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	Election Commission of India v. M.R. Vijayabhaskar, (2021) 9 SCC 770
1.	The Supreme Court held that the concept of an Open Court requires that information relating to
	a Court proceeding, including oral remarks by the bench, must be available in the public domain.
	In Re: To Issue Certain Guidelines Regarding Inadequacies and Deficiencies In Criminal
	Trials v. The State of Andhra Pradesh & Ors., (2021) 10 SCC 598
	After noticing common deficiencies which occur in the course of criminal trials and certain
	practices adopted by trial courts in criminal proceedings as well as in the disposal of criminal
2.	cases and causes directed all High Courts to take expeditious steps to incorporate the Draft
	Rules of Criminal Practice, 2021 as part of the rules governing criminal trials, and ensure that
	the existing rules, notifications, orders and practice directions are suitably modified, and
	promulgated (wherever necessary through the Official Gazette) within 6 months.
	Ram Murti Yadav v. State of U.P., (2020) 1 SCC 801
	It has to be kept in mind that a person seeking justice, has the first exposure to the justice delivery
	system at the level of subordinate judiciary, and thus a sense of injustice can have serious
3.	repercussions not only on that individual but can have its fall out in the society as well. It is
	therefore absolutely necessary that the ordinary litigant must have complete faith at this level
	and no impression can be afforded to be given to a litigant which may even create a perception
	to the contrary as the consequences can be very damaging.
	Swapnil Tripathi and Others v. Supreme Court of India and Another (2018) 10 SCC 639
	The Court held that the ability to view live broadcasts of the Supreme Court
	proceedings flowed from the right of access to justice in the Constitution. The Court
	said that this right should not be absolute. It provided a set of Model Guidelines
	which should govern the courts' discretion on when such broadcast should be used.
4.	• The Court noted that the right of access to justice as set out in Article 21 of the
"	Constitution, which protects the right to life and liberty, would be meaningful only
	when the public gets access to the proceedings. In addition, the Court commented
	that the State has an obligation to spread awareness about the law to enable
	individuals to understand the law. The Court also remarked, that it was now well
	settled that Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution confers the right to know and receive
	information. So the public is entitled to witness Court proceedings.
5.	Pradyum Bisht vs. Union of India., (2018) 15 SCC 433 Installation of CCTV Cameras inside the court.
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	All India Judges' Association v. UoI, (2018) 17 SCC 555
6.	Sound infrastructure is vital for strong and stable judicial system. It is imperative for State to provide requisite infrastructure to judiciary- Poor infrastructure causes impediments in access to justice — Democracy cannot afford to undermine core values of Rule of Law. Adequacy of judicial resources/infrastructure- stages in court development, set out- necessary facilities to be part of a court complex, listed- handling of financial; and budgeting matters, enumerated-Further directions in providing court infrastructure, issues.
	Imtiyaz Ahmad v State of U. P. and others (2017) 3 SCC 658
7.	The Supreme Court took note of the huge pendency of cases and issued certain guidelines regarding the clearing of arrears, timely disposal, pretrial custody issues, trial date certainty, etc. and suggested the application of the "unit system" which allocates different units for disposal of different cases. Such Unit system should be then applied to assess the required judge strength.
	The approach of various statutory bodies towards improving judicial administration – Examination of issue of setting up additional courts and providing additional infrastructure for ensuring access to justice and speedy disposal of cases. Need of revising unit-based norms of disposal – Prioritizing disposal of old and complex cases  *Hussain v. UoI, (2017) 5 SCC 702
8.	Bail applications be disposed of normally within one week;] [Deprivation of personal liberty without ensuring speedy trial is not consistent with Article 21. While deprivation of personal liberty for some period may not be avoidable, period of deprivation pending trial/appeal cannot be unduly long. This Court has held that while a person in custody for a grave offence may not be released if trial is delayed, trial has to be expedited or bail has to be granted in such cases [Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (Representing Undertrial Prisoners) v. Union of India, (1994) 6 SCC 731, para 15: 1995 SCC (Cri) 39] Shaheen Welfare Association v. Union of India (1996) 2 SCC 616.
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9.	It has been held by the Apex Court that exercise of power under Order 41 Rule 27 C.P.C. is circumscribed by limitation specified in the language of the Rule and it is duty of the Court to come to a definite conclusion that it is really necessary to accept the document as additional evidence to enable it to pronounce the judgment and in case Appellate Authority is able to pronounce the judgment with material before it without taking in to consideration the additional evidence sought to be adduced, the application for additional evidence is liable to be rejected.
10.	Renu v. District & Sessions Judge, (2014) 14 SCC 50  Administrative control over the Subordinate Courts extends to all functionaries attached to the Subordinate Courts including the ministerial staff and servants in the establishment of the Subordinate Courts and such control is exclusive in nature, comprehensive in extent, and effective in operation.
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12.	Kishore Samrite v. State of Uttar Pradesh, (2013) 2 SCC 398  The Apex Court held that the party not approaching the court with clean hands would be liable to be non-suited and such party, who has also succeeded in polluting the stream of justice by making patently false statements, cannot claim relief specifically under Art. 136 of the

13.	Constitution. The person seeking equity must do equity. It is not just the clean hands, but also clean mind, clean heart and clean objective that are the equi-fundamentals of judicious litigation.  Intiyaz Ahmed vs. State of Uttar Pradesh & ors (2012) 2 SCC 688  Supreme Court directs the Law Secretaries of all State Governments to file affidavits relating to budget allocation and utilization. S, the Supreme Court had asked the Law Commission of India to evolve a method for scientific assessment of the number of additional courts required to clear the backlog of cases. In the long term, the judge strength of the subordinate courts will have to be assessed by a scientific method to determine the total number of "Judicial Hours" required for disposing of the caseload of each court. In the interim, the Committee has proposed a "weighted" disposal approach i.e. disposal weighted by the nature and complexity of cases in local conditions.
14.	P. Ramachandra Rao v. State of Karnataka, (2012) 9 SCC 430  In this case, the Apex Court laid down certain factors to identify whether an accused has been deprived of his Right to Speedy Trial. They are:  • length of delay, • the justification for the delay, • the accused assertion of his Right to Speedy Trial, and • prejudice caused to the accused by such delay.  If nothing is shown and there are no circumstances to raise a presumption that the accused had been prejudiced there will be no justification to quash the conviction on the ground of delayed trial only.  The court also laid down certain guidelines and held that the powers conferred under Sections 309, 311, and 258 of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall be exercised by the criminal courts to effectuate the Right to Speedy Trial. To seek appropriate relief and directions, the jurisdiction of the High Court under Section 482 of Cr. P.C. and Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution can be invoked.
15.	Rameshwari Devi and Ors. Vs. Nirmala Devi and Ors. (2011) 8 SCC 249  The court laid down guidelines which the courts should adopt in preventing prolonged litigation and also cautioning courts on the grant of indiscriminate ex parte orders.  Unless the courts, by appropriate orders or directions remove the cause for motivation or the incentives, uncalled for litigation will continue to accrue, and there will be expansion and obstruction of the litigation. Court time and resources will be consumed and justice will be both delayed and denied.  Framing of issues is a very important stage in the civil litigation and it is the bounden duty of the court that due care, caution, diligence and attention must be bestowed by the learned Presiding Judge while framing of issues.
16.	Khanapuram Gandaiah v. Administrative Officer, (2010) 2 SCC 1 Unwarranted inquiry or malicious litigation would affect the independence of the subordinate judiciary. An appellate court can correct an error in judgement of a subordinate court but must refrain from commenting on the judges.
17.	Nawal Singh v. State of U.P., (2003) 8 SCC 117  Judiciary cannot afford service of persons of doubtful integrity or who have lost their utility. It was also reiterated that for keeping the stream of justice unpolluted, repeated scrutiny of service records of judicial officers after a specified age/completion of specified years of service provided under the Rules is a must by each and every High Court as the lower judiciary is the foundation of the judicial system.  Chandra Singh v. State of Paigestham (2003) 6 SCC 545
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	Article 235 of the Constitution of India enables the High Court to assess the performance of any judicial officer at any time with a view to discipline the black sheep or weed out the deadwood. This constitutional power of the High Court cannot be circumscribed by any rule or order The nature of judicial service is such that it cannot afford to suffer continuance in service of persons of doubtful integrity or who have lost their utility.
19.	Shingara Singh v. State of Haryana, (2003) 12 SCC 758 When the period of deprivation pending trial becomes unduly long, the fairness assured in Article 21 would receive a jolt and also discussed the impact of delay at the appeal stage.
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21.	been pending for more than three years and if the trial is not commenced, then the criminal court is required to discharge and acquit the accused.
	Madan Mohan Choudhary v. State of Bihar, (1999) 3 SCC 396
22.	Though the officers of subordinate judiciary are public servants their whole service is placed under the control of the High Court and the Governor cannot make any appointment or take any disciplinary action including action for removal or compulsory retirement unless the High Court is consulted.
	High Court of Punjab & Haryana v. Ishwar Chand Jain, (1999) 4 SCC 579
23.	A satisfactory judicial system depends largely on the satisfactory functioning of courts at the grass-roots level. Remarks recorded by the Inspecting Judge are normally endorsed by the Full Court and become part of the annual confidential reports and are foundations on which the career of a judicial officer is made or marred. Inspection of a subordinate court is thus of vital importance. It has to be both effective and productive. It can be so only if it is well-regulated and is workman-like. Inspection of subordinate courts is not a one-day or an hour or a few minutes' affair. It has to go on all the year round by monitoring the work of the court by the Inspecting Judge. A casual inspection can hardly be beneficial to a judicial system. It does more harm than good.
	Registrar High Court of Madras v. R. Rajiah (1988) 3 SCC 211
24.	There could be ill-conceived or motivated complaints. Rumour-mongering is to be avoided at all costs as it seriously jeopardizes the efficient working of the subordinate courts.
25.	High Court of Judicature of Bombay v. Shirishkumar Rangrao Patil, (1997) 6 SCC 339  The mandate of Article 235 of the Constitution is that the High Court has to maintain a constant vigil on its subordinate judiciary. Thus, Article 235 of the Constitution of India enables the High Court to assess the performance of any judicial officer at any time with a view to discipline the black sheep or weed out the deadwood, and this constitutional power of the High Court cannot be circumscribed by any rule or order.
	Abdul Rehman Antulay v. R.S. Nayak, (1992) 1 SCC 225
26.	Right to a speedy trial under Article 21 is available at all stages namely, the stage of an investigation, inquiry, trial, appeal, revision and retrial. The Court laid down detailed guidelines for the speedy trial of an accused in a criminal trial but refused to set a time limit for the conclusion of the trial. The Court held that the nature of the offense and the circumstances may be such that quashing of proceedings may not be in the interest of justice. In such a case it may make an order that the trial may be concluded within a fixed time and reduce the sentence.
27.	State of Maharashtra v. Champalal Punjaji Shah, (1981) 3 SCC 610 While deciding the question of whether there has been a denial of the right to a speedy trial, the Court is entitled to take into consideration whether the delay was unintentional, caused by

	overcrowding of the court's docket or understaffing of the prosecutors and whether the accused
	contributed a fair part to the time taken.
	Hari Datt Kainthla v. State of H.P., (1980) 3 SCC 189
28.	If any new rules are formulated under Art.309 for regulating recruitment and conditions of
	services of District Judges they will have to be in conformity with Art.233's Constitutional
	mandate or else will be <i>ultra vires</i> .
	Hussainara Khatoon (I) v. Home Secy., State of Bihar, (1980) 1 SCC 81
	• The "right to a speedy trial" is a fundamental right implicit in the right of life and personal
	liberty provided under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The court-mandated greater
29.	access to bail, more humane living standards and a significant reduction in time from arrest
	to trial.
	• Speedy trial is of the essence of criminal justice and there can be no doubt that delay in trial
	by itself constitutes denial of justice. It is interesting to note that in the United States, speedy
	trial is one of the constitutionally guaranteed rights.
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