

On the active initiation, efforts and guidance of Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice, Sri Justice Dilip B. Bhosale and the Hon'ble Computer Committee of the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad, the High Court took up various measures to channelise the use of Information Technology in the day-to-day functioning of the Court.

- On 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, an Android Mobile Application was launched. This application created a platform to disseminate case status information, cause lists and court notifications for the convenience of Advocates and the litigant public. Thereafter, the High Court developed Mobile applications for Apple IOS and Windows mobile platforms also with the same features. The High Court also placed its Mobile applications in Google Play Store, Apple Application Store and Windows Store.

- On 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 a SMS alert system was launched. Through this facility, the status of

- case filing,
- scrutiny information and
- case registration

is informed to the registered Advocates on their mobile phones, enabling them to monitor the progress of the cases filed by them;

The case hearing status in Courts is also communicated to the Advocates through SMS. For each case, there would be two alerts, first, when there are seven more cases to be taken

up before that Advocate's case and second, when 3 more cases are left to be taken up. This helps Advocates organize their work in different Courts and reach the concerned Court in time.

- In September, 2015, a personalized Advocate-wise cause list was launched. This personalized cause list is being generated automatically and pushed through e-mail to respective registered Advocates.
- From 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, the High Court is also hosting a more interactive cause list in its official website.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, Digital Display Boards were installed at all the Court Halls and at conspicuous places, like the Bar Associations, the Government Pleader's Office Building, the Advocates' Library and the Canteen. These Boards display the case hearing status in all the Court Halls and relay other important messages via the notification bar. The Digital Display Board is also being hosted online in the official website of the High Court and on the Mobile and Web applications for the benefit of Advocates and litigants.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, the High Court installed 8 KIOSK machines in the High Court premises. Through these KIOSKs, one can ascertain the case status and also judgment information.

- By 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, Video conferencing linkage between Spl. Sub Jails and Court Complexes was completed. This effectively minimizes physical production of the accused before the Court.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the High Court provided DELL Laptops for use of its Hon'ble Judges.
- Telangana and Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authorities, with the help of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Hyderabad, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, developed an Android based mobile application, which was inaugurated on 09.04.2016 by Hon'ble Sri Justice T.S. Thakur, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, for disseminating information relating to legal services and the various NALSA schemes available for targeted beneficiaries. This app can also be used to know the details of
  - Panel lawyers,
  - Para legal volunteers
  - Mediators and
  - Legal aid counsel of both the States
- Besides this, information relating to various National Legal Services Authorities Schemes, Acts, Rules and Regulations, are also incorporated therein. Useful

information is provided in the shape of 'Frequently Asked Questions.' This app aims at easily providing the required information, including contact details of the stake holders to all the beneficiaries.

- The app is available in the google play store and is titled "AP & Telangana State Legal Services".

Simultaneously, the official website of Telangana State Legal Services Authority was also launched by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. Through this website, all the information relating to various Schemes, Acts, Rules and Regulations and other statistical information is being disseminated to one and all, besides the contact details and other details of :

- Panel Lawyers,
- Para legal volunteers
- Mediators and
- Legal aid counsel of both the States

On the eve of the 14<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities held at Hyderabad on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016, the Hon'ble The Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority, was pleased to launch the Official Website of Telangana State Legal Services Authority.

On the same day, the Hon'ble Union Law Minister was pleased to launch the Mobile Applications for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authorities.

- The process of digitization of records of the High Court, judicial as well as administrative, is being actively pursued. Though steps were taken as early as in October, 2015, due to technical reasons, it could not be finalized but within the next six weeks, the digitization process of High Court records would commence and in a period of one year or so thereafter, the entire records of the High Court would be digitized.
- Steps are being taken to install Digital Display Boards and Information KIOSKs in the Court complexes of the City Civil Courts, Hyderabad and Secunderabad, the Metropolitan Sessions Court, Hyderabad, the City Small Causes Court, Hyderabad and the District Court, Ranga Reddy, for displaying information of the case hearing status in different Courts of the High Court and also the case status information of Courts in the respective Court complexes.
- Steps are being taken to introduce e-filing from June, 2017.
- Simultaneously, steps are being taken to digitize Court records in the Sub-ordinate Courts.

- In the process of starting e-Courts, a special drive was taken up to digitize approximately 2000 case files.
- Advocates can make use of the digitized files to make their submissions in Court.
- The High Court is in the process of establishing an e-Office which would integrate movement of files in electronic mode on all administrative matters within the High Court and also between the High Court and Sub-ordinate Courts.
- On 17-07-2017, High court has taken the first step in the direction of reducing dependence on paper by starting the first e-Court in our High Court which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri Justice Madan B.Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Judge-Incharge, e-Committee, also a facility to communicate decisions on the administrative side, circulars, instructions through e-mail service to all the Hon'ble Judges. This would save a lot of paper.
- We will hopefully start more e-Courts soon.

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