

# HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH

## “BEST PRACTICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS”

(JULY-DECEMBER, 2024)

In the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for “Action Plan and Monitoring” an “**Arrear Committee-cum-Case Management Committee-cum-Committee for State Court Management System**” has been constituted comprising of five Hon’ble Judges of the High Court. A permanent Secretariat has also been constituted i.e. “State Court Management System”.

For monitoring of the Action Plan and pendency reduction in the High Court as well as in the District Courts, time to time directions are being given by this Hon’ble Committee in the meetings held in regular intervals.

### Constitution of District Sub-Committees:

At district level, as per the directions of the Hon’ble Committee, 5 Judges’ Committee has been constituted to monitor and ensure expeditious disposal of cases pending for more than 5 years and other priority cases.

### Pendency and Disposal of cases

During the period of 01.07.2024 to 31.12.2024, pendency, institution and disposal trend in the High Court and District Courts is as under :

#### HIGH COURT

##### STATUS OF ALL CASES

Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2024)	Institution (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)	Disposal (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)	Case clearance ratio in percentage	Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2024)
452520	88213	76541	86.76%	464092

#### DISTRICT COURTS

##### STATUS OF ALL CASES

Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2024)	Institution (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)	Disposal (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)	Case clearance ratio in percentage	Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2024)
2017365	775390	740392	95.48	2052363

➤ **MAKING FIVE PLUS ZERO A REALITY****HIGH COURT**

<b>Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2024)</b>	<b>Addition (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)</b>	<b>Disposal (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)</b>	<b>Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2024)</b>
261109	18557	9332	270334

- As per New Listing Scheme, pending cases are already being listed in chronological order from oldest to newer before the respective Division and Single Benches at Principal Seat, Jabalpur and Benches at Indore and Gwalior. Resultantly, old cases are being disposed off on priority basis.
- With a view to increase disposal of the cases, amendments have been incorporated in the Listing Policy from time to time. However, no such amendment was incorporated in the Listing Scheme during the aforesaid period.
- Total 758 Jail Appeals (including 207 Jail Appeals pending for more than 5 years) have been disposed of during the aforesaid period.
- Total 1135 Held-up cases (including 216 cases pending for more than 5 years) have been disposed.

**DISTRICT COURT****STATUS OF CASES PENDING FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS**

<b>Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2024)</b>	<b>Addition (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)</b>	<b>Disposal (01.07.24 to 31.12.24)</b>	<b>Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2024)</b>
364917	129516	108842	385591

- According to resolution of the Hon'ble Arrears Committee, the Principal District and Sessions Judges, all in the State have been directed to strictly comply with the directions issued for expeditious disposal of cases.
- During the period 1,08,842 old cases have been disposed of, which were pending for more than 5, 10 or 20 years.
- The Sessions Courts in the State, following the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. Criminal No. 310/05 (Bhim Singh Vs. Union of India & Ors.), have disposed of 8841 cases related to Under Trial Prisoners.
- In compliance of the directions dated 06.03.2020 issued by the Hon'ble the Apex Court in WP (Cr.) 1/2019 'In Re : Alarming Rise In The Number of Reported Child Rape Incidents' and under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 67 Fast Track Court(s) have been established in the State. During the period, 3640 cases were instituted in such

Fast Track Courts and 3029 cases have been disposed of, according to which during the period case clearance rate was 83.21%.

- The guidelines for withdrawal of stale and ineffective criminal cases in the districts were transmitted to the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge of the State. The District Committee(s) were constituted in each District Court establishment, which convene meeting according to the guidelines of the State Government. The monitoring of the criminal cases which have become stale and ineffective is conducted periodically. During the period, 4440 such cases have been identified and 5157 cases have been considered for an action u/s 258 of Cr.P.C.
- The Judicial Officers dealing with the cases relating to crime against Children & Women are expected to decide not less than 20 cases in a month and to achieve expeditious disposal the units prescribing judging the performance has been increased by one unit for the Judges dealing with such cases.
- A Committee consisting of 3 Hon'ble High Court Judges has been constituted to monitor the progress of the POCSO cases at High Court level.
- A Committee consisting of 5 Judges has been constituted to monitor the progress of old cases at District level.
- Directions have been issued to the Principal District & Sessions Judges to supervise and monitor old cases and make note in the ACRs of Judicial Officers disposing old cases for the purpose of promotion and grading in their ACRs.
- Directions have also been issued to restrict adjournments, which in any case should not be more than 14 days in old cases.
- Target has been fixed for every Judicial Officer to dispose of minimum 10% cases by way of ADR.
- 7 Commercial Courts at the level of Civil Judges and 5 Commercial Courts at the level of District Judge are functional having territorial Jurisdiction of whole of the State of the M.P. In these courts during the period 2267 cases were instituted and 1331 cases have been disposed of.
- 89 Gram Nyayalays are notified and functional in the State of M.P. In these courts during the period 2795 cases were instituted and 2831 cases have been disposed of, according to which during the period case clearance rate was 101.35%.

#### ➤ **INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **Availability of Court Complexes, Court Rooms and Residence**

<b>Particular</b>	<b>Availability as on 01.07.2024</b>	<b>Availability as on 31.12.2024</b>	<b>Actual enhancement during the period</b>
Court Complexes	232	237	05
Court Rooms	1602	1611	09
Residence for Judicial Officers	1278	1286	08

- **Projects under construction**

<b>Particular</b>	<b>Project under construction as on 01.07.2024</b>	<b>Project under construction as on 31.12.2024</b>	<b>Project completed in the period</b>
Court Complexes	20	20	02
Court Rooms	339	332	08
Residence for Judicial Officers	147	137	11

➤ **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/FILLING-UP OF VACANCIES**

- **Recruitment of Judicial Officers in the period**

- Result of District Judge (Entry Level) under Rule 5(1)(b) through Limited Competitive Exam-2024 declared on 27.09.2024, wherein total 04 candidates have been declared successful and as per order of the Hon'ble Full Court selection for promotion to 01 post out has been deferred till further order.

- **Recruitment of Officers / Employees in the High Court and District Court Establishment.**

- Online Examination for the 45 posts of Junior Judicial Translator (High Court) has been held on 05.12.2024.
- Final Result of the Departmental Examination for the post of Junior Judicial Assistant from the Class-IV cadre has been declared on 12.09.2024.

➤ **CAPACITY BUILDING - TRAINING FOR THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT JUDICIARY AS WELL AS OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF JUSTICE DISPENSATION SYSTEM.**

The data of training programmes conducted for Judges and other stakeholders during said period is as follows:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Nature of participants</b>	<b>No. of Training Programmes</b>
1.	No. of training programmes conducted and completed for Judicial Officers from July to December, 2024	23
2.	No. of training programmes conducted and completed for other stakeholders from July to December, 2024	18

### Training programmes conducted for the Judges of the District Judiciary

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Target Group	Date & Duration	Venue/ Mode of Training
1.	Workshop on – Key issues relating to the POCSO Act, 2012 with special reference to amendment relating to sexual offences, trial and enquiry in Children's Court.	45 Judges dealing with POCSO cases	05.07.2024 & 06.07.2024 (two days)	MPSJA
2.	Workshop on – Key issues relating to the Juvenile Justice.	45 Principal Magistrates	12.07.2024 & 13.07.2024 (two days)	MPSJA
3.	Conference on – Family Laws and Gender Justice	51 Principal & Additional Principal Judges of Family Courts and Judges dealing with matrimonial cases	19.07.2024 & 20.07.2024 (two days)	MPSJA
4.	Refresher Course (Group I) <i>(on completion of 5 years of service)</i>	54 District Judges (Entry Level & Selection Grade)	22.07.2024 & 27.07.2024 (one week)	MPSJA
5.	State Level Consultation on – Protecting the Rights of Children with Disability	20 Judges of all cadre	03.08.2024 & 04.08.2024 (two days)	MPSJA
6.	Transnational Crimes Workshop (Group I) for Mater Trainers <i>(CEELI Institute, Prague/FJC, Washington DC in collaboration with NJA)</i>	24 Master Trainers from all over the country	10.08.2024 & 11.08.2024 (two days)	MPSJA
7.	Training Programme for New Master Trainers (ECT_3_2024)	54 Judges of all cadre	20.08.2024 & 21.08.2024 (two days)	Online
8.	Specialised Educational Programme on – Motor Accident Claim cases	131 Judges dealing under the Act	24.08.2024 (one day)	Online
9.	Institutional Final Phase Induction Training Course	141 Civil Judges Junior Division (2022-2023 batch)	28.08.2024 & 05.10.2024 (six weeks)	MPSJA
10.	Institutional Final Phase Induction Training Course	1 Civil Judge Junior Division 2023 batch	28.08.2024 & 21.09.2024 (four weeks)	MPSJA
11.	Interactive Session on – Key issues relating to cases under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and maintenance u/s 125 Cr.P.C.	183 Judges dealing with cases under PWDVA Act	21.09.2024 (one day)	Online
12.	Colloquium on – Intellectual Property	97 Judges of District Judiciary (In addition to that all the Judges of District Judiciary of the State participated virtually)	28.09.2024 & 29.09.2024 (two days)	Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore
13.	Awareness programme on – Vulnerable Witness Scheme	Judges of all cadre	05.10.2024 (one day)	Online
14.	Training Programme on Cyber Laws & Appreciation & Handling of Digital Evidence for Judicial Officers (ECT_14_2024)	47 Judges of all cadre	09.10.2024 (one day)	Online

15.	Special Training	1 District & Additional Sessions Judge	09.11.2024 (one day)	MPSJA
16.	Interactive Session on – Key issues relating to cases of dishonor of cheque under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881	128 Judicial Magistrates	09.11.2024 (one day)	Online
17.	Refresher Course (Group II) (on completion of 5 years of service)	47 District Judges (Entry Level & Selection Grade)	18.11.2024 to 23.11.2024 (one week)	MPSJA
18.	Specialized Educational Programme at State Medico Legal Institute, Bhopal.	29 District Judges (Entry Level)	20.11.2024 to 22.11.2024 (three days)	State Medico Legal Institute Bhopal
19.	Specialized Educational Programme at Regional Medico Legal Institute, Bhopal.	39 District Judges (Entry Level)	21.11.2024 to 23.11.2024 (three days)	Regional Medico Legal Institute Bhopal
20.	Programme for New Master Trainers under the “e-Committee Special Drive Training and Outreach Programme through the State Judicial Academies” (ECT_3_2024) (Group-B)	42 Master Trainers	23.11.2024 to 24.11.2024 (two days)	Online
21.	Workshop on – Cyber Laws, Forensic & Digital Evidence	80 Judges and other stakeholders of Criminal Justice Administration (In addition to that all the Judges of District Judiciary of the State participated virtually)	30.11.2024 to 01.12.2024 (two days)	Regional Training Center, MPSJA at Gwalior
22.	Specialized Educational Programme on – Land Acquisition Laws	120 Judges dealing with cases under Land Acquisition Laws	07.12.2024 (one day)	Online
23.	Specialized Educational Programme on – Electricity Act	133 Judges dealing with cases under Electricity Act	20.12.2024 (one day)	Online

#### Training programmes conducted for other stakeholders of justice dispensation system

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Participants	Date/ Duration	Mode of training
1.	Capacity Building Training Course for Chief & Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsels appointed under the revised LADCS Scheme of NALSA (In collaboration with SLISA)	138 Chief & Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsels	01.07.2024 to 03.07.2024 (three days)	MPSJA
2.	Capacity Building Training Course for Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels appointed under the revised LADCS Scheme of NALSA (In collaboration with SLISA)	130 Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels	08.07.2024 to 10.07.2024 (three days)	MPSJA

3.	Advocates / Advocate Clerks e-Court Programme at Taluk / Village (ECT_7_2024)	Advocates / Advocate Clerks e-Court	27.07.2024 (one day)	Online
4.	Training Programme for Advocates / Advocate Clerks at District Headquarters (ECT_4_2024)	Advocates / Advocate Clerks e-Court	03.08.2024 (one day)	Online
5.	Regional Workshop for Panel Lawyers	82 Panel Lawyers of High Court Legal Services Committee, Indore	09.08.2024 to 11.08.2024 (three days)	Conference Hall High Court of M.P., Bench Indore
6.	Training Programme for Court Managers & Administrative Head Staffs of District Judiciary (ECT_5_2024)	196 Court Managers & Administrative Head Staffs of District Judiciary	06.09.2024 (one day)	Online
7.	Regional Workshop for Panel Lawyers	35 Panel Lawyers of High Court Legal Services Committee, Gwalior	13.09.2024 to 15.09.2024 (three days)	Regional Training Center, MPSJA at Gwalior
8.	Special Workshop for Advocates (having 0-5 years experience)	62 Advocates participating in High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Bench at Gwalior	13.09.2024 to 15.09.2024 (three days)	--do--
9.	Special Workshop for Advocates on New Criminal Laws	70 Government Advocates and Panel Lawyers of Bench Gwalior	15.09.2024 (one day)	--do--
10.	Special Workshop for Advocates	150 Advocates participating in Jabalpur	28.09.2024 (one day)	MPSJA
11.	Advocates / Advocate Clerks e-Court Programme at Taluk / Village (ECT_7_2024)	Advocates / Advocate Clerks e-Court at Taluk / Village locations	05.10.2024 (one day)	MPSJA/ Tehsil Locations (through Youtube)
12.	Training Programme on Digitization at High Court level for High Court Digitization Officials / Staff (ECT_6_2024)	17 High Court Digitization Officials / Staff	24.10.2024 (one day)	Online
13.	Training Programme for Advocate / Advocates Clerks "Computer Skill Enhancement Programme (ECT_12_2024)	42 Advocates / Advocate Clerks	23.11.2024 (one day)	Online
14.	Special Workshop for Advocates	150 Advocates participating in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh	23.11.2024 (one day)	MPSJA
15.	Special Workshop for Advocates (having 0-5 years experience)	62 Advocates participating in High Court of Madhya Pradesh	30.11.2024 (one day)	Conference Hall High Court of M.P., Bench Indore
16.	Special Workshop for Advocates on New Criminal Laws	60 Government Advocates and Panel Lawyers	30.11.2024 (one day)	--do--
17.	Programme for Technical Staff of District Courts Hardware & Software maintenance, Data Replication, Data monitoring, VC equipment, LAN (ECT_10_2024)	59 Technical Staff & NIC Coordinators at High Court	30.11.2024 (one day)	MPSJA/ District H.Q.
18.	Workshop on – Cyber Laws, Forensic & Digital Evidence	80 Judges and other stakeholders of Criminal Justice Administration (In addition to that all the Judges of District Judiciary of the State participated virtually)	30.11.2024 to 01.12.2024 (two days)	Regional Training Center, MPSJA at Gwalior

Thus, in the second half of the year 2024 i.e. from July to December, 2024, the Academy conducted forty one programmes; twenty three programmes for the Judges and eighteen programmes for the other stakeholders through online/offline modes thereby benefitting more than 1512 Judges and 1333 other stakeholders of the justice dispensation system.

## ➤ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **Scanning & Digitization of record at the High Court:-**

- In view of the E-environment, it was decided to digitize the entire record of the High Court. As a result, framing of Rules for digitization and elimination of such record became inevitable. The Digitization & Elimination of Records Rules has been framed by the High Court. The “High Court of Madhya Pradesh Digitization of Records Rules, 2018” were framed by the High Court and published on 18th January, 2019.
- Elimination of Digitized records is carried out, in accordance with the rules, by a dedicated team. All freshly filed cases are scanned at Filing Centre itself and after digitally signing; the documents are uploaded in Server of the High Court.
- Digitization of approximately 61.69 Lakh files (61,69,786) comprising of 20.11 Crore pages (22,11,77,138) has been completed. This is a prelude to a paper-less Court (E-Courts).
- Digitization of approximately 3,06,503 files comprising of 1,06,91,205 pages have been completed from 01st July, 2024 to 31st December, 2024.
- The Digitization of 9229 Law Books comprising of about 58.04 Lakh pages was also completed which is going to help in moving towards the concept of e-Library of the High Court. The same is uploaded in the website / software application of the High Court.
- The software for Digitization and Scanning of records has been developed in-house by the IT Team of the High Court. In this software, user may select process which include Fresh, Pending, Disposed, Loose Document, Disposed/Pending and Temp Data. For Fresh, Pending, Disposed, Loose Documents, Disposed/Pending Process case type, case no. and case year is mandatory. After scanning of documents, the user may clean and index them and thereafter split the document which is shown in the website to the authorized users (Advocates/ Litigants / Departments).



<b>Digitization Status Report as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024</b>					
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Fresh Records</b>	<b>Pending Records</b>	<b>Pending Disposed</b>	<b>Disposed Records</b>
1.	JABALPUR	44790242	15937166	6640560	28455250
2.	INDORE	19871140	9348688	1443854	22519155
3.	GWALIOR	15637380	7801698	858406	18802518
<b>Total Scanned :-</b>		<b>80298762</b>	<b>33087552</b>	<b>8942820</b>	<b>69776923</b>

#### **Scanning & Digitization of Records at District Courts:-**

- For digitization of District Court Records The “District Courts of Madhya Pradesh Digitization of Records Rules, 2016” rules has been framed in the year 2016 and notified on 23rd June, 2017 and further amendment was made on 16th November, 2018 and 01st March, 2019 in order to meet out the requirement of the District Courts regarding digitization.
- The contract regarding the scanning / digitization of records of District and Tehsil Courts has been executed by the High Court on 03rd October, 2018.
- Digitization of approximately 50.95 Crore pages (50,95,02,501) have been completed at 54 locations (48 Districts and 06 Tehsil Courts) till 31st December, 2024 and in remaining District and Tehsil Courts the project is under progress.
- Digitization of approximately 5.60 Crore pages (5,60,07,491) has been scanned from the period of 01st July, 2024 to 31st December, 2024.

#### **E-Filing at High Court:-**

- The Facility of e-Filing is functional at High Court of M.P. from 05th January, 2016.
- Total 8,316 Advocates and 1,141 Party-in-person has been registered for e-filing process as on 31st December, 2024. “The Electronic Filing (E-Filing) in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Rules, 2020” were framed by the High Court and notified on 02nd October, 2020.
- 1422 Advocates and 240 Litigant in person registered for e-filing process for the period from 01st January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.
- 1,24,753 number of Cases filed at the High Court of Madhya Pradesh through e-filing from 05th January, 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

- 49,853 number of Cases filed at the High Court of Madhya Pradesh through e-filing from 01st January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

#### **E-Filing at District Courts:-**

- The Facility of e-Filing has been started at District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh from 29th May, 2019.
- e-Filing of 1848 cases has been done as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 at District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh. “The Electronics Filing (e-Filing) in the Subordinate Courts of Madhya Pradesh Rules, 2020” were framed by the High Court and notified on 15th January, 2021.
- e-Filing of 739 cases from 01st January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 were done at District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh by the Advocates.
- The facility of e-filing is in-built in the CIS 3.2 software, the implementation of the same is completed at District Courts and Tehsil Courts and it is in use.
- The facility of E-filing 3.0 has been rollout at all district courts in the state of Madhya Pradesh for online filing of cases by advocates and litigates.

#### **Online E-Court Fees of High Court:-**

- The project for online payment / e-payment has been functional from 20th November, 2017 at High Court of Madhya Pradesh.
- Total Court fees deposited using Online Payment at High Court from 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024 is Rs. 7,69,01,552/- in which Rs 39,37,516/- Paid in E-filing (Fresh Filing) from 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024
- Total approximately Rs. 89,54,24,046/- deposited using Online fee in the High Court and Subordinate Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh from the 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024.
- Facility of Sundry deposit and other receipts has been started online in the state of Madhya Pradesh through portal of State Finance Department / Cyber Treasury.

#### **Online E-Court Fees of District Court:-**

- Also, E-Court Fees module for District Judiciary has been developed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. Advocates/ Petition in Persons / Litigants / Parties may pay using various mode of payment using net banking, debit card resulting to that users can payment from remote location and payment is secure, tracking of payment is easier and relatively fast and also less consumption of paper.
- The project for online payment / e-payment is functional from 12th January, 2018 at District Courts.

- Total Court fees deposited using Online Payment at all District Courts is Rs. 81,85,22,494/- from 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024.
- Facility of Sundry deposits, fines, copying fees, CCD and other fees has been started online in the state of Madhya Pradesh through portal of the High Court and State Finance Department / Cyber Treasury.
- In this regard, “The Court-Fees (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Act, 2017” was notified on 01st September, 2017.

#### **Other Online Payments:-**

- E-payment of Court Fees in the High Court has already commenced. Also, the online payment of various deposits, court fees is made through M.P. Online KIOSK centres. Also, the facility for making online payment pertaining to court fees, RTI application, copying and other deposits / Civil Court Deposits (CCD) is available with the website of the High Court and State Treasury Department. E-payment of Court Fees in the District Courts has already commenced. The payment of compensation to the victims of Motor Accident Claim Cases and Land Acquisition Cases may be directly credited into the bank account of concerned party.
- The Court Fee and Limitation calculator designed to calculate court fee and limitation payable on the complaint presented under Section 138 Court Fees & Limitation Calculator is now available on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh after the approval of the e-committee of Hon'ble High Court Madhya Pradesh Jabalpur. Also available to calculate First Appeal/Second and Miscellaneous Appeals.

#### **OTHER INNOVATIVE STEPS**

##### **1. Implementation of National Service and Tracking of Electronic Process (NSTEP) with the help of Smart phones at District Courts and Tehsil Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh has been completed:-**

- The Implementation of National Service and Tracking of Electronic Process (NSTEP) software with the help of Smart phones at District Courts and Tehsil Courts has been completed in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- In this regard, the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has invited tenders from open market for the purchase of 1349 number of smart phones from the funds of e-Committee, Supreme Court of India. Looking to the current working strength of

process servers in the Courts of the State, the High Court has procured and provided 1111 number of smart phones of Make: Motorola Moto E7 Plus (XT 2081-2) each @ Rs. 10,502/- (all inclusive) and provided to all the respective process servers/ bailiff in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

- Also, the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has taken-up matter for the provisioning of BSNL CUG SIM plan of Rs. 149/- and the same has been provided to the process servers of District Judiciary for use of same in mobile handset for smooth operation of NSTEP project. The user manual has been prepared and training was imparted to all respective users of the District Judiciary.
- The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has also customized all templates of NSTEP as per requirement of District Judiciary. From **1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024** total **2,80,014** number of Civil summons are served through NSTEP application.
- The CIS module process for automatic generation of procedures in criminal cases is also completed and has started in the District and its Tehsil Courts. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 total 65,075 number of Criminal summons are served through NSTEP application at District Court.

**2. Video Conferencing System / Solution at District, Tehsil Courts, Central Jails/ District Jails / Sub-Jails, District/Civil Hospitals, Railway Courts & Juvenile Justice Boards.**

- The High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur with intent to avoid delay in judicial proceeding due to non-availability of parties, counsels, witnesses and accused and looking to urgent need has taken up matter for a user-friendly video conferencing facility and other modes of audio-visual electronics linkage for the purpose of hearing of the cases as well as recording of evidence of witnesses unable to attend the Court, found that the information Technology is good tool for speedy trial and speedy justice.
- The video conferencing is an integrated web technology capable of running seamlessly over Internet/ Intranet, Virtual Private Network (VPN) which ensure the presence of witnesses, accused persons and other Stakeholders.
- On the basis of model rules for Video Conferencing for Courts forwarded by Hon'ble the Supreme Court, the rules **"The High Court of Madhya Pradesh Video Conferencing and Audio-Visual Electronic Linkage Rules, 2020"** for the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has been prepared and was notified on **19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.**

- Further, for the District Courts and Tehsil Courts of the Madhya Pradesh, vide gazette notification dated: 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 “**The District Courts of Madhya Pradesh Video Conferencing and Audio-Visual Electronic Linkage Rules, 2020**” were notified.
- The High Court of Madhya Pradesh is first in the Country to extend the Video conferencing facility to all District Hospitals, Juvenile Justice Boards, Railway Courts and Family Courts.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 total 160 number of VC systems have been purchased and installed at Districts and Tehsil Courts.
- Till **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024** from the funds of the State Government and e-Committee, **2113** number of VC systems have been purchased and installed at Districts, Tehsil Courts, Central Jails/ District Jails/Sub Jails, District Hospitals, Railway Courts & Juvenile Justice Boards.
- At present all the District Court complexes is having Video Conferencing facility and connectivity with Central Jails/District Jails/Sub-Jails facilitating transaction of judicial business as regards recording of evidence, judicial remand and to speed-up the trial. Also, the video conferencing is made available with District Hospitals for recording evidence of Doctors from District Hospital itself.
- This arrangement may reduce the burden on Doctors, of travelling and will also help the Police/Jail Staff in ensuring security and safety of prisoners.
- The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has taken up approx **6,79,203** number of cases for listing till **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024** through VC. The District Judiciary (District Courts and Tehsil Courts) has conducted approx **10,59,785** number of VC **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024**.
- The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has listed approx **3,694** number of VC from **01<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024**.
- The District Court of Madhya Pradesh has conducted approx **81,122** number of VC from **01<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024**.

### 3. Implementation of Medico legal software :-

- This is web based software basically used for online preparation of post mortem and medico legal case reports by the Doctors and other stakeholders of the Primary Health Centres, Government District Hospitals and Medical Colleges. This software is developed for State Health Department and Medical Education Department under the aegis of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.
- The following are salient features of the software:-

- Online reporting of MLR/PMR using five formats
- Use of graphical/pictorial representation
- Image Drawing(free hand)
- e-Sign & integrations with CCTNS
- Data sharing with investigating officer
- SMS services and e-email services
- Content management system

#### 4. **Samadhan Apke Dwar – Compoundable Cases Visibility:-**

- “Samadhan Apke Dwar” is the novel initiative of High Court of Madhya Pradesh that aims to resolve the pendency of cases by targeted Special Adalat based on geographical proximity at village level.
- The focus is on visibility and tracking of compoundable cases for sectors like forest, electricity, Revenue and Hindu marriage at District, Tehsil and Village level
- Data Description
  1. Pending cases of district courts data
  2. Petitioner and respondent data
  3. RCMS court cases data
  4. Act and sections data
- **Data duration:** Yr’2000 - till date.
- **Dataset:** ~5 lakh records of different pending cases.
- **Schema / Modelling**
  1. Snowflake schema was used for data modelling.
  2. Fuzzy logic matching was used for Village identification from free text address field.
  3. Python script was used for K-Means geographical clustering.
  4. Rule based logic was implemented to identify compoundable cases.

KPI Name	Data Update Frequency	Description
Pending cases count	Daily	Total pending cases across the 9 districts
Compoundable cases count	Daily	Total compoundable cases in criminal cases
District wise pending and compoundable cases	Daily	District wise Compoundable and pending cases (Demographic)
Department wise pending and compoundable cases	Daily	Department wise pending and compoundable cases
Village wise pending and compoundable cases	Daily	Village wise pending and compoundable cases

## High Court – Cases Pendency Dashboard

MPSeDC, Government of Madhya Pradesh

### Data Flow Architecture



### • Key Deliverables

1. This dashboard implements novel approach to segregate criminal and compoundable cases and determining Village level granularity to amplify citizen reach and to boost campaign effectiveness.
2. Determined magnitude of various department level cases based on act and sections across geography levels.
3. Identified Tehsil and village level pendency to conduct the speed trials basis K-Means geographical clustering.

### 5. Integration of ICJS (Inter Operable Criminal Justice System):-

- Integration of ICJS (Inter Operable Criminal Justice System) (FIR details) is completed at District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh. *The High Court of Madhya Pradesh achieved first rank regarding ICJS implementation in the Country.*

### 6. E-Copying Module :-

- For making available the information pertaining to Copying Section of the High Court. The Advocates/ Petition in person can apply for online copy of respective cases and pay online copying fees and these details are shown to Copying Section and they prepare the digitally signed certified copy and email to respective Advocate petition in person. In disposed off case, the user may enter the mobile number and he / she may get the OTP number and after verification the user may apply for certified copy.

➤ **ENCOURAGING ADR****HIGH COURT**

- National Lok Adalat

National Lok Adalat held in the period	Cases disposed of in the National Lok Adalat	Persons benefitted by Lok Adalat	Amount of settlement through Lok Adalat
<b>02</b>	<b>3846</b>	<b>15117</b>	<b>35,92,86,134</b>

- Information regarding camps / Programs organized for legal aid and advice

Number of Camps	Beneficiaries
<b>02</b>	<b>301</b>

- Information regarding Mediation

Number of cases referred to Mediation	Number of cases Disposed of through Mediation
<b>180</b>	<b>49</b>

**DISTRICT COURT**

- National Lok Adalat

National Lok Adalat held in the period	Cases disposed of in the National Lok Adalat	Persons benefitted by Lok Adalat	Amount of settlement through Lok Adalat
<b>2</b>	<b>90737</b>	<b>339707</b>	<b>5,16,87,53,629</b>

- Information regarding camps / Programs organized for legal aid and advice

Number of Camps	Beneficiaries
<b>13953</b>	<b>4408093</b>

- Information regarding Mediation

Number of cases referred to Mediation	Number of cases Disposed of through Mediation
<b>48665</b>	<b>9456</b>

**INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE M.P. STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY****Celebration of Independence Day and Supports to Differently-Abled persons"**

- On Independence Day (15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024), the then Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Patron-in-Chief, M.P. State Legal Services Authority hoisted the National Flag at the premises of M.P. State Legal Services Authority. The event was graced by the august presence of Hon'ble Judges, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur and other distinguished dignitaries. Following the flag hoisting ceremony, tricycles, hearing aids, and walking sticks were distributed to disabled individuals, symbolizing a commitment to inclusivity and support for differently-abled citizens.



### **Training for Legal Aid Defense Counsels**

- As per the guidelines issued by National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, training program for Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsels was organized from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 and for Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels from 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at M.P. State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur.
- The training was organized by Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority. In the said training, 66 female Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsels participated, highlighting the active involvement of women in ensuring access to justice for marginalized sections of the society.
- The participation of 66 female counsels in this program marks a significant milestone in the evolving role of women in the legal profession, demonstrating their dedication to ensuring access to justice for all members of the society, particularly the marginalized ones.

### **Empowering Futures: “Samvad” Consultation Addresses Needs of Children with Disabilities**

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, the Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur hosted an impactful State Level Consultation “*Samvad*” on the Protection of Children with Disabilities. This two-day event brought together key stakeholders to discuss critical issues affecting children with disabilities.
- Jointly organized by the Juvenile Justice Committee, M.P. State Legal Services Authority, Government of Madhya Pradesh, and UNICEF Bhopal, the consultation aimed to develop comprehensive understanding of the challenges these children face, particularly those in conflict with the law.

### **Advocates Trained on Child Rights: A Two-Day Programme at MPSLSA**

- On 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024, the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority hosted a significant two-day training programme focusing on Child Rights, organized in collaboration with UNICEF and HAQ: Centre for Child Rights.
- This event marked a vital step in fostering a more sensitive and informed legal framework for the protection of child rights in the state. By focusing on these critical issues, the training program aimed to empower Advocates to make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children.

### **Empowering Paralegal Volunteers: Training on Child Rights at MPSLSA**

- This initiative was organized by the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (MPSLSA) in collaboration with UNICEF and HAQ: Centre for Child Rights which took place at the premises of MPSLSA.

- This training programme aimed to equip Para Legal Volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to advocate effectively for child rights, ensuring that the voice of vulnerable children is heard and their rights be protected. By fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by children, this initiative serves as a vital step toward building a more just and supportive environment for all children in Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Symposium for Intellectual Property Rights for Advocates**

- On 16 October, 2024 Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh & Patron-in-Chief, MPSLSA inaugurated a symposium on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for Panel Lawyers and Legal Aid Defense Counsels.
- Symposium was jointly organized by M.P. State Judicial Academy & M.P. State Legal Services Authority for the purpose of capacity building of Advocates so as to develop in-depth understanding of issues related to intellectual property.

#### **Nyayotsav: Legal Services Week** (04.11.2024 to 09.11.2024)

- All the District Legal Services Authorities working under the aegis of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority celebrated *Nyayotsav: Legal Services Week* from **04.11.2024** to **09.11.2024** across the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- During the course of that week, various programmes were organized with the objective of spreading awareness about various schemes of NALSA/SLSA and to ensure access to justice to all by making efforts to ensure that benefits of the said schemes become available to the deprived class of the society.
- On 04.11.2024, Nyayotsav: Legal Services Week was inaugurated by organizing bike rallies and legal awareness camps in Central Jail/District Jail/Circle Jail/Sub Jail in all districts of Madhya Pradesh. Further, in this sequence on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, awareness & health check-up camps in old age homes, essay/painting/street play/quiz competitions in schools/colleges, inspection of child care institutions & legal awareness camps in observation home and legal awareness camps were organized in labor colonies & rural areas respectively.

#### **Symposium on "The Art of Cross Examination" for Advocates**

- A symposium on 14th November, 2024 on "The Art of Cross Examination" was organized for Panel Lawyers and Legal Aid Defense Counsels by MPSLSA. The objective of the symposium was to develop in-depth understanding of various aspects related with the cross-examination.
- Subject Expert for the aforesaid Symposium on "The Art of Cross-Examination" Shri Rajeev Virmani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi highlighted and

explained the various important techniques through which the process of cross-examination can be learned and developed.

### **Celebrating Constitution Day**

- On the occasion of Constitution Day dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Hon'ble Chief Justice High Court of Madhya Pradesh and Patron-in-Chief, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur, lighted *Nyaya Jyoti* in the premises of MPSLSA in the august presence of Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Madhya Pradesh . In order to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug addiction Hon'ble Chief Justice also flagged off a public awareness vehicle rally from the office of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority. Vehicle rally was organized by MPSLSA in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris.

### **Chief Justice's Gesture Brings Mobility to a Disabled Girl**

- During the prize distribution ceremony under "*Samvad*", a state level multi-stakeholder consultation on child rights organized by Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur, a differently-abled girl had an opportunity to interact with Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh & Patron-in-Chief, M.P. State Legal Services Authority. The girl shared her family's financial struggles to His Lordship and expressed her need for a wheelchair to ease her mobility challenges.
- Acting promptly on her heartfelt plea, Hon'ble the Chief Justice, in his capacity as Patron-in-Chief, MPSLSA, directed MPSLSA to address her request. True to his commitment, justice and compassion, a wheelchair was provided to the girl, filling her with immense joy.

### **Enhancing Awareness: "Access to Justice at Your Doorstep" Initiative Launched by MPSLSA**

- In an era of rapidly advancing technology and social media, the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (MPSLSA) had launched an initiative titled "*Access to Justice at Your Doorstep*" in the year 2023 on YouTube with an aim of raising awareness among the masses. This program involves participation from Panel Lawyers, law students, school students, NGOs, and officials from relevant government departments, including the Department of Women and Child Development and the Department of Social Justice.
- In this sequence, a program was conducted with District Indore. Further, there are plans to conduct similar programs with other districts across the State of Madhya Pradesh in the coming months. This effort harnesses the power of technology to bridge gaps in legal awareness and access to justice for all.

### **Promoting Rights Awareness: NALSA Guidelines Implemented in Madhya Pradesh**

- In alignment with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) guidelines on “*Early Access to Justice at Pre-Arrest, Arrest, and Remand Stage*,” significant measures were taken to enhance awareness of suspects' rights across State of Madhya Pradesh. Hoardings displaying these rights were installed at various police stations state-wide, and informative leaflets were distributed to the public.
- Additionally, duty rosters for Panel Lawyers and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) were established for remand courts, with necessary instructions issued to Police Headquarters (PHQ) and Station House Officers (SHOs) at the relevant police stations. These efforts aim to ensure that individuals are informed of their rights, promoting access to justice at critical stages of the legal process.

### **Inauguration of ADR & Mediation Centre**

- Between July 2024 and December 2024, **eight Mediation Centres** were inaugurated to facilitate litigants in reaching amicable settlements.

### **Community Mediation Programme**

- Community mediation is a mechanism promoted and implemented by Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority to provide settlement of conflicts in society through mediation using the volunteers sponsored by social groups and trained by MPSLSA.
- High Court Legal Services Committee, Indore organized a 03-day Community Mediation Training Program (20 hours) from 22.09.2024 to 24.09.2024.

### **40-hours Mediation Training Program**

- Under the aegis of *Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), New Delhi* and directions of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, two significant 40-hour mediation training programs were held to enhance the mediation skills of legal professionals across various districts of State of Madhya Pradesh.

### **Quick resolution of calls received under toll free NALSA Helpline no. 15100**

- NALSA's Toll free Helpline no. 15100, a revolutionary initiative of the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi aims at providing access to justice for all in India. It helps in providing legal aid and guidance for all, especially marginalized communities who may face barriers in accessing legal services.

- Under the guidance of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, all DLSAs were directed to ensure that no incoming calls on 15100 should remain pending and must be dealt in a proper manner.
- In this regard, it is noteworthy that from June 2024 to December, 2024, a total of 13692 incoming calls have been received on Toll Free No. 15100. It is also pertinent to mention that a total 13692 incoming calls including a total 5153 Emergency calls were addressed effectively and Legal aid was provided to the callers who were found entitled for the same.

### **Victim Compensation Scheme**

- Victim Compensation Scheme plays a pivotal role in supporting victims of crime and ensuring their access to justice and rehabilitation. In a recent update, a total of 471 cases were disposed of under the scheme resulting in a substantial award amount of ₹10,27,07,300.
- This initiative shows commitment towards public welfare by providing financial assistance to victims, helping them in recovering from the impact of crimes, and facilitating their reintegration into the society. By addressing the needs of victims, the Scheme fosters a sense of justice and support within the community thereby reinforcing state's dedication to protect the rights of individuals affected by criminal activities.

### **Training Para-legal Volunteers as support persons under the POCSO Rules**

- Under the guidance of M.P. State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authorities across the State of Madhya Pradesh organized training programs to equip Para-Legal Volunteers as support persons under the POCSO Act and Rules. These programs aimed to provide essential skills and knowledge, enabling volunteers to assist victims and their families in navigating the legal landscape. Participants learned about child rights and best practices for providing emotional and legal support. This initiative creates a network of compassionate Advocates, enhancing the legal system's capacity to protect vulnerable children and fostering a community-driven approach to safeguard their rights. Together, we can build a safer environment for every child.

### **SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2024**

- The District Legal Services Authorities organized a cleanliness drive under the "**SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2024**" program involving officers, community members, and students. Participants cleaned public spaces, promoted hygiene awareness, and engaged in activities like waste removal and tree planting, fostering community responsibility and environmental sustainability.

### **Child Promotion and Protection Campaign (02<sup>nd</sup> to 06<sup>th</sup> July)**

- According to Action Plan 2024-25, *Child Promotion and Protection Campaign* (02 to 06 July, 2024) was conducted by District Legal Services Authorities across the State. Under this campaign, awareness camps were organized to spread awareness about *NALSA (Friendly Legal Services to Children and legal services for their protection) Scheme, 2015* and laws related to children and relevant Government schemes. The objective of the campaign was to spread awareness and inform children and parents about legal services which are available to every child and to promote holistic development of their personality, development of their physical, mental, moral and spiritual potential.

### **World Day for International Justice - 17<sup>th</sup> July**

- On 17<sup>th</sup> July, in observance of *World Day for International Justice*, the District Legal Services Authorities, as part of the 2024-25 Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, organized awareness camps in schools and colleges across the state.

### **Tribal Promotion Campaign (05<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> August)**

- On the occasion of World Tribal Day, the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) launched a special initiative—the *Tribal Promotion Campaign*—from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Conducted under the *NALSA (Legal Services for Protection and Enforcement of the Rights of Tribals) Scheme, 2015*, the campaign aimed to raise awareness about the legal rights of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes and to ensure the effective implementation of government welfare schemes for these communities.

### **Senior Citizen's Day - 21<sup>st</sup> August**

- On 21<sup>st</sup> August, in celebration of *Senior Citizens' Day*, the District Legal Services Authorities organized special camps dedicated to the well-being of elderly citizens. These camps focused on providing essential healthcare and legal awareness to senior citizens, particularly those residing in old age homes and other institutions.

### **Special Identification Campaign" (September 01<sup>st</sup> to 05<sup>th</sup>)**

- A "*Special Identification Campaign*" from September 1 to September 5, 2024 was organized by District Legal Services Authorities aiming to increase acceptance of transgender community in the society and also to ensure that this community avail benefits of legal rights and schemes of government. For the members of transgender community, it was ensured that they get benefit of legal rights and schemes available to

them and for this purpose, coordination was established with concerned government departments so that all necessary cards viz. transgender card, identity cards such as voter ID, Aadhar card, ration card etc. could be issued to them.

#### **International Literacy Day- 08<sup>th</sup> September**

- On 8<sup>th</sup> September, in celebration of *International Literacy Day*, the District Legal Services Authorities across the State organized legal literacy camps for students in schools and colleges. The initiative aimed to enhance awareness among young minds about their legal rights, duties, and the importance of legal education in shaping responsible citizens.

#### **Hindi Day- 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- On 14<sup>th</sup> September, Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm across various educational institutions under the guidance of the District Legal Services Authorities. In collaboration with the Education Department, schools, and colleges, a series of events were organized to promote legal awareness and highlight the significance of fundamental duties enshrined in the Constitution of India.

#### **International Day of Non-violence : 02<sup>nd</sup> October**

- In line with the action plan of the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur, for the year 2024-25, the District Legal Services Authorities observed the *International Day of Non-Violence* on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 by organizing a *Mediation Awareness Program*. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of mediation as an effective, peaceful method of resolving disputes, in alignment with the ideals and concepts championed by Mahatma Gandhi.

#### **Constitution Day- 26<sup>th</sup> November**

- In accordance with the action plan of the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur, for the year 2024-25, the District Legal Services Authorities marked *Constitution Day* on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with a significant event—the *Mass Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution*.

#### **World AIDS Day - 01<sup>st</sup> December**

- In compliance with the action plan of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur for the year 2024-25, on the occasion of World's Aids Day on 01.12.2024, the District Legal Services Authorities organized special awareness to increase acceptance of AIDS victims, prevention of AIDS disease, protection of rights of specially abled children and adults and to get benefits of government schemes.

**Specially Abled Day - 03<sup>rd</sup> December**

- Under the *NALSA (Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Scheme, 2024*, the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) organized a series of awareness camps and programs across the state. These initiatives were carried out in coordination with the concerned departments, with the aim of educating differently-abled individuals about the various welfare schemes available to them.

**Human Rights Day 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- In compliance with the action plan of the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur, for the year 2024-25, the *District Legal Services Authorities* observed *Human Rights Day* on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 by organizing a series of awareness camps and seminars across the state.

**National Consumer Rights Day 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- In line with the action plan of the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur, for the year 2024-25, the *District Legal Services Authorities* observed *National Consumer Rights Day* on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 by organizing various programs aimed at raising awareness about consumer protection law.

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