

**TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY**  
**REGIONAL CENTRE, MADURAI**

ICT and Computerization Sensitization and Awareness Programme (ICT-2)

for Judicial Officers, Staff and Advocates

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**EVENT REPORT**

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The programme commenced with Mr. S. Muthu Maharajan Deputy Director, TNSJA Regional Centre, Madurai, welcoming the resource persons for the day, Mr. A.R.V. Ravi, VI Additional District Judge, Madurai, Mr. N. Sundaram, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Theni, Mr. R. Rathinavel Pandian, Sub Judge, Kovilpatti, Mr. C. SENTHIL KUMAR, Principal District Munsif, Ambasamudram and the participants for the programme. The Deputy Director also provided an overview of the topics discussed in the session.

Mr. A.R.V. Ravi, VI Additional District Judge, Madurai, discussed the Case Information System [CIS] which is of use to judges, lawyers and the court staff, and highlighted that, coordination between the three is important. The learned resource person spoke about the e-filing system or the online case filing system which enables electronic filing of legal papers. Using e-filing system, cases (both civil and criminal) can be filed by advocates before the High Courts and District Courts that have adopted e-Filing systems, after completing user registration in the e-filing portal [<https://efiling.ecourts.gov.in>]. The learned resource person explained the procedure for filing cases in the e-filing portal after entering the requisite details in the portal and uploading of documents, payment of court fee affirmation is given verification and process completion. The case file will then reach the administrator who will review the same and then forward it to the Court. Once an advocate registers themselves in the portal, filing can be done across all courts in the country and no separate registration is required.

Mr. N. Sundaram, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Theni, dealt with the e-payments system which is of great relevance in the present ICT Information and Communication Technology, and its usage in the judiciary. 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. It was stressed that the details need to be entered carefully. The e-challan number that is generated needs to be mentioned during the e-filing process.

Following this session, Mr. Saravanakumar, Registrar, IT, addressed the gathering and presented statistical data on the usage of the e-filing system. It was highlighted that, the Madras High Court had addressed the State Government for amendment of Sections 74 and 75 in Tamil Nadu Court Fees and Suit Valuation Act, 1955 to accept the 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. It was discussed that over 16 crore rupees were collected in court fees, and that virtual courts established in the XI and XII Metropolitan Magistrate Courts, Chennai 17684 cases and 12 crores as fine. The statistical data shows that among the Madras High Court at the Principal Bench and Madurai Bench, and the subordinate courts, usage of e-payment system is gaining more popularity by the day.

The learned resource person also touched upon National Service and Tracing of Electronic Processes (NSTEP) for serving e-summons. The usage of e-summons system is yet to gather momentum when compared to the tools such as smartphones that have been procured for the purpose. The learned resource person requested the advocates and judicial officers for to pay more attention to the e-summons facility and ensure that effective use of NSTEP is made for benefit of all stakeholders.

Mr. N. Sundaram gave a detailed explanation of the working of NSTEP facility through the portal and mobile app. Explained the steps involved in the Process generation by the court concerned through CIS. Upon completion of the various steps, the final draft of the Process will be generated in PDF format, along with the QR Code. Following this, the Process allocation will be carried out by the Process Administrator. Using the NSTEP App, the Bailiff can view the allocated processes, obtain signature of the receiver and upload status of delivery of process.

Mr. A.R.V. Ravi highlighted that the NSTEP facility has made it possible to serve process anywhere in the country within an hour, thus significantly cutting down on the time and money otherwise spent in the process. A live demonstration of e-filing was carried out for the benefit of the participants. The mechanism which is underway i.e., the ICJS[Inter-operable Criminal Justice System], connecting the police, court and jail, was also discussed. Other 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. was discussed.

The learned resource person discussed the e-Courts services mobile app as to how it facilitates retrieval of data relating to cases pending the court systems using various parameters. The learned resource person 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.

The learned resource persons further highlighted the prospects of Judicial Service Centre-cum-Central Filing Centre which is more economical and litigant friendly. Lastly, the learned resource person talked about, e-Service Centers and the various services offered by such centers. The process followed under the centralized filing counter in the judicial service center was also explained.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where the participant queries were clarified. The virtual programme was attended by nine hundred seventy six participants through CISCO Webex platform and over ten thousand three hundred participants 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 Mr. S. Santhanakumar Assistant Director, TNSJA Regional Centre, Madurai, proposing the Vote of Thanks, by thanking all the resource persons and the participants for their cooperative effort in making this online webinar a grand success.

