

# HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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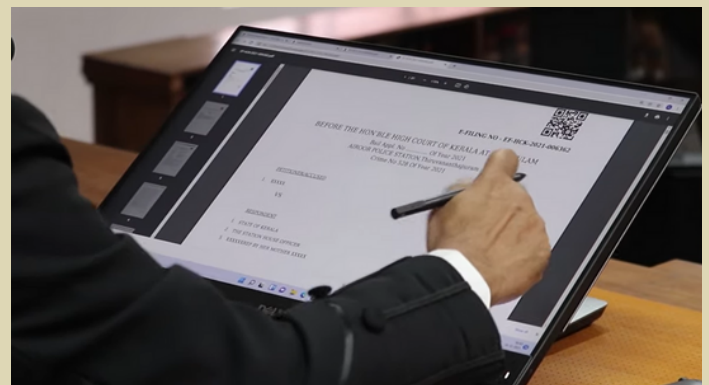
INAUGURATION OF  
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**Inauguration of e-filing Modules for the High Court and entire State Judiciary by the Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Supreme Court of India (The Chairperson, e-Committee, Supreme Court of India)**

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High Court of Kerala.**

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# FELICITATIONS



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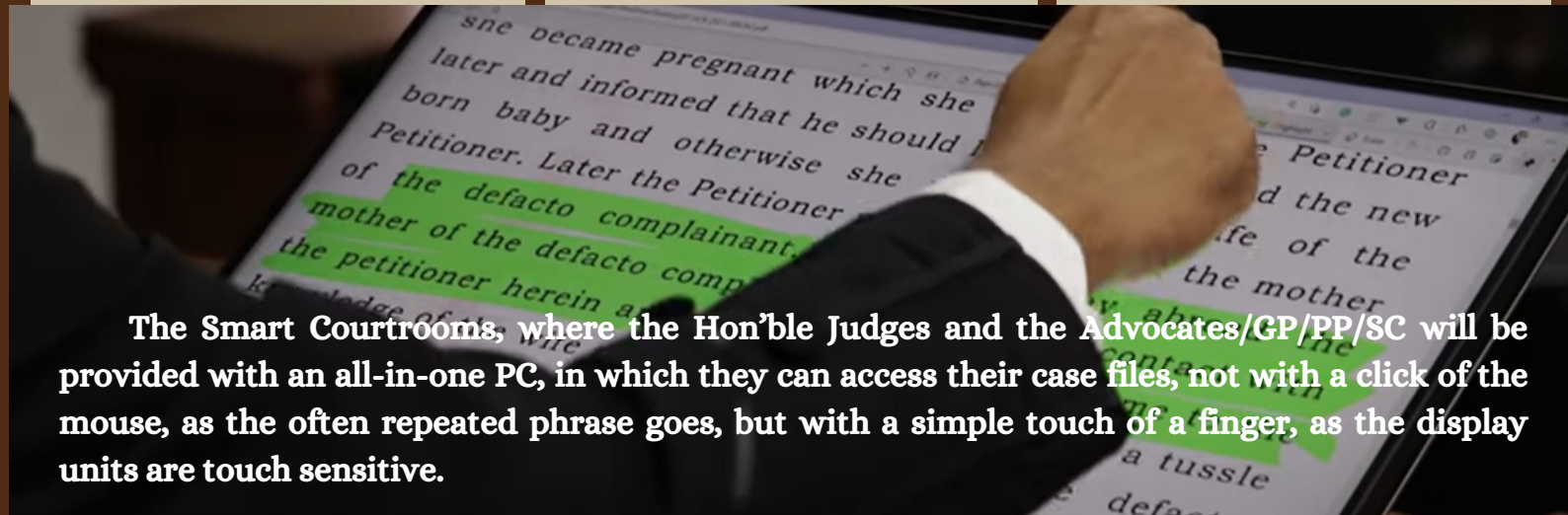
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# THE E- INITIATIVES IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

The justice delivery system in the state of Kerala is all set for a quantum jump. There will be a paradigm shift in the process of filing cases and the manner in which judgments are delivered. The piles of case files scattered around, Advocate clerks carrying heavy bundles of files etc. etc. are going to be a thing of the past.

The e-initiatives being undertaken by the High Court of Kerala under the aegis of 'the Directorate for IT Infrastructure and management for State Judiciary' in this regard is going to be a game changer. Cases will be e-filed, hearing of cases in hybrid mode i.e. physical hearing as well as an option for hearing through

Video Conference mode, and the judgments and orders will be delivered through e-mode. Each and every stakeholder, including litigants can access, work and update cases from the comfort of their home, office or in transit. It is akin to your office travelling along with you. Really a virtual office - on the go.



**The Smart Courtrooms, where the Hon'ble Judges and the Advocates/GP/PP/SC will be provided with an all-in-one PC, in which they can access their case files, not with a click of the mouse, as the often repeated phrase goes, but with a simple touch of a finger, as the display units are touch sensitive.**

The E-filing application developed by the in-house IT Team of the High Court is an ideal solution for continuing uninterrupted administration of justice irrespective of restrictions on human movement. It requires no physical infrastructure to facilitate new case filing, taking up pending matters, e-payment of requisite fees, scrutiny of cases, publication of cause lists, virtual hearing of cases, recording of proceedings, passing of interim orders/judgments using digital signatures, and making them available online. This system has additional features like, web editor for entry of Synopsis, Statement of Facts, System generated Docket and Index, Counter Affidavit, etc.

FSOs (Filing Scrutiny officers) will also be able to scrutinize the applications online including noting defects, defects cured by Advocate / Party - In- Person (PIP), Re-submission by Advocate/PIP. The Online Dashboard facility enables case file view by Judges, Advocates, PS to Judge, PA to Judge, Party in Person, Standing Counsel, Central Government Counsel, State Government Pleader, Public prosecutor, Filing Scrutiny Officer, Section Assistant, Section Officer, Assistant Registrar etc. Advocates/CGC/AG officials interact with the system through Dashboards and are already familiar with online filing.

## E- FILING BENEFITS BY SHIFTING FROM THE TRADITIONAL MODEL TO THE DIGITAL ONE ARE:



- Saves huge money, resources and time.
- Helps in reduction of pendency by seamless transfer of records in digital form between Courts in District judiciary and High Court through digitization.
- Since, through adopting the e-filing, digitization of case records happens in tandem, approximately Rs. 1 per page is saved. (Total legacy data for digitisation expected till 2024 is 19 crore pages in High Court and 72.080 Crore pages in District Judiciary)
- Positive impact on the environment by reducing carbon footprint.
- Obviates the need to physically visit the court.
- Redeployment of excess staff for diversified needs can save precious resources.

## E- FILING PROCESS AT HIGH COURT

- A registered Advocate/Party in Person/AG/CGC/SC can file the case online. A digital copy is then served on the respondent(s) who is a registered user, via dashboard. The AG & CGC office is already registered in the e-filing system and they are filing documents online using their dashboard. New Registration of Advocates etc can also be easily done online. All registered advocates/Party in Person/AG/CGC/SC will have their own dashboards reflecting the status of e-filing works done by them. The filing processes can be completed by the users concerned from the comfort of their homes, so long as they have a laptop/desktop/tablet PC with internet connectivity. Any advocate/party-in-person filing cases can sign the requisite records with electronic signature, as provided under the Information Technology Act, 2000, even without having a digital signature token.
- During the process of e-filing, party/advocate can make e-payment of the requisite fees online by using online banking, credit/debit cards, or UPI and the payment will be simultaneously routed to the Treasury under the relevant head of account.
- Thereafter, the Filing Scrutiny Officer (FSO) conducts scrutiny of e-filed cases, online. If there are no defects, FSO can register the case online by clicking the register button. If there are defects, FSO can return the application online. Once a defect is noted, the e-filed case will be available in the advocate dashboard for defect curing. The advocate can re-submit the case after curing the defects.
- Thereafter, the cause list for the court is automatically generated with a feature to customize it.



- The Order(s) passed by the Court (uploaded by PS to Judge) will be available in the dashboard of the concerned section. Section Assistants can verify the orders online and send them to the section officer for digital signature. The system will send digitally signed orders/judgments to the advocate concerned, Govt offices, AG Office, Petitioner, Respondents, Party in Person, Jail, Police Station etc. The digitally signed documents can be used in connection with copy applications made online. It has the facility to deliver notice via dashboard after organisation registration by the Central/State organisations/departments.
- Online Certified Copy: Applications for copies can be filed online with e-payment(court fee). Verification of application by scrutiny officers, defects reporting, curing of defects, resubmission after curing defects etc. can be done online and a corresponding QR Code will be generated and impressed upon the requested order/judgement/interim order. Further, the same can be signed digitally. The digitally signed certified copy will be delivered to the applicant's user account and via email.
- In pending cases, the advocate/party in person can file an urgent memo for listing the case. Advocate/party in person can file further IA, Counter of all pending physical and efiled cases .

### DASHBOARDS

The purpose of dashboards is to aggregate information about the activities, displaying important metrics in ways that are visually appealing and easy to understand. Data visualization provides a real-time overview of cases, helps to control workflow, track case status and so on. Dashboards enable the user,

be it the Judges, or advocates / Party-in-person or the Officers of the Court, to manage his activities on-the-go, without having to be physically present in the court. It presents data that is relevant for the user. Thus the dashboard lets him work in his own environment. Even a person with moderate computer literacy could easily

navigate and accomplish his tasks. Dashboards are developed after proper role-mapping, and the persons with specific roles can see the information that matters most to their role. Dashboards thus provide better access to the most critical data points based on the role assigned to the user.



## Filing Scrutiny Officer (FSO)

The FSO can login to their dashboard using his/her user credentials provided.

- The controlling officer of the FSO section shall assign the case files for scrutiny. The system has an additional feature to transfer the case from one FSO to another for regulating the work.

- The FSO section checks the case files received by way of e-filing every day and scrutinizes the same for any defects, and if no defects are detected on scrutiny, selects the subject and registers the case. If any defects are noticed, they are marked and sent back to the litigant/lawyer concerned expeditiously to cure the defects. Once the defect is cured by advocate/litigant and returned to the dashboard of the FSO they are scrutinized again by the FSO. If the filing is in order, he adds the Subject & Sub subject code and register the case. The system will display Bench and Bench types as per subject. FSOs to verify the bench allocated as per the current roster

## Listing Officer

The dashboard for Listing Officer is for viewing the case files and processing the urgent memo.

- The Listing officer can view the case files on the dashboard by clicking the “Today's cause list” tab and also by using the case search option.

- The urgent memo verified by section assistants will be listed on the dashboard of the listing officer. The listing officer has the provision to update the bench and date of posting.

- The Listing officer can prepare a causelist using <https://cmshck.kerala.gov.in> by selecting the tab, “Prepare Cause List”. Admission matters will be listed in part two list, when the filter “For admission” is used. Listing officer shall verify the e-filed/offline registered/ un-numbered cases using his/her dashboard. The Filter “Urgent Memo” may be used for listing Urgent memo filed cases.

## PS/PA to Judge

- The PS/PA to Judge can view the case files on their dashboard by clicking the tab, “Today's cause list” or Case Search.

## Court officers

- The Court Officers can login on <https://ecourts.kerala.gov.in> using his/her credentials provided. The dashboard will be displayed after login. The dashboard is to view the case files.

- The listing officer can view the case files using the dashboard by clicking the “Today's cause list” tab and using the case search option.

## Section Assistant

- In the case of Interim order, Section Assistant can generate interim orders and forward them to the section officers for approval.

- In the case of “issue notice” matters, the Section Assistant can draft a notice using the system as per the order of the court.

- In the case of e-filed cases, the section officer can also upload LCR, Report etc using the “section upload” option. Once uploaded, this will be visible on the Judge's dashboard

# USERS DASHBOARDS



## Section Officers

- In the case of Interim order, Section Officers can verify the order and submit to the Assistant Registrar for approval.
- In the case of the final order, free copy delivery/Handover, section officers can digitally sign it, subject to availability of digital signature. In such cases, the system will auto deliver the certified copy to the corresponding officers via email.
- In cases of “issue notice” orders, section officers can approve the “issue notice” by affixing their digital signatures

## Assistant Registrar

- In the case of Interim order, Assistant Registrar can approve and digitally sign the Interim order.
- In the case of interim order free copy/Handover of order, Assistant Registrar shall digitally sign the interim order and can initiate auto delivery to corresponding offices via email.

## Advocate Dashboard

The screenshot displays the Advocate Dashboard with the following components:

- Navigation Menu:** Home, Dashboard, My Profile, Dashboard, Adv Calendar, Caveat, Certified Copy, Counter/Objection, Court Display, IA Filing, Online-Filing, Opt VC, Urgent Memo, Vakalath.
- Welcome Message:** Welcome to - ADVOCATE'S DASHBOARD
- Key Metrics:**
  - Cases Filed-1529
  - Pending -416
  - Disposed -1113
  - Today-0
  - Tomorrow-0
  - Adjourned-0
  - Writ: 724
  - Civil: 379
  - Criminal: 393
- Traffic Sources- Cases:** A pie chart showing the distribution of cases by status: Filed (green), Pending (red), and Disposed (yellow).
- Case Details Table:**

CNR NUMBER	Case No	View
KLHC010072302021	CRP 56/2021	
KLHC010076332021	CRP 66/2021	
KLHC010096282021	Tr.P(C) 94/2021	
KLHC010096542021	Cri.Rev.Pet 107/2021	
KLHC010112392021	Con.Case(C) 7843/2021(Filing No.)	
- Certified Copy Table:**

CNR NUMBER	CaseNo	Appl.No	View
KLHC010328252021	WA 769/2021	B 33287/2021	
KLHC010295182021	OP(C) 987/2021	A 17014/2021	
KLHC010150712019	WP(C) 5788/2019	A 16112/2021	
KLHC010365142021	WP(C) 13580/2021	A 15468/2021	
KLHC010372772021	OP(C) 1126/2021	A 15416/2021	
KLHC010159082021	WP(C) 5966/2021	A 12688/2021	
KLHC010614682020	WP(C) 24700/2020	A 12637/2021	
KLHC010294702020	WP(C) 11476/2020	A 12096/2020	
KLHC010666382020	WP(C) 26845/2020	A 12055/2020	
KLHC010685712014	WP(C) 22950/2014	A 11473/2020	

# Dashboards for Judges



- The Hon'ble Judges may login to <https://ecourts.kerala.gov.in> using the credentials provided. The dashboard will be displayed after login.
- The judges can view the case files on <https://ecourts.kerala.gov.in> by clicking the tab, "Online Cause List" or Case Search.
- Judges Dashboard also has the facility to view the documents uploaded by PP/AG/CGC/SC as per the causelist published.
- Can access any file, make notes, save them, protect them and even hide them.

● **My Profile:** User profile information (Name, Mobile number, email, address, etc) including photo upload, Change password option is available here.

● **Dashboard:** Every Hon'ble Judge has a personalized dashboard on the e-court website

**Case Status:** Details and status of cases can be accessed from here

**Order Status:** Details of the orders made with details like Total disposed orders, SA verified orders, Issued - SO signed orders, Pending - Not yet verified orders, Defect - SA Set defect orders and Cases disposed on the day can be seen here

**Pendency Chart :** This tab shows the graphical view of roster wise pendency and disposal time analysis.

**Online Cause List:** cause list details can be viewed and entire records in an e-filed case can be viewed.

● **CR-Judgment** Judges can view the details of CR marked judgements date wise or judge wise

● **VC List:** Judges can view the list of video conferencing.

● **Work Assessment** Work Assessment of all the employees of the High Court can be tracked here. The Hon'ble Judge can view the work assessment of employees based on their roles

● **Case Search:** Details of the case can be searched based on efile number, case number, Filing number, CNR number , FIR number. Subordinate court case details, Advocate based search and Party based search can be done from this screen.

● **Chat :** This tab can be used for accessing Chat features (between Judges) which can be used for discussions.

● **Online Causelist:** cause list details can be viewed and entire records as per causelist order in an e-filed case can be viewed.

● **Books & Journals:** The following sites can be directly accessed using VPN service from the dashboard: Manupatra, Westlaw, KHC Online, KLT Online, SCC Online, e-Granthalaya, HC Judgments, HC Library.

● **Reports :-**

• **Pendency Report :** Pendency based on case type can be viewed.

• **Section Report :** Statement on E-filed cases & cases heard through VC for a period can be viewed.

• **Disposal Report :** this report shows the list of cases disposed by a specific judge between two specific dates

• **Registered Cases:** This report shows the list of registered cases between specific dates

• **General Report :** This report shows the filing pending disposal reports for a period.

• **Judge wise Disposed Cases:** This report shows the number of cases disposed by the Hon'ble Judge.

• **Filed Cases Unregistered:** This report shows the list of filed cases which are not registered.

• **Date wise Report:** This report shows the date wise filed cases

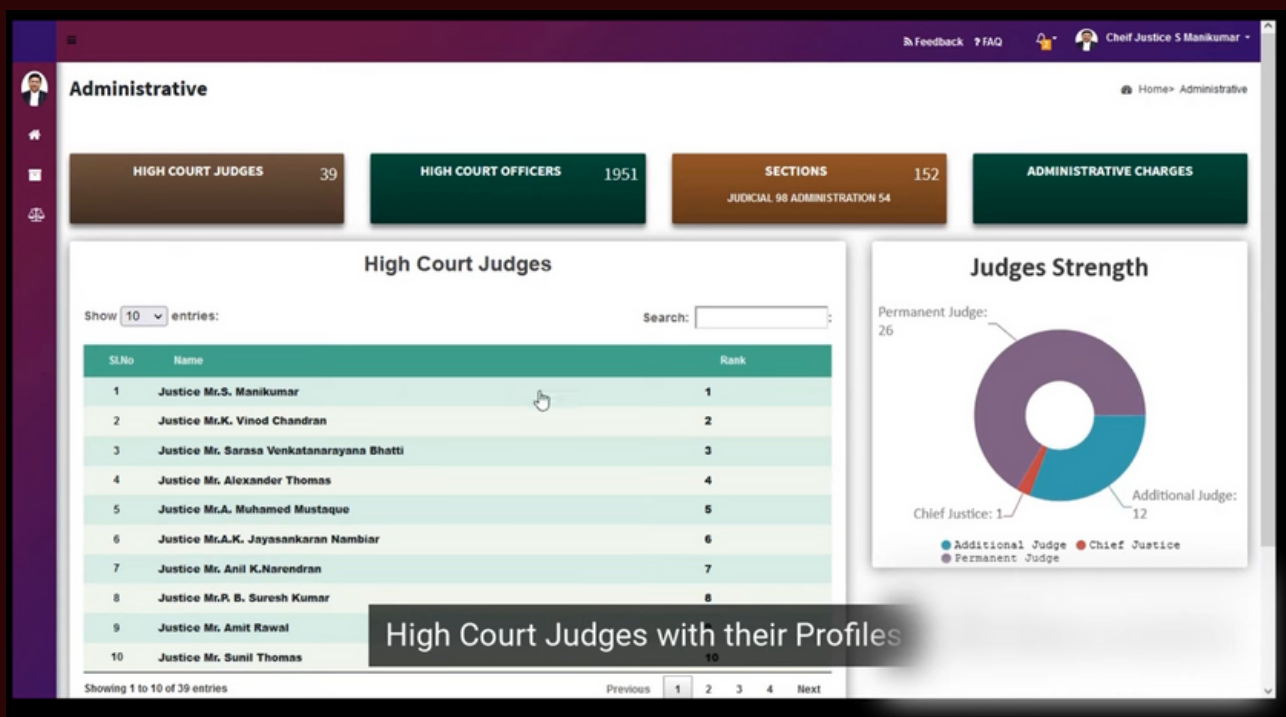
• **Reports on Registered Cases** wise, Disposal, Pendency. Judge-wise, Remark-wise, Section wise etc



## Features of dashboard for Hon'ble Chief Justice

- Various Case Pending Graphs, Disposal Graphs, Roster Analysis, pendency of cases, subject wise and matter wise, dealt with by any Judge in the Court.
- AI tools are used to assess the years that will be taken to dispose of cases in a particular court and jurisdiction.
- Work pattern and work output of Judges/staff can be assessed.

## Administrative dashboard for the Hon'ble Chief Justice



A comprehensive application hosted on the official web port of High Court of Kerala <https://hckerala.gov.in>, an SSL certified online Cloud Platform hosted in the National Data Centre and accessible through internet, envisaged as the unified backbone platform for the automation of judicial and administrative workflow/processes and delivery of services for the entire Kerala Judiciary-High Court and District Courts.

At present the Chief Justice, Judges, Officers and Staff of the High Court (about 1700), Judicial Officers (about 600), Officers and Staff of the Subordinate Courts (about 12000), Subordinate Court establishments (about 400) are connected to this platform through role-based dashboards. This web portal will function as the backbone platform for the integrated management of the following main business processes of the High Court as well as the Subordinate Courts in real time and will provide an

integrated and continuously updated view of core business processes.

CJ Dashboard provides an integrated view and dynamic information from underlying web applications / databases relating to the Judicial and Administrative functions of the High Court as well as the Subordinate Courts. The data and information will flow to the Web Portal from the Judicial and Administrative applications dynamically.



## PAPERLESS/ SMART/DIGITAL COURTS IN THE HIGH COURT

**Paperless Smart Courts/** The digital courtrooms are conceived to achieve the cardinal purpose of enhancing speed in the dispensation of justice and to improve access to court information for the public and above all reduce administrative cost, while increasing efficiency in court proceedings.

The implementation of paperless smart courtrooms developed by the IT team of the High Court of Kerala under the IT Directorate will be a watershed moment in the judicial proceedings of the state and will be a forerunner for the other states to follow. The dream envisioned by the eCourts Mission project guided by the Supreme Court e-Committee as part of the national e-Governance plan will break the age-old shackles of paper bound case filing and cumbersome court proceedings.

The amount of transparency and accessibility is inexplicable. The quantum of data accessible for the litigants, Advocates and the public at large is made transparent. The cost of the judicial administrative system is reduced to a great extent and a relief to the exchequer.

As of today, six courtrooms are fully transformed into paperless smart digital courtrooms. Our endeavour is within a couple of months to transform every courtroom in the High Court of Kerala into Paperless smart digital courtrooms.

Facilities that comes as part of the Smart Courtrooms are :

- Case Display system
- Virtual Hearing with Hybrid facility
- Integrated audio solution ( Mic with Speaker)
- KIOSK- information at the tip of the finger
- All in one- touch machine
- Wi-Fi connected courtrooms
- Real-time updated case proceedings
- E-seva Kendra

# THE DIGITAL COURT IN HIGH COURT

## THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S COURT



# PAPERLESS COURTS IN DISTRICT JUDICIARY

## Kerala Digital Courts

Sign In

Sign in with your regular account

Email ID

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Remember me

LOGIN

Website Designed, Developed by NIC Computer Cell, High Court of Kerala  
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The paperless court concept is implemented in two pilot locations; one Judicial First Class Magistrate Court and one Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court identified by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The project envisages covering all functionalities incurred in a Magistrate Court in paperless mode. The repository of case documents are created by consuming eFiled cases and by scanning of existing files.

An online application is being developed by NIC High Court Unit in coordination with the IT Directorate under guidance of Hon'ble High Court Computer Committee which will cater to the needs of all stakeholders;

such as Judges, Advocates, Police, Prison and Court Officials for managing the digitised documents.

The integration of various applications like ICJS, eFiling 3.0 etc can be done in order to accelerate the process of speedy disposal of cases in a paperless environment. The various organs of the project may consist of both intranet as well as web based application for Magistrates, Court officials, Advocates, Jails, Police stations etc, mandatory e-filing of cases using e-filing Ver3.0 with CIS 3.2 integration, Setting up of a mechanism for documents management, Sharing of data and documents with magistrates and advocate/ party concerned.

### Major areas functionality wise

- Document scanning and various case document uploading
- Case allocation and daily proceedings with order sheet generation
- Crime Case (FIR) allocation and proceedings
- Pretrial Proceedings and management
- Bail application, order generation and bail bond Work Flow
- Other petitions filing, order generation with templates
- Property Management
- Witness deposition process automation
- Statements and registers

- Document scanning and various Document uploading

The documents pertaining to a case must be scanned and kept ready for uploading to the intranet application of paperless courts. The scanned documents of a case can be uploaded using the provision available in an Intranet application available for Court staff.

The case details, Docket and documents uploaded can be viewed by the Judicial officer using the provision given in the cause list. The documents will be displayed to the Judicial Officer in a Flipbook manner. The marking provision for documents will be available in

paperless court. Intra application while listing the documents pertaining to a case. The stamp will be affixed and the document will be displayed with the new name later on.

- Crime Case Filing, Allocation and Proceedings

The Crime case can be entered in Court CIS using the provisions given with FIR details. The added Crime. Case can be allocated to court using Filing Allocation in CIS 3.2. The bench and date of hearing can be assigned here.

At the time of proceedings entry for any Crime Case, the paperless court intranet application module for showing the corresponding FIR related documents can be used by the Judicial Officer or the Court staff. Once the Charge sheet or

summary pertaining to any FIR received. The same can be managed as per the procedures given to the paperless courts. There will be two scenarios in receiving chargesheets corresponding to an FIR. One is through ICJS and the other is the usual physical mode.

- Pretrial Management

The FIR can be registered in CIS 3.2 by using ICJS consume and verify options or by manual entry. The business entry for Crime can be entered using the options available in CIS NC 3.2. If the order against a particular crime is

Remand, then the remand order details, remand order generation etc. can be done by using available templates. The remand order can be uploaded to paperless courts after the approval of the magistrate.

- **Bail application, order generation and bail bond management**

## MODULE SPECIFICATIONS

The bail applications are now filed by advocates in eFiling 3.0. So the court is consuming and numbering is in CIS NC 3.2. Since the bail petition is numbered as case in CIS 3.2, there will be case allocation and daily proceedings for such cases. The Options are already available in CIS NC 3.2. The bail order can be generated using available templates with the bail order passed details mentioned above.

The provision for uploading the pretrial documents like Remand order/Bail order/ Release order will be available in paperless court intranet application, which can be used for uploading the Bail Order in PDF format. The uploaded granted bail orders are made available for filing bail bonds. The advocate can file a bail memo using a paperless court online web portal. The documents can be uploaded while filling the bail memo. Bail bonds can be approved/rejected by court staff after scrutiny.

The modules will be available for bench staff in the paperless court intranet application. The approved bail bond along with the generated bail bond form can be present before magistrate and bail bond can get sanctioned and Surety persons Thumb impressions can be collected if needed. Module will be available in intranet applications. Both the bench clerk and the Magistrate logins can be used for achieving the entire workflow. Release orders can be generated and circulated to concerned jail and station memos sent to concerned stations from paperless court modules. The JS login can be used in the Online web portal of paperless court application for approving the station memo generated by the court using the option available in intranet application.

- **Property Details**

- The property details pertaining to a case/Crime can be given in property details option in CIS 3.2 periphery module developed. Property item, Property belongs to etc can be maintained using this module

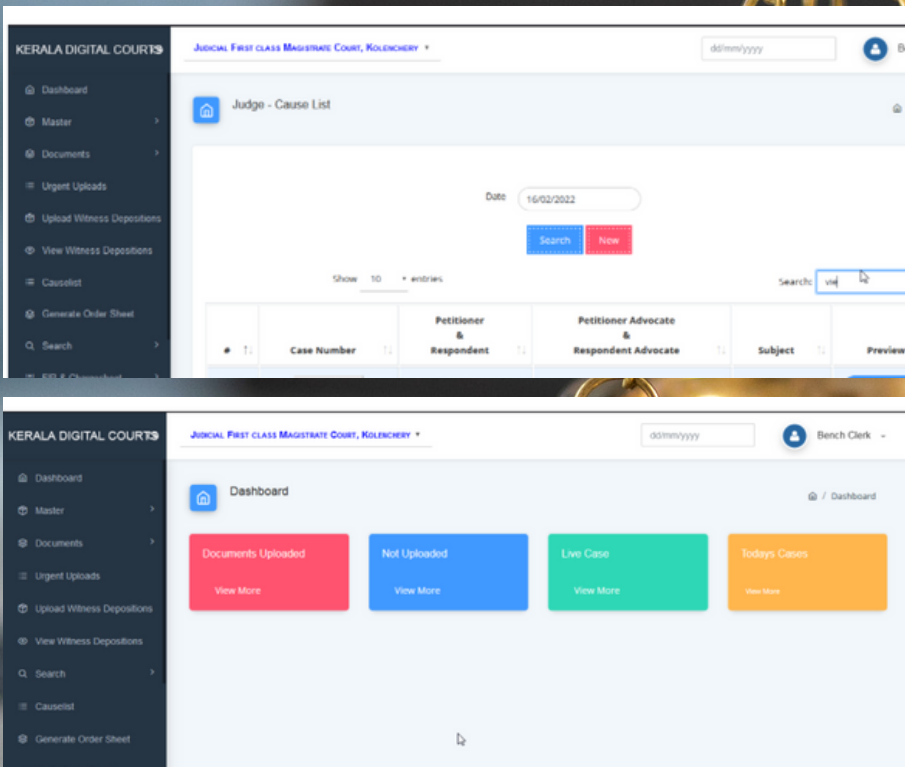
- Various reports can be generated using the reports option in the Property Details menu. Any changes in reports can be incorporated as periphery development
- The disposal/return of property can be done using the module available in CIS NC 3.2 periphery.

- **Witness Deposition**

The witness depositions are now recorded using dictation software, the output of the same can be copied as text format either in malayalam or in english. The copied deposition can be pasted in a deposition module provided in intranet application of paperless courts . The saved deposition will be

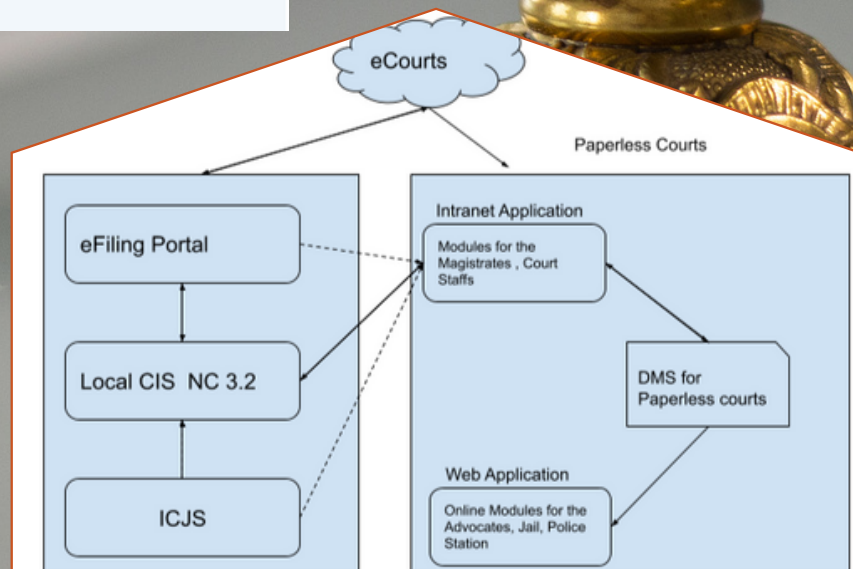
**MODULE SPECIFICATIONS**

made visible for the witness and their thumb impressions can be affixed using the provisions available in intranet application of paperless courts. The Judge can ratify the witness deposition using the magistrate login in intranet application, upon verification the sign of the magistrate will be affixed in the witness deposition.



**DASHBOARDS FOR  
MAGISTRATES,  
COURTS STAFF**

**PROCESS FLOW**



# USER DASHBOARDS FOR DISTRICT JUDICIARY

## • JUDGES DASHBOARD :

- The dashboard of the Judge shows Today's cases, Total Pending, Total Disposed and Live Case. Today's cases shows count as well as the list of cases listed for the day along with the list of available documents. If documents are not available, provision to upload the same.
- The Total Pending option shows the count of total pending cases for a particular Judge.
- Total Disposed option shows the count of total disposed cases for a particular Judge.
- Live case option shows the case number which is on-call in that particular court.
- Judge can view the list of case documents along with police documents in the indexed order. Uploaded witness deposition documents for a particular case can be viewed.
- Cause list/list of cases listed for today along with documents can be viewed.
- The search of FIR details which include the police station name, FIR No., name of investigating officer, accused name and address, case no. of that particular FIR, etc. and the list of avail can be searchable case documents of that particular FIR No. is enabled .
- Flip view of pages in case files are enabled for judges. Judges have all their functions and facilities enabled in their dashboard for smooth conduct of the judicial process .

## • ADVOCATES' DASHBOARD :

Advocate can view his list of cases listed today along with the documents in a flip view. He can also View the uploaded witness deposition documents for a particular case.

## • PUBLIC PROSECUTOR DASHBOARD:

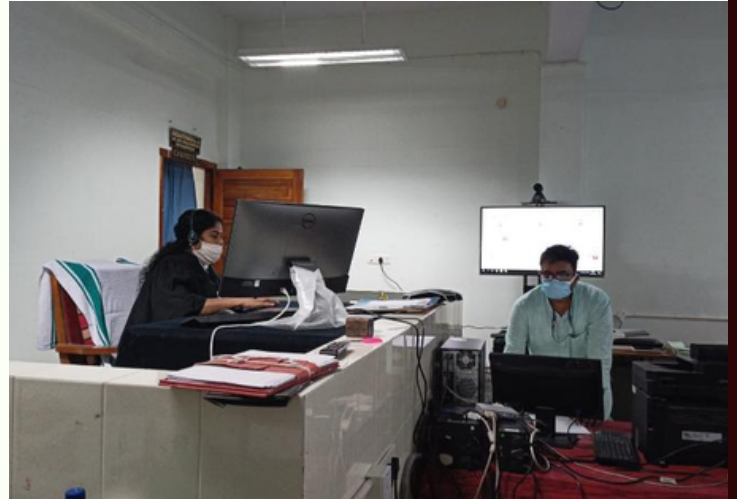
Public Prosecutor can view his list of cases listed today along with the documents in a flip view. He can also View the uploaded witness deposition documents for a particular case .

## • POLICE DASHBOARD:

The Police stations are mapped to the court establishment. A dashboard is provided for each police station. The police department has a provision to download the digitally signed notice/ Summons from the court for easy and safe transmission of summons/ notices for service.

# THE TWO PAPERLESS COURTS IN KERALA JUDICIARY

1. The Additional CJM Court, Thiruvananthapuram and
2. The Munsiff-Magistrate Court, Kolenchery.



# E-OFFICE

File Management System (eFile 7.2.0 version) which is the latest version and which is yet to be implemented in any other Government departments in the State, is being implemented in the High Court as well as in the paperless courts in the district judiciary.

With the aim of providing seamless and efficient services to citizens, the High Court has decided to implement the e-Office framework, developed by NIC, with immediate effect in pilot sections of the High Court & the two paperless courts in the District Judiciary. The move entails the processing of all files electronically, in lieu of the manual, paper file processing system. This is aimed at improving administrative functioning through more efficient, effective and transparent processes. eFile, an integral part of eOffice suite, is a system designed to enable a paperless office by scanning, registering and routing the inward correspondences along with creation of file, noting, referencing, correspondence, attachment, draft for approvals and finally movement and tracking of files as well as receipt.

The Features of File Management System (eFile7.2) includes Responsive Design, Workflow based System, Diarization of inward receipts/letters, Creation of files, noting and draft for approvals, Intra/Inter-departmental movement of files/receipt, Department based templates for drafts and acknowledgment, Digital signing (multiple-Signing) of noting and drafts using DSC / eSign, Searching of files/receipts/dispatch , Closing of files/receipt, Interfaces with external application .

The High Court IT team is in the process of developing a confidential E-office system for the Chief Justice Secretariat and the Honourable Chief justice. The initiative aims at Establishing a paperless environment in High Court and District Courts of Kerala, transforming the existing manual, paper-driven processes into electronic workflow and for Quick Decision making and Faster Processing.



# Gallery



# Inauguration





# MEDIA CORNER

## Court is a service by State to citizens: Justice Chandrachud

## Digitising of judiciary will usher in speedy justice delivery: SC judge

### Paperless court, e-filing, and e-office projects launched

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOCHI

Paperless court, e-filing, and e-office projects of the High Court of Kerala will be building blocks to digitise and modernise the Indian judiciary, as they will simplify and speed up the judicial process, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who is also the chairperson of the e-committee of the court, said on Saturday.

Such measures will considerably lessen the burden of stakeholders, mainly litigants and lawyers, by taking justice delivery to the doorstep of litigants. Being a pioneer in education and literacy, Kerala must ensure 100% computer literacy for lawyers and other stakeholders through easy-to-e-file guidelines, he said at the inauguration of paperless court, e-filing modules for

the High Court and the State judiciary, and e-office in courts within the State.

Maintaining that e-filing of documents makes them more accessible to litigants and lawyers, he urged the State government to ensure necessary digital literacy for all. The State must make e-filing of all litigations initiated by it mandatory, Justice Chandrachud said.

On the multiple benefits of e-files, he said court hearing would become more efficient, while records could be stored and transmitted easily.

Inaugurating the paperless court project, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said digital solutions had become the norm post pandemic. An e-office system is in place in the government secretariat, which helps the public track file movement. A process is

also on to link all government offices with the e-office system. Over 500 online and app-based services have been readied to do away with queuing up at government offices and to ensure doorstep delivery of services. The Executive, Legislature, and the Judiciary imbibing technology to become more people-friendly could be the first in India, he said.

Linking prisons and courts through videoconferencing will ensure speedy justice to undertrials and further the rights of prisoners, Mr. Vijayan said.

Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court S. Manikumar said the e-office project would improve judicial productivity. Six court rooms in the High Court have been transformed into digital court rooms, he added.

Kochi: "Court is yet another service which is provided by the State to all its citizens and initiatives like e-filing and paperless courts are an important step in the decentralisation of justice," Supreme Court judge Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said on Saturday. He said e-filing of documents makes them more accessible to litigants and lawyers but urged the state government to ensure necessary digital literacy to all.

The senior Supreme Court judge was speaking online during an event held here to inaugurate the e-filing, paper-

less court and e-office projects of the Kerala high court.

Launching the e-filing modules for the high court, Chandrachud, who is also chairperson of the e-committee of the Supreme Court, urged the chief minister to ensure that the state now makes it mandatory to provide for e-filing in all litigation which is initiated by the state.

"Our initiatives today at the Kerala high court emphasize the need to deliver e-services at the doorstep of all our citizens. In other words, the court is yet another service which is provided by the State to all its citizens. These initiatives are an important step in

the decentralisation of justice," Chandrachud said.

He said e-filing reduces the burden of travel faced by the litigants and members of the bar to courts by instead allowing them to upload documents from the comfort of their homes or their offices.

"However, it is important to acknowledge that not every one may have access to the necessary technological apparatus, a high-speed internet or even the necessary digital literacy to do e-filing," he said.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the paperless court while Chief Justice S Manikumar launched the e-office in courts. AGENCIES

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