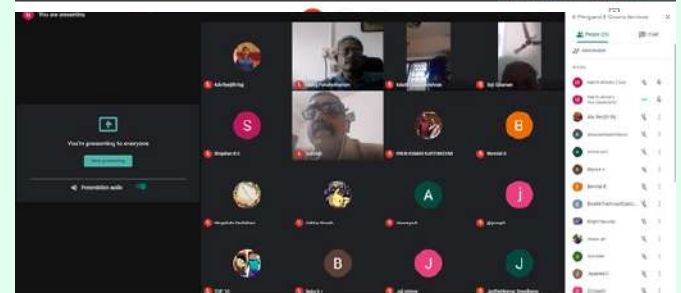
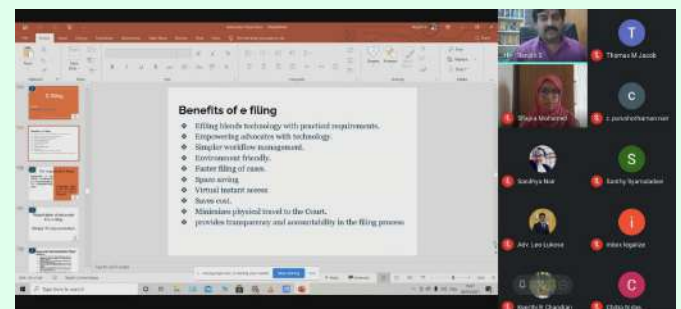
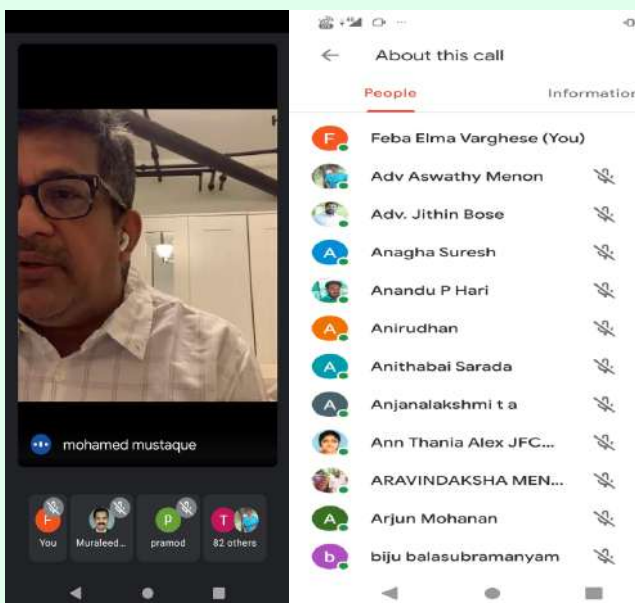
## ONLINE TRAINING FOR ADVOCATES AND ADVOCATE CLERKS IN KERALA AND LAKSHADWEEP ECT 004-2021 (4TH PHASE).

As instructed by the Hon’ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, the Kerala Judicial Academy has successfully completed the first round of online training for advocates and advocate clerks in Kerala and Lakshadweep on different days in April 2021 on e-filing, e-initiatives of the Hon’ble Supreme Court and Information & Communications Technology (ICT).

The programme received an overwhelming response. 3395 participants had registered using the online registration form. 110 from amongst 115 advocate master trainers, trained by the Kerala Judicial Academy, conducted training sessions for the advocates and advocate clerks.

The concerted effort of UMT master trainers, members of the district judiciary especially the Principal District Judges, Nodal Officers, District System Administrators, the bar associations and the advocate master trainers have contributed to the success of the programme.

The Kerala Judicial Academy will continue such training sessions till all the advocates and advocate clerks in Kerala and Lakshadweep are trained on the topics.



**Meeting between the Hon'ble Chairman, Computerisation Committee, High Court of Kerala and Nodal Officers of all the District Courts**

A meeting was held on 4th August 2021 between the Hon'ble Chairman, Computerization Committee, High Court and with the Nodal Officers of all the Districts Courts in Kerala through Video Conferencing to appraise the follow-up steps taken as well as report any pending issues related to the implementation of eCourts project. The monthly review meeting will redress the pending issues if any in the District Judiciary with respect to the implementation of eCourts project.



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## The Forthcoming Projects:

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- **Right to Information (RTI)  
Application Management System**

This application helps to manage the activities of the High Court Registry pertaining to the Right to Information Act, 2005 effectively. The application has features like filing of RTI application through online mode with payment gateway integration, Viewing status of RTI applications, SMS alerts, downloading of reply through online etc, and are available to the public. The module also caters the internal workflow of an RTI application.

- **Family Courts Workflow  
based Application**

The Family Court Management module is proposed to be designed and developed for streamlining the processes of case management, mediation, counselling and other activities involved in cases filed in family courts.



This application is proposed to be implemented in all family courts across Kerala. The application will be tightly integrated with Case Information System (CIS NC 3.2).

- **Website and Blog of Kerala  
Judicial Academy.**

The Kerala Judicial Academy (KJA) deals with activities related to Judicial education, Training and Research. The main objective of the official website would be to provide prompt information about the Organization, Administration, Training Programs, Events, Updates and Contact Details regarding the Kerala Judicial Academy. The Judicial Officers Blog also integrated with the website.

## SUPREME COURT VIDHIK ANUVAAD SOFTWARE (SUVAS)

An Artificial Intelligence Tool for translating judicial domain English documents into vernacular languages and vice versa namely, Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software (SUVAS) has been developed under the supervision of the Artificial Intelligence Committee of the Supreme Court of India. It was tested in various High Courts with a limited number of users. The tool was fed by lower court judgments along with the corresponding vernacular versions provided by High Courts as soft copies. Later on, after necessary updations, the High Courts were given access to the tool. The Kerala High Court was given access to SUVAS 1.5 in January 2021. Two live workshops were conducted to familiarise the Translators with the tool.



As per the outcome of the last live workshop held in July, 2021 the translators are supposed to train the tool by getting actual translation of the judicial domain documents (lower court judgments) done by the tool and by carrying out in-tool corrections wherever required. Translation Section, High Court undertakes the referred work under the supervision of the AI Committee, High Court and the IT-Directorate, High Court.



## ***Digital technologies for Effective Justice Delivery System- Registration of Marriage through Video Conferencing:***

A Division Bench comprising of Hon'ble Justice A Muhamed Mustaque and Hon'ble Justice Kauser Edappagath of the High Court of Kerala while considering WP(C) NO. 15244 OF 2021 (E), passed an interim order on 9th September 2021 to the effect that in view of technological advancements, marriages under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 could be registered through video conference and permitted the parties to register the marriage subject to conditions. The Bench also set to answer the larger question as to whether citizens can demand digital services, including online registration of marriage, as a fundamental right.

**To read the order please  
click the link below:**

**[https://hckinfo.kerala.gov.in/digicourt/orders/interimorder/2021/215700152442021\\_3.pdf](https://hckinfo.kerala.gov.in/digicourt/orders/interimorder/2021/215700152442021_3.pdf)**

# GALLERY



Unveiling the First Edition of High Court E-Committee Newsletter on 10th June 2021 by The Hon'ble The Chief Justice

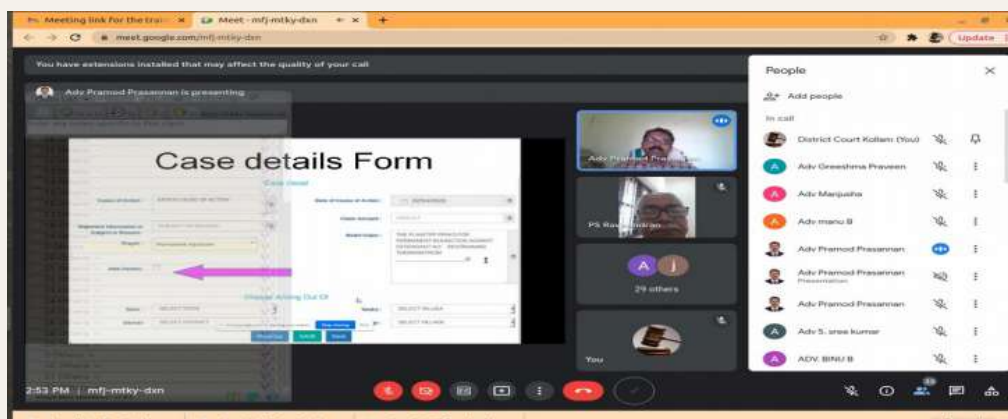


Inaugural Ceremony of various e-courts projects in the state of Kerala on 4th August 2021

## "SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN DISTRICT JUDICIARY"

### DISTRICT COURT KOLLAM

- For imparting knowledge in connection with e-registration and e-filing, a training programme has been conducted for Advocates of various Bar Associations in Kollam Judicial District from 2.8.2021 to 9.8.2021 through Google-meet.



- 'Spot Registration Counter' has been established in District Court Complex, Kollam for the instant registration of Advocates for e-filing.

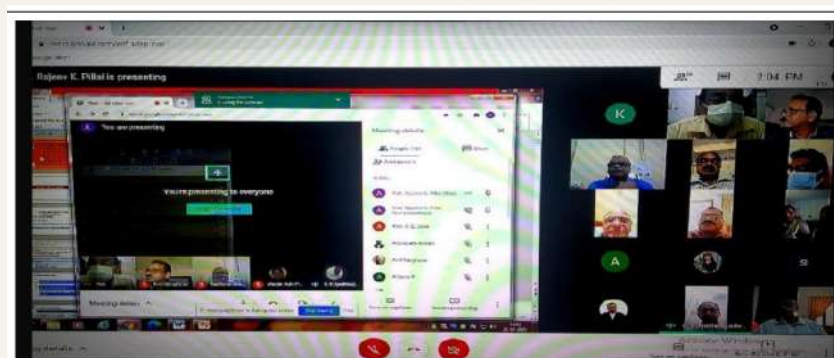


DISTRICT COURT PATHANAMTHITTA

- Training program on e-filing and e-Court Services was conducted in the Pathanamthitta District by the Master Trainer Advocates who were trained by the Kerala Judicial Academy.

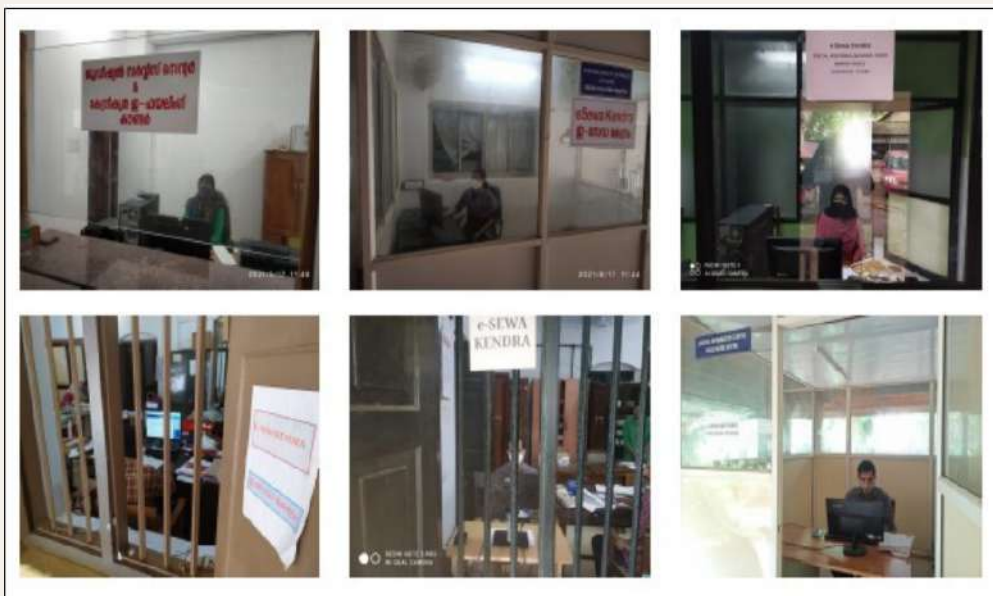


- Member of the District Bar Association, Pathanamthita and the Master Trainer of the Bar, has imparted awareness on e-filing and e-Courts Services, to the members of the District Bar Association. The training was conducted through ‘Google Meet’.
- The virtual e-filing training were also conducted in Thiruvalla Bar Association, Ranni Bar Association and Adoor Bar Association through Google-meet. The members of the Bar and few Advocate Clerks also attended the virtual class.



### DISTRICT COURT KOZHIKODE

- Various e-Sewa kendras and Public information centers functioning at the judicial district of Kozhikode.



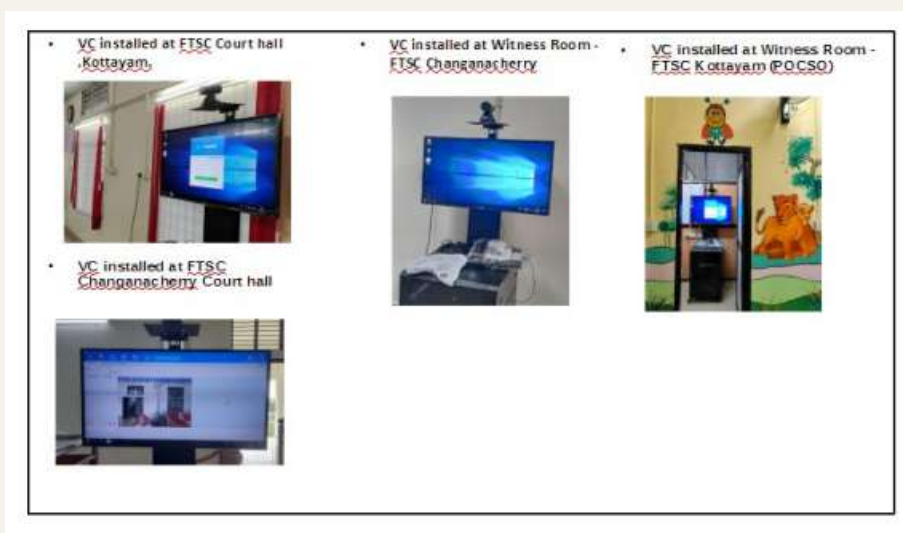
### DISTRICT COURT THALASSERY

- Online e-filing training program organized by District Court, Thalassery on 04/08/2021. The YouTube video link of the online e-filing training program is <https://youtu.be/3G17IJUs2OE>



## DISTRICT COURT KOTTAYAM

- Video Conferencing equipment (two each) were installed at the newly inaugurated Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) i.e. Kottayam & Changanacherry in the month of August. This was made possible under the aegis of Jail Department. In addition to facilitating VC with the witnesses at remote locations including Jails, these equipment facilitate examination of witnesses in the court by providing them privacy. For that, witness waiting rooms have been constructed by the side of court hall exclusively for the children and installed with VC equipment.



## DISTRICT COURT MANJERI

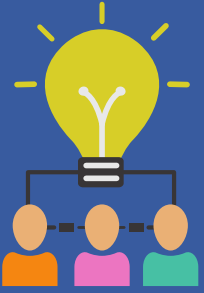
- E-filing training for advocates and staff through Google Meet completed in the 6 court complexes in judicial District

### DISTRICT COURT PALAKKAD

- Training on e-filing has been given to the Advocates in the Judicial District by the Advocate Master Trainers of the concerned Bar, as per the schedule given by the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala.
- The Program aimed to create digital awareness and digital empowerment for the Advocates throughout the District.
- The Advocate, Master Trainers elaborately discussed registering in CIS database, e-filing rules & registration of new cases through the e-filing portal.
- The Training had an overwhelming response, which reached nearly 200 Advocates in the Judicial District, and the facility for the Advocates to register in the e-filing portal has been provided through well-equipped e-Sewa Kendra functioning in the District Court complex, Palakkad.



# THE e-NEWSLETTER



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