

Sikkim India's First Fully Paperless Judiciary State

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Why in News?

During National conclave on technology & Judicial Education (NCTE), a Senior Judge of SC officially declared Sikkim as India's first fully paperless state judiciary.

Venue: Gangtok, Sikkim

Highlights of the Initiative

- **Aims to** - Resolve hurdles caused by geographical factors in the hilly terrain of Sikkim, allowing litigants to get access to justice without traveling a long distance
- **Digital Judicial ecosystem** —Right from HC of Sikkim to District & Subordinate courts now operates on a digital first Model.
- **End-to-End Workflow** -Without movement of physical files all process, including e-filing, real time case tracking & Monitoring, issue of electronic Orders & Digital case management are done digitally.

Features

- **E-Filing 3.0** - Enables filing of cases 24/7 by removing the need for physical submission of petition at court counters.
- **Digital Courtroom** - To ensure justice comes to the doorsteps, hearings of court proceeding are done through video Conferencing.
- **Integration of AI** - Tool like SUVAS (Translator of Regional Language) & SUPACE (For Legal research).
- **E-Sewa Kendra Desk** - Is established to give Physical assistance to citizens with low digital awareness.

Significance

- **Eco-Friendly Governance** - In aligned with green Judiciary Vision there is great reduction in paper consumption contributing to environmental sustainability.
- **Efficiency** - Reduces case pendency by routine tasks automatically & gearing up the recovery of Digital records.
- **Filling gap for** - Remote location like North Sikkim, ensuring that the "digital highway" connects every citizen to the judicial forum, this would promote judicial inclusivity.
- **National Judicial Data Grid (NJDC)** - To be updated on real time bases to ensure

transparency in the legal process.

Quick Facts

e-Courts Mission Mode Project

This Milestone achievement of Sikkim's e-Court Project was successful implemented in 3 phases.

- **Phase I & II**- Aims on Basic e-filing & Computerization.
- **Phase III** - Aims on Open Data, AI & Paperless environment across all states.
- **Nodal agency** - Dept. of Justice under Ministry of Law & Justice
- **Vision** - Indian Judiciary to be transformed into a tech-driven system through "Cloud-first" architecture and advanced data analytics.

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