

# **PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT, CHANDIGARH**





# Recent Reforms

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## I. Recruitments

- **JUDICIAL OFFICERS**: Recruitment of Judicial Officers is undertaken by High Court itself to ensure timely and quality recruitment.
- **SUPPORTING STAFF**: Recruitment of staff for Subordinate Courts i.e. clerks and stenographers has been centralised and for which a Centralized recruitment cell has been constituted. All the District Courts send their requirements in advance to High Court and a common recruitment process is undertaken for the entire state eliminating the need to conduct recruitment processes in all the districts – sometimes just for a few posts. This has brought about efficiency and consistency

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## II. Computerization:

The following initiatives have been undertaken for bringing about efficiency with the aid of computerization:

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## •Data Centre

Data Center hosting servers and data of an organization is the most critical infra required for effective computerization. High Court Data Centers are equipped with state of the art ICT (*Information Communication Technology*) Infrastructure for ensuring 24 x 7 x 365 days' uninterrupted operations with 99.9 % uptime & zero data loss.

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## •Digital Display Board

The High Court has installed state-of-art Digital Display Sign Boards for *displaying real time information* in respect of hearing of cases in progress in all the Courts by replacing analog signage. The Display Boards have been installed inside the court-rooms, outside the court-rooms, in corridors, in Bar-Room and in all other prominent places in the Court.

Display system is being used for displaying any other information or events (*like oath ceremonies / trainings*).

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## •Digital Interim/ Final Order

Digitally signed interim orders are uploaded by Court Secretaries on ISHiCo software (*Integrated software for High Court*) which can be viewed on internet immediately after uploading of orders. Approximate 7,00,000 Final orders and 16,00,000 Interim orders are available on public portal i.e. on phhc.gov.in

## •Digitization of Judicial Records

In an effort to push the e-Courts project to the next level, digitalization of records is the most important step. Around 24,00,000 case files (12,76,51,838 pages) of judicial records have been scanned till July 2016 and the same have been uploaded on DMS (*Document Management System*) in PDF.



## •e-filing

*A facility to file the case through the web based service has been initiated* and at present about *10% cases are being filed online*. This will be helpful in the successfully implementation of concept of the paperless Courts and to avoid un-necessary burden to the State Ex-chequer on account of scanning of bulky paper books, besides, catering to the problem of paucity of space for storing the Judicial Files. **All freshly filed cases are scanned before they are placed before Court. (Appx. 48,000 pages daily).**

**Paperless Courts** : Scanned paper-books and interim orders will be used for the purpose of paperless Courts, as Hon'ble Judges using this facility, will not be requiring the Hard copies of judicial files in Court as well as at home.

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- Centralized Copying Agency:** -

Around 1,000 applications for obtaining copies of orders etc. are filed daily and about the same number of copies of orders are delivered daily. Out of these 95% are prepared by using the scanned data on DMS and certified copies are delivered immediately to the applicant.

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## •Library Automation

**KOHA:** High Court Judge's Library having around 1,75,000 books / titles has been modernised and made user-friendly with the implementation of KOHA software (*Integrated Library System in use by hundreds of libraries worldwide*). With its implementation, integration of our library with libraries of other High Courts and of Hon'ble Supreme Court has been made possible.

**RFID system**(*Radio Frequency Identification System*) was procured in year 2015 and integration of KOHA inventory system with RFID system has been completed. Physical Stock taking, issuance & return of books, placement of books in library has been automated thereby reducing human errors & increasing safety of books.

**Book Scanner** to preserve old books has been installed in the Library.

Besides this, High Court Library has SCC Online, Law Finder Library Edition, Manupatra Online Legal Database, AIR on CD-ROM (Full Text), eJurix (Online Version), ExCus on CD-ROM and ITR Online-Pro (TLOL).

**Digital Magazines:** **Magzter** is available for all Hon'ble Judges & Judicial officers.



## •Case Management System(E-Diary)

A software module i.e. 'Case Management System' (CMS) for the use of the Advocates has been set up which helps advocates in managing their own portfolio, managing their cases on the website of this Court filed by him/her and to view all the cases fixed for various dates at a glance. In order to maintain complete confidentiality, limited access of the system has been provided to the Advocates after user's authentication. This facility has also been extended to all the Government Organizations.



## • Birthday Application

Birthday wishes application was launched on 12 May 2016. Now all Judicial officers and Hon'ble Judges of this Court are receiving wishing messages on their Mobiles as well as on their e-mail-ids.

**May your Birthday and every day be filled with the warmth of sunshine, the happiness of smiles, the sounds of laughter, the feeling of love and the sharing of good cheer. In the coming year may the Almighty God give you more strength to serve the society.**



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## •Online Traffic Challan Portal

Web based software is being developed to enable processing of traffic and other challans online through a payment gateway & Mobile Interface. Thereby, resulting in reduced footfall in Courts, ease to litigant/violator, better compliance and increased fine collection.

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## Online Publication of Notices on official website

Important notices like Tender notices etc. are being uploaded on the website of the High Court.

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## •ePrisoner Data:

Data of prisoner software as implemented in Jails of Haryana has been successfully synchronized with the ePrisoner software developed by NIC, New Delhi.

Information regarding jail inmates is available to each court through ePrisoner Software.

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•**MLR and Post Mortem Report software:**

**MLR and Post Mortem Reports by doctors are being generated through Online software [MedLEaPR \(Medico Legal Examination and Postmortem Reporting\)](#). This software was got developed by High Court and is being monitored regularly. This would pave way for linking of MLR & PMR with CIS in courts in future.**

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- **Video Conferencing**

Video Conferencing is being used in District Courts and High Court extensively whereby presence of accused from Jails is being marked and evidence of doctors from hospitals is recorded. Evidence of Judicial officers and residents of foreign countries is also recorded via VC. Last year, 1,30,546 under-trials were produced through VC in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh

- 3,946 Doctors have availed the benefit of VC facility in Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh. As per cost analysis done by PGI, they save approx. 10,400/- per case which comes to approximately **Rs. 4,10,38,400/-** in just one year.
- All District Hospitals in States of Punjab, Haryana & U.T. Chandigarh have been connected with PAWAN/SWAN(*State wide area network*) & VC equipment shall be installed soon.

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## **FSL Report System:**

Online access to view FSL Report System has been provided to all Courts in the States of Punjab, Haryana & U.T. Chandigarh

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- **Wi-fi:** Wi-fi facility has been extended to Archives Centre, Arbitration Centre, Members of Bar with fully secured public network having hardware firewall (Cyber-rom UTM) to control access as well content filtering.
- **Computers, Printers and UPSs:**
  - State of art computers
  - High Speed Printers for Copy and inspection branch
  - Touch Screen(PC Based) Kiosk for information to the litigants and advocates
  - Multi-functional printers for the use in office



## ➤ Customized Softwares:

➤ Case Information software (ISHICO) has automated the following processes related with judicial work:

| case filing,

| case information,

| cause up-gradation,

| case lists generation,

| various other reports generation.

| SMS alerts (*40 lakh SMS generated since March 2015*)



## Personal Information System (PIS):

➤It contains the following information of all the Judicial Officers:

➤ACRs,

➤Property detail,

➤Transfer/Posting orders,

➤Leave,

➤Salary.

Login & password has been provided to all the Judicial Officers to enable them to access their account. Respective Administrative Judges and District Judges also have access to PIS. Gradation Lists are generated on the module.


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FULL NAME

Date of Birth

Date of Joining Service

Date of Superannuation

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Name: Permanent ID:

Designation: Mobile:

Cadre Email:

Posting Station: Date of Confirmation:

Home District: Date of Appointment to SJS:

Category: Gender:

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## Indian Law Reports Case Finder:

Indian Law Reports (Punjab and Haryana) Series has been digitized from 2012 onwards. Scanned judgments since 1950 are being added to software.



### III. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

The Refresher Courses for the in-service Judicial Officers and Induction Training Programme for the newly appointed Judicial Officers and also Refresher Courses for the newly appointed Additional District and Sessions Judges and promotee Judicial Officers to the post of Additional District and Sessions Judges are being organized by the Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Chandigarh from time to time.

Refresher courses are also being conducted for court staff, public-prosecutors and advocates.





#### ❖ IV. ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ADRs

- Remuneration to the Advocate-Mediators
- Awareness about Mediation through FM Radios
- Awareness Film on Mediation.
- Advertisements on PVR Cinemas in Chandigarh
- Regional Conference on Mediation
- Refresher Course for the Mediators
- Newsletter



•**Remuneration to the Advocate-Mediators:**

To encourage the Advocate-Mediators and to ensure their active involvement in the settlement of disputes by way of mediation, Hon'ble Mediation Committee of this Court has increased the honorarium to the extent of ` 10,000/- per successful Mediation and ` 3000/- per unsuccessful Mediation.



## •Awareness about Mediation through FM Radios:

To generate awareness about Mediation amongst the general public, Hon'ble Mediation & Conciliation Committee of this Court got prepared special jingles/advertisements in Hindi and Punjabi Languages. During the period 2015-16, these jingles were aired from time to time on the different radio Stations



- **Awareness Film on Mediation:**

Mediation Committee also got prepared an Awareness film on Mediation “Aao Raah Aasaan Karein” which was released by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur.

- **Advertisements on PVR Cinemas in Chandigarh:**

To promote the concept of Pre-litigation Mediation, animated material was got prepared and displayed on the 12 screens of different Cinemas in Chandigarh.



## •Regional Conference on Mediation:

A Regional Conference on Mediation for Zone-I was organized by Hon'ble Mediation & Conciliation Committee of this Court under the aegis of Hon'ble Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2015. Hon'ble Mr.Justice Madan B.Lokur, Judge, of Supreme Court of India and Judges & Mediators from Himachal Pradesh High Court, Jammu & Kashmir High Court and Uttarakhand High Court also participated in the Conference.



## •**Refresher Course for the Mediators:**

Mediation Committee of this Court organized a Refresher Course for the Advocate-Mediators of Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Also a 20 hours capsule course was conducted for the different set of Mediators.

## •**Newsletter**

From time to time, Mediation Committee has got prepared Newsletters, containing various activities undertaken by it.

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## V. PENDENCY REDUCTION DRIVE

•With a view to reduce the pendency of cases in the District & Subordinate Courts, the High Court had conceptualized the practice of Action Plan in 2009 in which all the Judicial Officers were given targets to dispose of the oldest cases pending in their respective Courts. Similar practices were being carried out in Action Plan 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and presently in Action Plan 2016-17 and the same have actually resulted in reduction of back-logs.

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