

PRESS NOTE

1. On the occasion of Independence Day, the High Court of Delhi continuing its trend to revolutionise the digital-legal eco-system inaugurated its I.C.T. projects. The inauguration was made by the HMJ Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice in the presence of Hon'ble Mr Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Chairman, Information Technology Committee, HMJ Sanjeev Sachdeva, HMJ Sanjeev Narula, HMJ Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav, Member Information Technology Committee and the other companion judges.
2. The program was also attended by Registrar General, Registrar (Vigilance), Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Family Court and Commercial Court Judges, Addl Solicitor General, Standing Counsel Civil & Criminal, GNCTD, Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs), President & Secretary, Delhi High Court BAR Association, NIC officials and other dignitaries.
3. Ten new websites of all the Delhi District Courts were launched on S3WaaS platform. Earlier the district courts websites were operating on Drupal platform. Secure, Scalable & Sugamya Website as a Service (S3WaaS) websites are GIGW Compliant (Guidelines for Indian Government websites), based on Open-Source Technology, integrated search and are Accessibility Compliant. All documents on the websites are kept in O.C.R. format so that visually impaired persons can access documents with ease. The data of previous websites is also migrated to the new platform.
4. The Digital Platform for Sharing of Trial Court Record (T.C.R.) with the High Court was also launched. Earlier the T.C.R. was shared with the High Courts in CD's. District Courts used to procure around 8,000/- CD's every year for sharing the T.C.R. record. Due to wear & tear the CD's used to get corrupted and damaged. With this facility the district courts can seamlessly share the T.C.R. record with the High Court through a SSL VPN based platform. An office order bearing no 1317/DHC/CPC Sectt./2023 dated 10.08.2023 has been already issued for digital transfer of the Trial Court Record (TCR) with the High Court.
5. On receipt of digital T.C.R., it will be verified by the concerned Judicial branch of the High Court. After verification, the portfolio branch will make digital T.C.R. part of the case file/portfolio file which is shared with the Hon'ble Courts for Court proceedings.

6. This platform will help in seamless transfer of T.C.R. in digital form. It will also help in saving the expenditure made by the District Court in procuring huge numbers of CD's.
7. Taking another giant leap in accessibility initiatives the High Court of Delhi also launched its Web Accessibility Compliant Cause List. The Hon'ble e-Committee, Supreme Court of India has issued an SOP for generating documents that are accessible to the disabled. The Accessibility Committee is constituted in the High Court under the chairmanship of HMJ Rajiv Shakhder to execute this mandate. After taking feedback from the stakeholders and with assistance of visually impaired Advocates Mr. Rahul Bajaj and Mr. Amar Jain the cause list of the High Court of Delhi is made web accessibility compliant.
8. This Web Accessibility Compliant Cause List will help the visually impaired Advocates, Litigants and Public at large to access the cause list of the Delhi High Court seamlessly by using various accessibility text to speech software.
9. It was also announced that on lines of the High Court, Accessibility committees will be also constituted in all the District Courts. The details of such committees will be published on the website of the District Courts and the High Court. Any Advocate, Litigant or public at large can raise grievances and seek assistance of these committees for various accessibility related needs. A feedback form is also provided on the new S3WaaS website of the District Courts wherein the requests, suggestions and grievances can be submitted online.
10. It was also announced that directions have been also issued to the Delhi Judicial Academy to conduct regular training programmes for lawyers and court staff for creating accessible documents and dealing with the needs of persons with disabilities with appropriate care and sensitivity.
11. Mr. Mohit Mathur, President of Delhi High Court Bar Association also praised the accessibility initiatives and admired the work done by the Information Technology Committee under the Chairmanship of HMJ Rajiv Shakhder.
12. The High Court has already launched projects like e-filing, e-Inspection of records, Digital Traffic Courts, Hybrid e-Seva Kendra etc. Accessibility oriented I.C.T. initiatives will serve as giant leap in making digital ecosystem accessibility needs complaint and will pave the way for other Courts to follow pursuit.