

**TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY
HEADQUARTERS CHENNAI**

ICT and Computerization Sensitization and Awareness Programme (ICT-2)
for Judicial Officers, Staff and Advocates

EVENT REPORT

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The programme commenced with Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, welcoming, Mr. A. Saravana Kumar, Registrar (IT-cum-Statistics), High Court of Madras, Mr. C.B. Vedagiri, XIX Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Officer on Special Duty in the e-courts Project, assisting the Registrar (IT-cum-Statistics), High Court of Madras, the resource persons for the day, Mr. P. Nagarajan, Metropolitan Magistrate (CCB & CBCID Metro Cases), Egmore, Mr. K. Ananthan, Sub Judge, Vaniyambadi, Mr. R. Karlmarx, Additional Sub Judge, Ponneri and finally the participants for the programme.

Mr. D. Lingeswaran, Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, in his welcome address emphasized that, computers and technology have become an integral part of life. A life without electronic gadgets cannot be imagined. He emphasized that there is a need for the participants to transform technologically to sail along the tide. He wished all the participants a fruitful day with knowledge nourishment.

Mr. A. Saravana Kumar, Registrar (IT-cum-Statistics), High Court of Madras, reflected that E-filing, E-payment, E-summons, and Other E-Courts Services play a critical role in easing the current working set-up of the High Court and District Courts. He gave a pre-note on the need to improvise the present system with Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and also called for the participants to spend some time with the new technology daily to get tuned to the work environment with ICT systems efficiently as ICT was the way forward.

Mr. C.B. Vedagiri gave a brief account on the importance of the ICT programme and how the committee had designed the course for the benefit of the participants. He also emphasized how structurally ICT paradigm is going to improve judicial system inclusively.

Mr. P. Nagarajan spoke about the e-Filing system which enables electronic filing. He discussed the importance of using e-filing of both civil and criminal cases that could be filed before the High Courts and District Courts through e-Filing systems and also explained the features of e-filing portal [<https://efiling.ecourts.gov.in>].

Mr. C.B. Vedagiri gave a detailed presentation about e-payment system (e-courts digital payment) that is complimentary to the e-filing system. The e-payments system [<https://pay.ecourts.gov.in/epay/>] is used for payment of court fees, fine or compensation amount, for new or pending cases. He discussed in detail about the e-courts payment of fees in simple steps. He highlighted that, courts accept Court Fees electronically through e-Payment and The State Government had amended the Tamil Nadu Court Fees and Suit Valuation Act, 1955, by promulgating an ordinance to enable e-Payment of Court Fee. He also touched upon National Service and Tracing of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) and spoke about process generation and publication of process. The process admin could view the status of summon delivery instantly in the NSTEP Web Portal soon after the details are remotely updated by the Bailiff in the NSTEP Mobile App.

Mr. K. Ananthan spoke about National Service and Tracing of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) for effective service of summons. He gave presentation and flow charts for the participants to effectively understand the mechanism effectively. He introduced the National Service and Tracing of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) Web-portal and its various features to the participants. He explained how acknowledgement of served process is getting incorporated in the case information system.

Mr. R. Karl marx spoke about the prospects of Judicial Service Centre-cum-Central Filing Centre. He discussed about, e-Service Centers and the

various services offered by such centers. He spoke about e-Courts services like the Cause list SMS, SMS Services about listing regular matters, case status search mechanism, accessing daily orders and final judgments through CRN number, Case number, Court number, Party Name and Order Date etc. He explained, E-Courts services mobile app as to how it facilitates retrieval of data relating to cases pending the court systems using various parameters. He also discussed about the functioning of automated e-mail service. The system was designed to generate daily notifications for cause lists and important events like next dates, transfer of cases and disposal etc. adding to the point the learned resource person also talked about information kiosk being installed at every court complexes.

Mr. C.B. Vedagiri very vehemently promoted for the paradigm shift from the normal manual system to ICT in a full-fledged manner and called for the cooperation from all the participants. The webinar was attended by nine hundred participants through CISCO Webex platform and viewed by more than eleven thousand through its YouTube Online Stream Link from different parts of Tamil Nadu and proved to be very interactive and participative. ([Link for the Programme](#))

The programme was concluded by Mrs. D. Shoba Devi Assistant Director, TNSJA Headquarters, Chennai, delivering the Vote of Thanks, by thanking all the resource persons and the participants for their strong cooperative effort in making this online webinar a grant success.