



Ecourts MISSION MODE PROJECT : POLITY

NEWS : *e-Court Mission Mode Project*

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The eCourts Mission Mode Project integrates ICT into India's judiciary to improve efficiency, transparency, and access to justice, with initiatives like e-filing, video conferencing, and digital courts. It has been implemented in three phases since 2011, with a vision for a fully paperless and digital judicial system by 2027.

Overview

- **Objective:** To integrate Information and Communication Technology (ICT) into India's judiciary, enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accessibility.
- **Implemented by:** Department of Justice, Government of India, in collaboration with the eCommittee of the Supreme Court, through High Courts.

Phase I (2011–2015): Foundation of Computerization

- **Budget:** ₹935 crore (₹639.41 crore utilized).
- **Key Achievements:**
 - Computerization of 14,249 District and Subordinate courts.
 - Installation of Local Area Networks (LAN) in courts.
 - Provision of hardware and software to courts.
 - Distribution of laptops to judicial officers and their training in UBUNTU-Linux.
 - Video conferencing implemented between 493 court complexes and 347 jails.

Phase II (2015–2023): Enhanced ICT Enablement

- **Budget:** ₹1,670 crore (₹1,668.43 crore utilized).
- **Major Initiatives:**
 - 99.5% of court complexes connected with high-speed Wide Area Networks (WAN).
 - Launch of the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) for case and judgment information.
 - Development of Case Information Software (CIS) for real-time case updates.
 - Video conferencing used for 3.38 crore hearings.
 - Launch of e-filing (version 3.0) and virtual courts in 21 states/UTs.
 - Establishment of 1,394 eSewa Kendras for citizens' access to e-court services.

Phase III (2023–2027): Digital Transformation

- **Budget:** ₹7,210 crore (approved outlay).
- **Proposed Initiatives:**
 - Creation of digital and paperless courts.
 - Complete digitization of all court records.
 - Expansion of video conferencing to jails and hospitals.



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- Adoption of AI technologies for case analysis and forecasting.
- Saturation of court complexes with eSewa Kendras and the establishment of cloud-based data repositories.

eCourts Mission Mode Project
Aims to connect all District and Subordinate court complexes through Wide Area Network (WAN)

2976
sites commissioned with
10 Mbps to 100 Mbps

99.5%
sites covered

(*As on 16-03-2023)
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Significance

- **Goal:** To make justice more accessible, cost-effective, and efficient, transforming India's judicial system through a digital revolution.

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