

Best Practices initiated by

# **HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA**









# Best Practices & Procedures adopted by

High Court of Karnataka in State Judiciary



#### Best practices followed in the Karnataka State Judiciary

- **\*** 
  - Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Court Halls-HLMS and JIS
  - HC2LC- Exchange of information Between High Court & Lower Courts (Daily Orders, Appeal Info, Disposal Info, LCR Request)
  - SMS and KIOSK based information flow for case status, certified copy application and Scrutiny objections
  - Video Conference Facility to District Courts to Central Jail, District Jail and Women Jail
  - E-Filing of NI Act Cases
  - Online filing of Motor Accident Claim Tribunal Cases
  - Police IT and CIS integration
  - Android Mobile application for case information
  - High Court of Karnataka Document Management System (HCKDMS)
  - KOHA Library Management System
  - Online Recruitment
  - Ongoing Training of Judicial Officers in Academy with learning HELP DESK
  - Guidelines for quick disposal of old and very old cases pending before the District Courts
  - Monthly Review Meeting of PDJ's



# LCT Enabled Court Halls— High Court Litigant Management Information System (HLMS)

- HLMS is an Case Management System application with following features
  - Management of case details :
  - Enables all the branches in the High Court to maintain electronic data of the case details from filing of the case to the disposal, which includes of all activities such as court fee collection, scrutiny, case/caveat/IA registration, caveat matching, notice preparation, daily orders entry, preparation of judgments, preparation of daily cause list
  - Preparation and dissemination of cause list

The daily cause list is generated by the Case Information System and web hosted. There are about 6000 hits/ day. It enables easy and quicker access to information by the Judges and advocates.

Cause list and case status through SMS

The advocates can register their mobile number and subscribe to cause list and case status service through SMS.



# Computerization In High Court of Karnataka

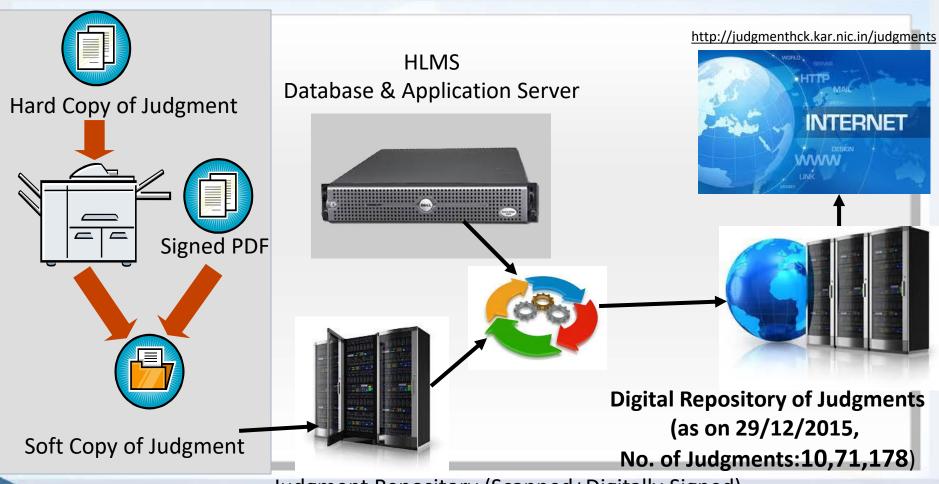
#### **Branches computerized:**

- Filing Counter
- Scrutiny Section
- Cash Counter
- Cause list Section
- Court Halls
- 6 Judge's Chamber
- C.C. Application Counter
- 8 C.C. Delivery Counter
- 9 Enquiry Counter

- Pending Branch
- Decree Section
- Library-KOHA
- Judicial Deposit
- Accounts I
- Accounts − II (Furniture Maintenance)
- 16 Printing Section



# ICT Enabled Court Halls— Judgment Information System (JIS)



Judgment Repository (Scanned+Digitally Signed)

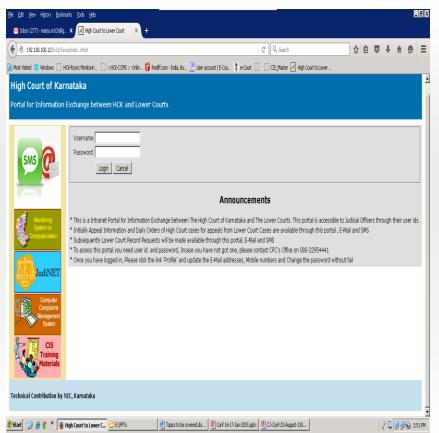


## High Court 2 Lower Courts



#### HC2LC -

- An Application for Exchange of information between High Court and Lower Courts
- Portal for Information Exchange between High Court and Lower Courts
- Dissemination of case details, daily orders, disposal details of the appeals filed at High Court to the respective trial court through SMS, e-Mail and Web site.





# SMS Facility

Status of the Case, Certified Copy and Ongoing Case Number can be obtained through SMS by sending message to 9243355223.

Ex: KARHCCS WP 60001 2010 D (Case Status)

KARHCCC WP 60001 2010 D (Cert. Copy Status)

**KARHCDB B 2** (Ongoing Case Number at respective Court Hall)



HCK, DWD.
WP
60001/2010
Status:
Disposed
Pet:Shekha
ppa
Mallappa
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Request

Response



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# SMS Service to Advocates/Litigants

- SMS Gateway is open for 177 Court Complexes.
  - All 177 Court Complexes are successfully utilizing this service.
  - Remaining 22 Building/Hardware Issues holding on.
  - SMS Alerts are sent to mobile numbers of Advocates and Litigants at following stages:

#### When a case is:-

- Filed
- Registered
- Listed before Court
- Disposed





# VC Facility to District Courts to Central Jail, District Jail and Women Jail

Video Conference Facility- In 35
 Court Complexes in Karnataka that
 links the Court Complexes with Jails.





The under trial prisoners are produced before the Court for the purpose of remand are now being digitally produced through Audio-Video linkage.



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Multi-Point High Definition Video
 Conference Facility Connecting Jails
 to Courts

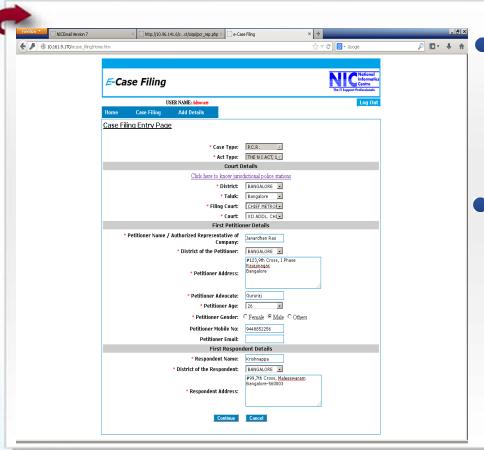




 E-Governance is providing VC facility to 293 Courts.



## E-Filing of NI Act Cases



- NIC, Bengaluru has developed an application for online filing of NI Act Cases.
- On pilot basis it is implemented and tested at the Courts of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Bengaluru.



## Online filing of - Motor Accident Claim Tribunal Cases

# Online filing of - Motor Accident Claim Tribunal Cases

- Advocates can file MACT cases online.
- Automatic generation of MACT claim petition.
- Can be integrated with CIS in order to avoid data entry of MACT cases





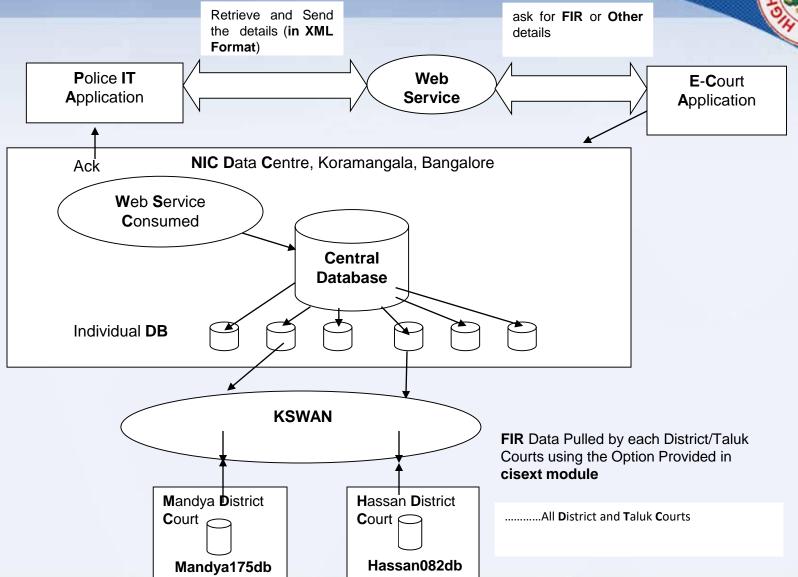
# Police IT Integration With CIS

• The Karnataka Judiciary has undertaken the integration of CIS Software with the Data of Police IT Software which is intended for fetching of FIR and Charge Sheet related data directly from the Police IT Database to the Court Database and thereby reducing the workload of Court Staff in Data entry in respect of Criminal Case Filing.



# Police IT Integration With CIS contd...

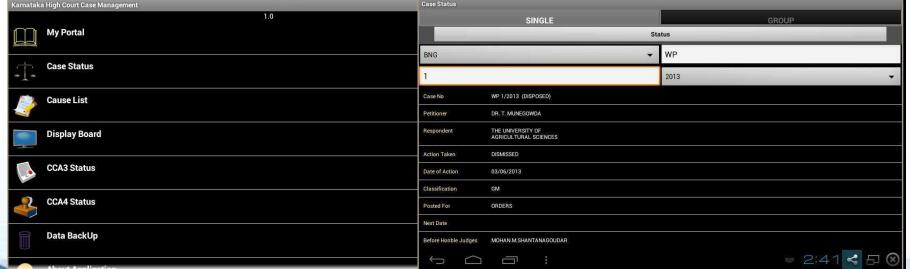






## Android based Mobile App for Case Information

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  - Helps to manage the portfolio of Cases and Certified Copy Application.
  - Bulk Checking of the Case Status, Certified Copy Status, Cause List for the cases added in the portfolio.
  - Display Board Status and to view judgment by case number.
  - The user can backup data added in the application and restore the same using the back up option.





#### High Court of Karnataka Document Management System (HCKDMS)

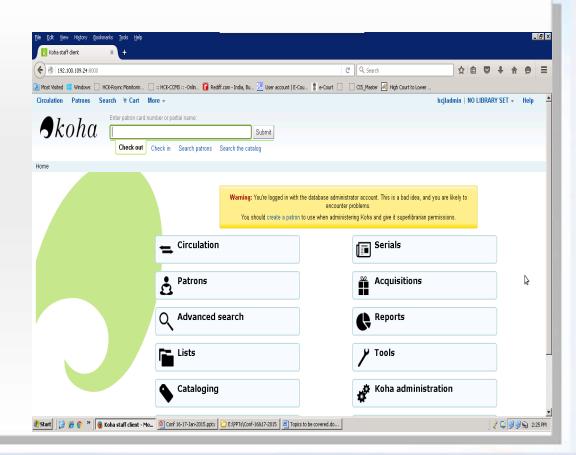
- 1 Intranet application within High Court for judgment preparation, maintenance of drafts, conversion of final documents to PDF and signing with **D**igital **S**ignature **C**ertificates (DSC) and Storage.
- Workflow of documents from Judgment writer to Copying Branch to Printer.
- 3 Repository of digitally signed judgments are used to issue Certified copies.
- Integrated approach through Open Office and hybrid approach through MS Word & Web based interface to manage the documents.





## KOHA – Library Management System

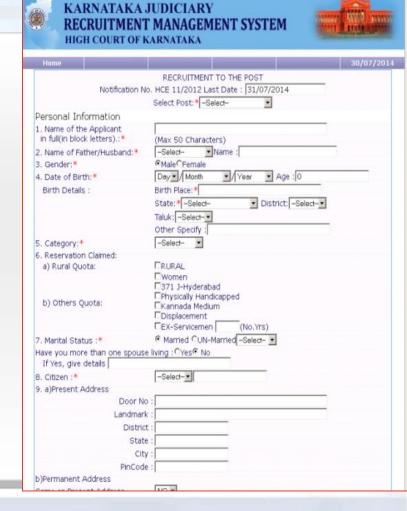
- An Open Source Software for Library Management customized for High Court of Karnataka
- Patron Module, Administration Module, Cataloging, and OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) is implemented @ Bangalore.
- Implemented Cataloging module @ Kalaburagi





# On-Line Recruitment Application System

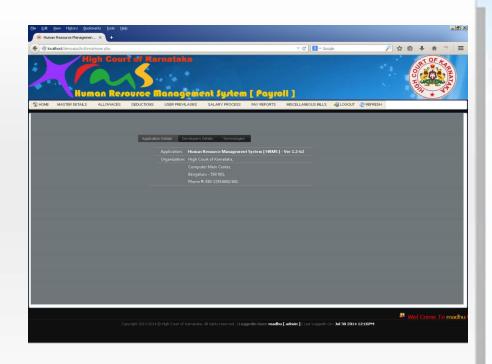
- Paper less Online Recruitment Application is developed and implemented for recruitment of Judicial Officers, Staff for High Court and District Judiciary.
  - Mass data management, Sorting, scrutiny, filtering, short listing of application is made ease,
  - Process lead time is reduced, enhanced transparency and data accuracy, Man Power usage is reduced.
  - Application tracking system enables SMS and email alerts to the applicants on short listing of candidates, interview call letter and viva-voce along with web hosting of data on high court website.
  - Generation of online Nominal roll, interview call letter, vivavoce/test intimations.
  - Recruitment application is integrated with Bank for online fee payments results in tracking the applicant fee payments.
  - Developed for conducting On-line Examination for recruitment and selection of Judicial Officers, Staff of High Court and District Judiciary





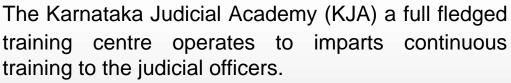
#### **Human** Resource Management System (Payroll) (HCK-HRMS)

- High Court of Karnataka -Human Resource Management System (Payroll) (HCK-HRMS)
- Automation of payroll process and generation of salary slip.
- DC/AC Bills Generation.
- Miscellaneous Bills and Medical Reimbursement Bills of Hon'ble Judges and Staff, TA/DA Claim Bills.
- Security feature 2D Barcode type-Quick Response (QR) Code is implemented in Salary slip and Form-16.

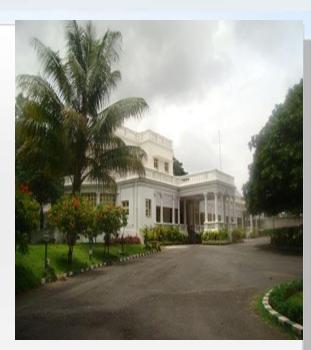




## Training at Karnataka Judiciary



- Induction program for new recruits and ongoing training program existing officers will be given.
- Academy is equipped with audio, video and projector based well furnished training halls and presentation halls.
- Academy provides boarding and lodging facilities to the officers in training
- Academy runs an Online Training Helpdesk, where in judicial officers can send their queries and get the guidance from the experts.
- A training topic on conducting a pre trail session is also part of training to the Judicial Officers.



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# Postal Data Integration to High Court litigation Management System

- High Court of Karnataka has implemented the Special speed post delivery System for delivery of Summons & Notices.
  - An Application is developed to integrate with postal web service page to fetch the live online data on the status of the delivery of postal covers for Summons,
     & Notices. This application is facilitated with following features:
    - Speed booking of data availability on HLMS
    - Speed delivery/ returned covered status
    - Softcopy of Acknowledgement for Speed Booking, Delivery status
    - Specially designed envelope with caption "High Court Summons/Notices.
    - Special Barcode series for easy tracking
    - Seamless data flow and Availability of MIS
    - Signed Acknowledgement-both soft copy and hard copy are provided
    - Fixed Timeline for delivery in Karnataka



## **Initiative on Human Resource Development**

The State Court Management System Committee has initiated the steps towards achieving the vision and mission defined for 2015-2016.

- SCMSC has resolved to establish the comprehensive human Resource Development strategy for enhancing the efficiency and productivity of human resources.
- SCMSC has resolved to enhance the employee skill, Knowledge to the job fitment.
   Defining of job description for each job in the judiciary.
- SCMSC has directed the Court Manager to conduct the to Employee skill assessment activity for all the employee and conduct the competency mapping
- SCMSC has directed Court Manager to initiate State wide activity to identify the areas of improvement in each process among all the branches both at High Court and District Courts.
- SCMSC has directed Court Manager of D.K Mangalore District court is selected a pilot project for defining the Job description for each job the District judiciary, Job description should define and specify all the activities which one supposed to be done by the each employee in a particular job.
- Apart from SCMSC decision High Court of Karnataka is conducting induction training program for all new recruits and ongoing training for staffs of all cadres
- Group D employees are given A training on House Keeping and Cooking methods at the IHM (Institute of Hotel Management), Bangalore for 5days
- Continuous computer training program are conducted for staff to enhance the computer literacy.



## **Transport Management System**



High Court of Karnataka has taken steps to wards improving the vehicle branch and progress made in this regard are:

- Court Manager has under taken a study on existing process, practices, files, register and records maintained in the vehicle branch and submitted a comprehensive report on steps to be taken for improving the Transport Management System
- System Improvement
  - Display of organization chart and escalation chart
  - List of availability of Vehicle & Drivers display live
  - Standard Distance Chart
  - Compulsory Trip Sheet Maintenance
  - Do's and don't chart for the drivers and Passengers
  - Trip and Vehicle allotment
  - Vehicle Maintenance
  - An Integrated Software Application development is in progress with following features
    - Complete info on Vehicles and drivers
    - Vehicle tracking, Vehicle Allotment, Driver Allotment
    - Automatic Preventative Maintenance (PM) Tracking
    - Automated trip sheet generator

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#### - eps taken in improving the Justice Delivery System

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- Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has taken series of actions to improve the justice delivery system has issued framed the norms, guidelines and formed the
- committee for ensuring implementation of directions issued. The notable actions in this regards are:
  - Guidelines for quick disposal of old and very old cases pending before the District Courts
  - Set up a team to identify the matters which have become infructuous and that the main suit or appeal itself has been disposed of by the lower court, wherefrom order on Interlocutory Applications
  - Notification is issued posting the Interlocutory Applications / Petitions on hearing through Video conference
  - Notification is issued posting the Review Petitions on hearing through Video conference
  - Notification is issued identify and expedite posting of matter related to senior citizen for hearing



# Guidelines for quick disposal of Old and Very old cases pending before the District Courts

- Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has formulated the guidelines and fixed the targets for effective monitoring and implementation of specially for disposal of old and very old cases pending before District
  - Prioritization of cases old and very old cases--identify the 200 oldest cases & prioritize them
  - List 45 cases ready for hearing and set 3 months time for disposal 45 cases
  - Pool in another set of 45 case from the remaining 155 for next batch and make them ready for hearing simultaneously
  - Specimen charts are prepared provided for identification old 200 cases
  - Selection list of 45 cases should be fast tracked and disposal of such cases should be reported to the High Court,
  - Once the 45 cases are listed, bar, Court Staff and other parties need to be sensitized for fast tracking of cases.
  - The pool of 200 cases should be replenished at the beginning of next quarter

# Thank, You!



