



Conference on Re-engineering Judicial Process through Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

In collaboration with Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom (UK)

Participants: Chief Justice, Chairpersons and CPC of Computer Committee of High Courts

Venue: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal

March 9 & 10, 2024

Day 1: Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Lessons on Efficient Courts and Digitization from India and UK

- 9:30 am – 9:35 am **Opening Remarks**
Hon'ble Justice Sujoy Paul, Director, National Judicial Academy, India
- 9:35 am – 9:45 am **Welcoming Remarks & Introductions**
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Bobbie Cheema-Grubb DBE, Chair of the International Training Committee of the Judicial College, England
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am **Overview of what India is doing on Digitisation**
Ashish J. Shiradhonkar, Member Systems, e-Committee, Supreme Court of India
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am **Overview of what the UK is doing on Digitisation**
Mark Sims, Head of Recovery and Operational Performance, His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
- 10:15 am – 11:00 am **ICT in UK Courts**
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jeremy Johnson, Presiding Judge of the South Eastern Circuit, England
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am **Q&A Discussion**
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Tea Break**
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Developing an Efficient Court System including Effective Case Management & Stakeholder Engagement**
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Bobbie Cheema-Grubb DBE, Chair of the International Training Committee of the Judicial College, England

- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Q&A Discussion
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Technology Strategy and Reform**
Mark Sims, Head of Recovery and Operational Performance, His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
- 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Tea Break
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Opportunities and Threats of Artificial Intelligence in the Justice System**
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jeremy Johnson, Presiding Judge of the South Eastern Circuit, England
Mark Sims, Head of Recovery and Operational Performance, His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
- 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Q&A Discussion of main themes emerging from the day
- 5:30 pm Closing Remarks followed by Tea

Day 2: Sunday, March 10, 2024

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am **Digital Transformation in Indian Judicial System: Enhancing Access to Justice**
Exploring the paradigm shift in the Indian judicial landscape, where technology becomes a powerful ally in the pursuit of fairness and accessibility. Session will examine the pivotal role of technology in shaping the future of the Indian judiciary, as it strives to make the hallowed halls of justice more inclusive, efficient, and ultimately, more just.
Proposed Scope of discussion:
 - ICT Advancement: Strategic Implementation of Technology
 - e-Courts Project: Challenges and Best Practices
 - Deployment of Infrastructure & Procurement of Hardware; Role of Central Project Coordinators (CPC)
 - Innovation and Best Practices at High Court Level
Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Sivagnanam (25-30 minutes)
Hon'ble Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar (25-30 minutes)
5-10 minutes for Discussion/ Q&A
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am **Presentation by the High Court of Kerala on Best Practices**
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am Tea Break
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Security Concerns: Institutional and Individual**
In the face of escalating cybersecurity threats, securing a resilient ICT system is

paramount for safeguarding data from invasive risks. From the ominous realms of the Dark Web to the evolving technologies like Deepfake and the Metaverse, regulatory measures must be implemented to navigate ethical dilemmas, address privacy concerns. Establishing robust incident response planning becomes imperative, emphasizing preparedness and mitigation strategies.

Proposed Scope of discussion:

- Secured & Robust ICT System to Counter Unwarranted Invasions
- Evolving Technology and Protecting Court Data: Dark Web, Deep fake, Metaverse etc.
- Regulating Security & Confidentiality: Ethical Dilemmas and Privacy Issues
- Incident Response Planning for Judicial Institutions: Preparedness and Mitigation Strategies

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal (25-30 minutes)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakhder (25-30 minutes)

5-10 minutes for Discussion/ Q&A

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Presentation by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on Best Practices

12:10 pm In-House Tea

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Courts in the 21st Century: Powers and Perils of AI Driven Judiciary

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in court processes demands thoughtful consideration, prompting discussions on ensuring a harmonious coexistence. As court proceedings gain digitization, guaranteeing data security and privacy in the digital era is paramount. A collaborative approach involving technologists and legal experts is essential for the responsible development of AI in courts. Addressing both technical challenges and societal concerns in the transformative journey of the judiciary becomes imperative.

Proposed Scope of discussion:

- Ensuring Safety and Accountability of Stakeholders
- AI as a tool to Foster Public Private Collaborations
- Prioritizing Ethical Considerations: Contemplating Societal Concerns
- AI as an Enabler: Decision making, Logistics, Court Security, Surveillance & Training

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque (25-30 minutes)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sundar (25-30 minutes)

5-10 minutes for Discussion/ Q&A

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Presentation by the High Court of Delhi on Best Practices

2:00 pm Lunch