

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH

“BEST PRACTICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS” (JULY-DECEMBER, 2020)

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 5 Hon’ble Judges of the High Court. A permanent Secretariat constituted for the 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 meetings are being held by this Committee.

Constitution of District Sub-Committees:

At district level 5 Judges Committee has been constituted to monitor cases pending for more than 5 years and other priority cases.

Pendency and Disposal of cases

In the period of 01.07.2020 to 31.12.2020, in the High Court and Subordinate Courts of the Madhya Pradesh, pendency, institution and disposal trend is as under :

HIGH COURT

STATUS OF ALL CASES

Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2020)	Institution (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Disposal (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2020)
370942	55793	42951	383784

STATUS OF CASES PENDING FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS

Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2020)	Institution (added) (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Disposal (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2020)
185015	11160	771	195404

SUBORDINATE COURTS

STATUS OF IN ALL CASES

Opening Balance (as on 01.07.2020)	Institution (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Disposal (01.07.20 to 31.12.20)	Closing Balance (as on 31.12.2020)
1488372	586672	347751	1727293

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182567	94404	18447	258230

STEPS TAKEN BY SCMS COMMITTEE

HIGH COURT

- ❖ As per direction of SCMS Committee of this High Court, an Action Plan and Task Force has been created in the High Court, to liquidate the arrears of cases which are not live, infructuous, petty and which cannot survive.
- ❖ This Action plan was implemented on Pilot basis and reviewed in the meeting of Arrears Committee-cum-Case Management Committee-cum- Committee for State Court Management System.
- ❖ **After review of the 'Pilot Project' and looking to the positive results, Committee reiterated its earlier resolution and directed to continue the 'Pilot Project' till the clearance of such cases.**

DISTRICT COURT

- ❖ In the Subordinate Courts of the State, earlier the cut off date of 30.06.2020 was fixed for disposal of cases which are pending for more than 5 years, 10 years and 20 years, but having regard to the pendency of the cases, this deadline was extended and a new cut-off date of 31st December, 2020 was fixed for clearing the pendency of such cases.
- ❖ As there was lockdown due to COVID-19 from the last week of March, 2020, therefore, the rate of disposal of the remaining months was lesser in comparison to the previous half year.
- Report regarding difficulties in taking the cases as per serial number in cause-list and suggestions as to measures which be taken to ensure the working as per Cause-list was called from all the districts.
- With intent to save the precious judicial time in the district court, Committee directed to strict implementation of the cause-list system i.e. cases to be taken by the courts as per cause-list.
- For this purpose Committee resolved to identify one or two districts, in which cause-list may be strictly implemented on 'Pilot Project' basis and re-examination of the same after 03 months.
- With intent to save the precious judicial time of every court, Committee issued direction to the Chief System Analyst to arrange the cause-list in preferential order as defined by the Committee. Now in the Subordinate Courts of the Madhya Pradesh cause-list has been arranged in the preferential order as defined by the Committee.
- Committee further directed cases be taken as per cause-list. If, any party is not appearing or co-operating then the Court may pass appropriate judicial order as per law. Direction of the Hon'ble Committee is being followed by the Courts, where 'Pilot Project' was launched.
- ❖ With intent to provide better information to the stakeholders, Committee directed to Chief System Analyst to display the daily cause-list in Hindi language or bilingual i.e. Hindi and English on digital display screen available in the courts.
- ❖ District & Sessions Judges has been directed to expedite the cases relating to environmental laws and to dispose of it on the priority basis. The same has been implemented.
- ❖ SCMS Committee directed to constitute 3 Members Committee to **develop the mechanism for auto-generation of the e-statements and to trace-out the feasibility and implementation of e-filing of cases and establishment of paperless courts.**
- ❖ Committee directed to collect the information from all the districts about the difficulties arising in conducting the trial of under-trial prisoners / from Jail(s) of other State(s) to the District Courts of the State through Video Conferencing.
- ❖ After receiving the information with regard to difficulties in Video Conferencing, Committee found that most of the Districts have stated that there is problem of network connectivity, non-availability of sufficient number of Video Conferencing Units in Jail and non-availability of Technical Persons at the end of Jail.

- ❖ Districts have also stated that IP address of the VC unit of Jails of other State(s) is not available and Video Conferencing with the other State can only be conducted on those locations which are having Video Desktop ID on ecourtvc.nic.in portal, otherwise the VC cannot be conducted on IP based machines.
- ❖ **After due consideration on the matter, the Committee directed to Registrar (District Establishment) to provide the list of the Courts and the Jails of neighboring State(s), where problem of inter-state connectivity of Video Conferencing exists, to Principal Secretary, Law, further directed to Principal Secretary, Law to take-up the matter with concerned authorities of the State Government for resolving the issues related to Video Conferencing inter State and intra-State.**

PROGRESS UNDER VISION STATEMENT (2015-2020) DURING THE PERIOD OF 01.07.2020 TO 31.12.2020

Sl. No.	Particular	Progress / Achievement (July - December, 2020)
1	Making Five plus Zero a reality	<p><u>HIGH COURT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the period of COVID-19 pandemic, in view of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Motu Writ (Civil) No. 05/2020 (In Re: Guidelines for Court functioning through Video Conferencing in view of Covid-19 pandemic), a Video Conferencing & E-filing Guidelines (in view of exigency caused by COVID-19) dated 15-16.04.2020 was issued by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Madhya Pradesh. In accordance with this Guidelines, case (new and old) in which applications for urgent hearing have been filed, are being listed and heard through Video Conferencing at Principal Seat Jabalpur and its Benches Indore and Gwalior. • Apart from it, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has also been issued on 20.11.2020 for Limited Physical Hearing of the cases as per the instructions issued by this SOP, Physical Hearing of the Cases for Final Hearing are also being listed before the respective Benches during the period of COVID-19 at Principal Seat Jabalpur and Benches at Indore and Gwalior. • In this period total 771 more than 5, 10 and 20 years old cases have been disposed of. • As resolved by SCMS Committee, Task Force has been created at Principal Seat and its Benches to search out the cases, which are not live, infructous, petty and which cannot survive. In this drive during the period 06 cases have been disposed of. • Total 39 Held-up cases have been disposed of during the aforesaid period, out of them 02 cases were pending for more than 5 years. • As per directions of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, old Criminal Appeals, in which accused are in jail are also being listed on every Saturday (except 2nd Saturday) before the respective Single / Division Benches. • During the aforesaid period total 64 Jail Appeals have been disposed of, out of them 31 Jail Appeals were pending for more than 5 years. <p><u>SUBORDINATE COURT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Subordinate Courts of the State during outspread of COVID-19 urgent cases were being heard by Video Conferencing. Limited physical hearing has been started from 23.11.2020. • In this period total 18447 more than 5 years old cases have been disposed of, out of them 2129 cases were pending for 10 years to 20 years and 214 cases were pending for more than 20 years. • In the Subordinate Courts of the State, earlier the cut off date of 30.06.2020 was fixed for disposal of cases which are pending for more than 5 years, 10 years and 20 years, but having regard to the pendency of the cases, this deadline has been extended and a new cut-off date of 31st December, 2020 was fixed for clearing the pendency of such cases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action plan for “Delay and Arrears in Subordinate Courts” was prepared by the Arrears Committee as “Pilot Project” regarding working as per cause list and the same is divided into three phases for its implementation. The Progress Report of the Pilot Project is being placed before Committee for reviewing the implementation.• The guidelines for withdrawal of Stale and Ineffective Criminal cases was received from the Department of Home, Government of Madhya Pradesh and the same was transmitted to District & Sessions Judges of the State. The District Committee(s) were constituted in each District Establishment, which are convening the meeting according to guidelines. The monitoring of the Criminal Cases which have become Stale and Ineffective is conducted periodically.• In this period District Committee(s) identified 94 cases as Stale and Ineffective cases and 03 cases considered for an action u/s 258 of Cr.P.C., 09 cases withdrawn or processed as per provisions of Sec. 258 of the Cr.P.C. 60 cases identified and recommended to District Magistrate as Stale and Ineffective cases. In 11 cases District Committee advised to Prosecutors to request the Court for exercising the powers u/s 258 of the Cr.P.C.• The District & Sessions Judges of the State are following directions issued by Hon’ble the Supreme Court in W.P. (Criminal) No. 310/05 “Bhim Singh Vs. Union of India & Ors.”, in this period total 4477 cases of Under-Trial Prisoners have been disposed of.• Report regarding difficulties in taking the cases as per serial number in cause-list and suggestions as to measures which be taken to ensure the working as per Cause-list was called from all the districts.• U/s 5 of Gram Nyayalaya Act, 2008, 89 Gram Nyayalayas have been constituted and notified in the State of M.P. and all are functioning. During the period in these Gram Nyayalays 1579 cases instituted and 590 cases have been disposed of.• In compliance of direction issued by Hon’ble the Supreme Court, High Court of M.P. has notified 51 Exclusive POCSO courts in 43 places which deals with only POCSO cases. 32 Special Courts have also been established in places where number of cases relating to POCSO Act is below 100. These Special Courts also deals with cases related to offences committed against Women like Rape, Gang Rape, Murder with rape etc. In this period 3548 cases instituted in POCSO Courts and 300 cases have been disposed of. The Institution, Diposal and Pendency of such cases are directly uploaded in the webportal of Department of Justice regularly.• At present at 07 places the Commercial Courts at Civil Judge level, at 05 places Commercial Courts at District Judge level and at 05 places Commercial Appellate Court at District Judge level are functioning having territorial jurisdiction of whole State. During the period 391 cases instituted in the Commercial Courts and 55 cases have been disposed of.• In the High Court of M.P. three divisional benches assigned to the Commercial Appellate Division, one at Principal Seat, Jabalpur and one each at its Benches Indore and Gwalior.• With intent to save the precious judicial time of every court, Committee issued direction to the Chief System
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4	Capacity Building - Training for the Judges of the District Judiciary as well as other stakeholders of justice dispensation system.	<p>During the second half of the year 2020 (from July to December, 2020), the Academy conducted 20 programmes. Due to the outbreak of Corona virus (COVID 19) and abiding by the guidelines issued by the relevant healthcare authorities, when it came to carrying out the training programmes from the month of May, 2020 onwards, the Academy deviating from the traditional mode of training, resorted to online methods in order to ensure the safety of Judges. Hence, putting into use information technology at its optimum level. The data of training programmes conducted for Judges and other stakeholders for the said period is as follows:</p>				
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Programs conducted for the Judges						
1	Specialised Educational Programme on – Key issues relating to Cheque Dishonour cases	115 Judicial Magistrates posted in districts Chhindwara, Dewas, Neemuch, Mandasaur, Ratlam, Jhabua, Alirajpur, Dhar, Mandleshwar, Barwani and Burhanpur	04.07.2020 (one day)			
2	Specialised Educational Programme on – Key issues relating to Electronic Evidence	78 Judicial Magistrates posted in districts Rewa, Satna, Singrauli, Sidhi, Shahdol, Umaria, Anuppur, Katni, Panna and Damoh	11.07.2020 (one day)			
3	Specialised Educational Programme on – Civil Appeals	92 District Judges (Entry Level) promoted in the year 2019 who have undergone Advance Course in the Academy from 24.02.2020 to 06.03.2020	18.07.2020 (one day)			
4	Specialised Educational Programme on – Land Acquisition Laws	121 Judges dealing cases under the Act throughout the State	25.07.2020 (one day)			
5	Induction Training Programme (Third Phase) (Group 1)	53 Newly appointed Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2019 Batch	27.07.2020 to 21.08.2020 (four weeks)			
6	Induction Training Programme (Third Phase) (Group 2)	53 Newly appointed Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2019 Batch	24.08.2020 to 16.09.2020 (four weeks)			
7	Specialised Educational Programme on – Electricity Act, 2003	69 Judges dealing cases under the Act posted in districts Ashoknagar,	28.08.2020 (one day)			

		Bhind, Chhatarpur, Damoh, Datia, Guna, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Katni, Mandsaur, Morena, Panna, Rajgarh, Rewa, Sagar, Satna, Shahdol, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Singrauli, Umariya and Vidisha	
8	Specialised Educational Programme on – Cases pertaining to violation of Laws/Orders relating to Covid-19 Pandemic	249 Judges of all cadre	12.09.2020 (one day)
9	Specialised Educational Programme on – POCSO Act	132 Judges dealing cases under the Act	26.09.2020 (one day)
10	Colloquium for Chief Judicial Magistrates	47 Chief Judicial Magistrates across the State	10.10.2020 (one day)
11	Specialised Educational Programme on – Motor Accident Claim cases	136 Members of MACT	17.10.2020 (one day)
12	Induction Training Programme (First Phase)	3 newly appointed Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 Batch (Recruitment 2020)	02.11.2020 to 28.11.2020 (four weeks)
13.	Induction Training Programme (Second Phase) (Groups 1 & 2)	154 Newly appointed Civil Judges (Entry Level) of 2020 Batch	02.11.2020 to 28.11.2020 (four weeks)
14.	Further Training Programme	2 Civil Judges Class II of 2019	10.11.2020 to 05.12.2020 (four weeks)
15.	Specialised Educational Programme on – Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015	39 Principal Magistrates of Juvenile Justice Boards	28.11.2020 (one day)
16.	Specialised Educational Programme on – Forest Acts	131 Judges dealing cases under the relevant Acts	05.12.2020 (one day)
17.	First Refresher Course	46 Civil Judges Class II of 2018 Batch (Group 1)	07.12.2020 to 11.12.2020 (one day)
18.	First Refresher Course	54 Civil Judges Class II of 2018 Batch (Group 2)	15.12.2020 to 18.12.2020
19.	Specialised Educational Programme on –	50 Special Judges dealing cases	19.12.2020

			Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	under the Act	(one day)
		20.	Specialised Educational Programme on – NDPS Act, 1985	54 Special Judges dealing cases under the Act	19.12.2020 (one day)
5	Information Technology	<p><u>Scanning & Digitization in the High Court:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Digitization & Elimination of Records Rules have been framed by the High Court. <i>Digitization of approximately 39.62 Lakhs files comprising of 15.77 Crores pages have been completed. This is a prelude to a paper-less Court (E-Courts)</i> <p><u>Scanning & Digitization in the Subordinate Courts:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of digitization of District Court Records the rules have been framed and notified by the High Court. <i>Digitization of approximately 16.36 Crore pages have been completed at District Courts.</i> <p><u>E-Filing:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4303 Advocates and 140 Litigant in person registered for e-filing. 39550 cases filed at High Court of Madhya Pradesh through e-filing during the lockdown. e-Filing of 188 cases done in District Court, Jabalpur during the lockdown and soon the e-filing will be started in other District Courts. In the CMIS Software of the High Court the facility of e-filing is available since 2015, but it was rarely used by the advocates, after lockdown due to COVID-19 a further guideline was issued on 16th April, 2020 from that date this facility is effectively being used by the advocates. Apart from the e-filing the facility of e-mail in official-ID was made available to the advocates and the parties for placing their urgent matters, now, e-mail facility has been withdrawn and e-filing system is working effectively. The e-filing rule has been published on 06-06-2020. In the Subordinate Courts, during the lockdown period the guideline was issued, the e-filing through e-mail in official ID was made available to the advocates and their parties for placing their urgent matters. The facility of e-filing is in-built in the CIS 3.2 software, the implementation of the same is completed. <p><u>E-Court Fee:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-Court Fee Module is operational from 15th December 2017. Installation of near about 300 Point of Sale (PoS) Machines, at all locations including District courts and Tehsil Courts, for making online payment of court fees in the State of Madhya Pradesh. <p><u>Online Payment:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facility for making online payment pertaining to court fees, RTI application, copying and other deposits is available with the website of the High Court and State Treasury Department. 			

		<p><u>Any other achievement in the period:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility of online application of certified copy inaugurated on 5th December, 2019 in the High Court at Principal Seat Jabalpur as well its Benches at Indore and Gwalior, certified copies of order and other documents will be delivered to the doorstep of the applicant by Registered Post, the same can be collected from the Copying Section, as per option of the applicant. • Facility of auto-generated SMS/E-mails services that are sent to the registered mobile number /email address of the Advocate and/or litigant intimating default, if any, in filing and listing of the cases. • e-Causelist are sent to the registered e-mail address of the advocates/litigants. The facility of tentative cause list is also available for Litigants and Advocates. • Integration of Investigating officer's database maintained in Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks System (CCTNS) of Police Department, which is accessible by all the Judicial Officers of the District and Tehsil Courts. • From 01-01-2020 to 31-12-2020 total 8,84,343 numbers of digitally signed Judgments/ Orders were uploaded in the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur. • Computer hardware and peripherals have been provided by the High Court to the Bar Association at Jabalpur for e-awareness. • New Latest Touch Screen Information KIOSK Machines and 23 Display panels have been provided by the High Court to Bar Association of the High Court. • E-meetings: with intent to save the papers e-paper books of the meetings are provided to the respective Administrative Committees through website of the High Court. • There is facility of refinement and search of cases arising from same Crime number, which is used for listing. • There is listing of cases though CMIS Software without any human interference. • There is instant availability of Digitally Signed order's / Judgments at copying section for delivery of the certified copy as and when required. • E-Auction services for disposal of old used / obsolete items are utilized to avoid dumping of obsolete items. • Facility provided to Government Departments /Organizations to view Petition Copy, judgment / orders and other relevant data though login ID & Password. • Log-in ID and password provided to All Superintendent of Police to track the memo/summons/Non-Bailable warrant issued by the High Court and their service report. • Inventory Management Software is available for purchasing of any electronic article in the High Court and Subordinate Courts of Madhya Pradesh for managing the warranty and auction process smoothly. <p><u>Managing Library with Support of E-Technology:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme for weeding out old, extra or redundant material, has been formulated, which stipulates
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		<p>rationalization of Library and weeding out of damaged or obsolete reading material where new editions have been procured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Libraries at the Principal Seat at Jabalpur and Benches at Indore and Gwalior have been equipped with High Speed multifunctional device Printers/ Scanners which enable quick retrieval of judgments and orders through Website/Law Software's. • The facility of SCC online software has been provided to all the Judges of the District Judiciary. <p><u>AADHAR based Biometric Attendance & Monitoring System :-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of “AADHAR based Biometrics Attendance Monitoring and Management System” at all the District and Tehsil Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh has been completed. <p><u>Implementation of Digital Signatures:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The usages of bulk Digital Signature has been implemented in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh for digital signing of the files /scanned documents and Judgments / Orders. The digital signing of the documents by the Registry Officers and Section Officers of the High Court has commenced. Also, the Digital signing of Judgments / Orders by the respective PA/PS/Steno of the Court rooms is in practice. • The purchase and installation of 50 electronic franking machines for the District Courts and 153 electronic franking machines for the Tehsil Courts have been completed in the State of Madhya Pradesh. • High capacity Servers and Storage Devices (SAN & NAS) has been procured by the High Court in order to take care of digitized records of High Court and District Courts in the State of M.P. and the same has been installed in the Server Room of the High Court. • Digital Multifunction Copier Machine has been provided to all the District and Tehsil Courts Complexes. After their installation, through which the work of copying section has been expedited. The regular process is adopted by the High Court for the replacement/upgrading of the Multifunction Machines at regular intervals as per requirements. • 300 Laptop Computers and an equal number of Laser Jet Printers have been made available to the newly recruited Judges of the District Judiciary. <p><u>Setting up of new video conferencing system at all District and Tehsil Courts from Court of District Judge to the Court of CJM / ACJMS and Jails/ Hospitals:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1668 VC system have been purchased for all District and Tehsil Courts, Jails / Sub-Jails and Hospitals. • All the District Court complexes are having facility of Video Conferencing with Central Jails/District Jails/Sub Jails. • Video conferencing facility has also been extended to Civil / District Hospitals by the High Court. The installation of 51 VC units at District Hospitals has been completed. • The Installation of 51 number of VC units at District Hospitals has been completed.
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- High Court of Madhya Pradesh has conducted 1,92,915 number of Video Conferencing for hearing of cases during lockdown till 31st December, 2020.
- The district judiciary has conducted 2,52,984 number of Video Conferencing for hearing of cases during lockdown till 31st December, 2020.

Hi-Tech Security Setup/CCTV Cameras:-

- In the District Courts, the Installation of CCTV cameras, in the pilot phase has been completed at District Court of Ujjain and Katni, which are functional. For the remaining 201 locations, the detailed project report (DPR) has been prepared and the tenders are finalized. The work regarding the installation of CCTV cameras at 201 locations shall be completed in three phases within a period of 36 months.
- Latest state of the art Audio Video system along with VC facility has been installed in the conference room, auditorium and class rooms of the State Judicial Academy, in order to beam live lectures / meetings to persons who are sitting at different locations.
- In the High Court at Principal Seat, Jabalpur and its Benches at Indore and Gwalior as well as in the Academy, latest state of the art Public Address System, Hi-tech Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange has been installed for easy communication with the respective persons / duty holders within same campus.
- Digital Display System has been installed at Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur.
- State of the Art Computer Lab has been established at M.P. State Judicial Academy.
- CCTV camera system has been installed in the M.P. State Judicial Academy.
- High speed Local Area Network (LAN) has been made available in the M.P. State Judicial Academy.
- Conducting online classes (e-Learning) of Trainee Judges at District Courts and Tehsil Courts online from Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur.
- High Court of Madhya Pradesh has conducted 69,552 number of VC during lockdown till 31st August, 2020.
- The District Judiciary has conducted 2,01,074 number of VC during Lockdown till 31st August, 2020.
- Facility of Sundry deposit has been started online in the state of Madhya Pradesh through portal of state Finance Department.
- ICJS System has been implemented at District Courts in the State of M.P.
- CIS 3.2 Version has been implemented in District Courts in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- e-Seva Kendra is functional at Districts Courts of Bhopal, Dewas, Gwalior, Hoshangabad, Neemuch, Rajgarh, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Sagar, Tikamgarh, Jabalpur, Satna, Damoh & Dindori and also in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Principal Seat, Jabalpur.
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Online Dispute Resolution Programmes

- The online Community Mediation programme for 20 Hrs approved by Hon'ble the Main Mediation Monitoring Committee in June 2020 has been taken up to extend to the Gond (tribal), Jain, Kayasth, yadav, Katia & pasi communities.
- The Community Mediation Clinics of the aforesaid communities have been set up in Chhindwara, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Narsinghpur,, Kudari (Umaria) etc.
- It has been approved that the community mediation volunteers can also render assistance in the smooth functioning of gram nyayalayas to serve the purpose of resolution of disputes through ADR mode primarily conciliation rather than adjudication.

Community Mediation Training Programme

Sl.No.	Date of Training	Name of Community	Districts	No. of Participants	District n here Community Centres inaugurated
1	13 th to 23 th July 2020	Gond Community	Jabalpur, Damoh, Mandla, Bhopal, Umaria, Seoni and Dindori	17	Jabalpur
2	23 rd September to 01 st October 2020	Jain Community	Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Damoh, Chhindwara and Seoni	13	Chhindwara, Narsinghpur
3	13 th to 23 rd October 2020	Kayastha Community	Gwalior, Guna, Bhind, Morena and Shivpuri	13	--
4	2 nd to 10 th November 2020	Yadav Community	Satna, Hoshangabad and Bhopal	4	--
5	23 rd November to 2 nd December 2020	Katia Community	Jabalpur, Balaghat, Bhopal, Chhindwara, Gwalior, Hoshansabad, Indore, Katni, Khandwa, Mandla, Seoni and Singrauli	20	--

6	8 th to 17 th December 2020	Pasi Community	Jabalpur, Ratlam, Chhindwara, Bhopal, Burhanpur, Alirajpur, Hoshangabad, Khandwa	20	Kudri (Umaria), Jabalpur
			Total	87	

- The advocates in those outlying stations, where there is a single judge and matters were not being referred for mediation in the absence of trained mediators were also identified for training for two advocates each from such district.
- Accordingly, 40 Hrs Online Mediation Training programme was conducted by trainers Member-Secretary MPSSA and Secretary HCLSC JABALPUR in the period from 27th July to 07th August, 17th to 27th August and 07th to 18th September 2020.
- With the online training extending upto 04 hours every day, the course schedule involved learning skills of communication, negotiation apart from taking services of psychiatrist from the Medical College Jabalpur and Sociologist from RDVV University as resource persons.
- In this manner from July to December 2020, 68 advocates have been trained to function as mediators in the outlying stations and 87 Community Mediation Volunteers have been trained during this period.
- The Community Mediation Volunteers are rendering their services at the pre-litigation stage for disputes at the grass root level.

e-Inauguration.

- With the inauguration of 01 ADR Centre at Singrauli and 25 Mediation Centres in outlying stations have been inaugurated through online mode and are now functional for the litigating public.

Litigation Free Village

- The dormant Litigation Free Village Scheme 2000 was revived by the inauguration of six identified litigation free villages at Village Bija Tehsil Patan District Jabalpur, Village Kathora Tehsil Kasrawad District Mandleshwar, Village Melpada Tehsil & District Jhabua, Village Barbaspur Tehsil Chhapara District Seoni and Village Chargaon Pinjara Tehsil Amarwada District Chhindwara by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India

on 17th October 2020 and Village Malpathar District Mandla by Hon'ble Executive Chairman MPSSA on 26.11.2020.

- As a positive step in this direction the duty holders of this litigation free village have been trained through online mode and monitoring formats have been prepared to ensure that the villages become nuclei to encourage other village to move towards this direction to resolve through amicable means.
- The Village Legal Aid Clinics are also being reinvigorated under the NALSA (Legal Aid Clinics) Regulations, 2011.

e-Lok Adalat

- Keeping in view the social distancing norms with the kind approval of the Executive Chairman, e-Lok Adalats have been held in the across the State. Statistics of which are as follows:-

Disposal at High Court level

No. of cases taken up	Number of case disposed	Settlement Amount	Benefitted persons
1120	805	8,26,80,079/-	3301

- Further, similar online Lok Adalats were also held in districts on last working Saturday of every month adopting similar measures. The statistics are as follows:-

Disposal at District Court level

No. of cases taken up	Number of case disposed	Settlement Amount	Benefitted persons
38163	7303	5,10,16,19,277/-	16895

- The RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority) also organized a Lok Adalat in keeping with the spirit of the National Lok Adalat (12.12.2020). Its special effort saw the successful culmination of around 22 matters. Amongst the successfully conclude matters, 2 matters pertain to handing over of properly by Housing Board Authority and around 17 matters for recovery of pending dues were also released. This marks the first instance when RERA has come forward spreading harmony among anxious litigants.

Public Utility Services Lok Adalat

- Secretary DLSA has been appointed as presiding officer of permanent Lok Adalat Public Utility Services and the matters resolved by this Bench are reflected below:

No. of sittings	Number of case disposed	Settlement Amount	Benefitted persons
233	131	58169	151

Monitoring & Mentoring Panel Advocates & upgradation of Front Offices

- The list of Panel Advocates has been downsized keeping a ratio of 1 advocate to 10 cases and to monitor & mentor the work of the panel advocates services of retired judicial officers has been engaged.
- 111 online training programmes for panel lawyers with 2140 participants in all has been organised while 132 online training programme has been organized for para legal volunteers.
- Front offices have been improvised with the appointment of Office Coordinators and regular cause lists are being prepared for giving access to jail inmates to be updated of adjourned matters.

Early access to justice at Pre-arrest, Arrest & Remand Stage

- In compliance with NALSA guidelines on "Early access to justice at Pre-arrest, Arrest & Remand Stage" and accordingly, hoardings at police station across the State have been installed with distribution of leaflets reflecting the rights of suspects. Duty rosters of Panel Lawyers and PLVs in remand courts have been prepared and requisite instructions issued to police headquarters and SHOs.

State Mental Health Authority constituted as a result of initiative by M.P. State Legal Services Authority

- Taking cognizance of the plight of mentally handicapped persons wandering on the streets, the M.P. State Legal Services Authority filed a petition seeking enforcement of the crucial provisions of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017 in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- As a major outcome of the said petition, the State has immediately constituted the Mental Health Authority.
- With this step it is expected that the State Functionaries will coordinately take steps for implementation of the Mental Health Care Act, 2017 and prepare an SOP so that immediate care and assistance can be rendered to such persons and effective measure can be taken for their rehabilitation.
- Apart from this relief measures have been taken up for rehabilitation of such persons.

VICTIM COMPENSATION SCHEME**Statistical information in respect of Victim Compensation Scheme u/s 357- a Cr.PC****Statistical information from July 2020 to December 2020**

No. of applications Received directly by Legal Services Institutions (A)	No. of applications/orders marked/directed by any Court (B)	Total No. of applications received including Court orders (A+B)	No. of applications decided	No. of applications pending	Total Settlement Amount
301	72	373	357	466	40590280/-

Hearing of Victim Compensation Scheme Matter through VC:

- Hearing of Victim Compensation Scheme matters has been taken up through virtual modes at the State Authority level whereby appellant in the remote areas have been accorded opportunity of hearing. In this period out 06 appeals filed, all of them have been disposed of.

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(Onkar Nath)
Member Secretary, SCMS