The Information/Answers for implementation of Information and Communication Technology under Resolution 6 (iii) of the Chief Justice Conference, 2016 e-Courts falling under the High Court of Sikkim.

Q1. Number of E courts established under your High Court. Elaborate the process and functions of e courts ?

Answer:-

eCOURTS Established under High Court of Sikkim

District Name	Total Court Sanctioned	Total Court Functioning	Number of Court registered under eCourts Mission Mode Project during Phase-I
Gangtok, East Sikkim	5	6	5
Namchi, South Sikkim	3	4	3
Gyalshing, West Sikkim	3	3	1
Mangan, North Sikkim	3	3	1
Total	**14**	**16**	**10**
		5+1=6 (One fast track court in Gangtok, East Sikkim) 3+1=4 (One fast track court in Namchi, South Sikkim)	

ECOURT COVERED DURING PHASE- I OF E-COURTS MISSION MODE PROJECT

EAST SIKKIM

1. District and Sessions Court, (East) at Gangtok
2. District and Sessions Court Special Division I at Gangtok, East Sikkim
3. District and Sessions Court Special Division II at Gangtok, East

Sikkim
4. Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, (East & North) at Gangtok
5. Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, East at Gangtok

SOUTH SIKKIM

1. District and Sessions Court, (South) at Namchi
2. Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, (South & West) at Namchi
3. Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, South at Namchi

WEST SIKKIM

1. Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, West at Gyalshing

NORTH-SIKKIM

1. Court of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, North at Mangan

COURTS NOT COVERED DURING PHASE- I OF E-COURTS MISSION MODE PROJECT AND LIKELY TO BE COVERED UNDER PHASE-II OF THE ECOURTS PROJECT

NEW COURT COMPLEXES

WEST SIKKIM

1. District and Sessions Court, West at Gyalshing.
2. Court of Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge at Soreng, Sub-Division, West Sikkim.

NORTH SIKKIM

1. District and Sessions Court, North at Mangan.
2. Court of Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge at Chungthang, Sub-Division, North Sikkim.

The process and function of the eCourts are as follows:-

1. The Judicial Service Centre has been created acts as a "Centralized Filing Center" where all the cases are filed with the help of CIS ver 2.0. The process of Filing, Objection/Scrutiny, Registration and Allocation is done from this center, after which the cases are allocated to the different courts.

All the above mentioned works are carried out online with the help of CIS ver2.0 which has been installed on all the computers. The operating Software is Ubuntu 14.04 as supplied by the Ecommittee.

2. The server on the JSC acts as a local server where all the works done by the individual staff members on the CIS 2.0 is saved. At the end of the day the process of replication of data with the central server at NJDG is undertaken. This replication work is done with the help of scripts (software) developed, supplied and installed by the NIC pune team on the local server.

3. The e-Courts scheme aims ICT enablement of the lower courts across the country in their functioning. The project envisages deployment of hardware, software and networking to assist district and taluka courts in streamlining their day to day functioning. Key functions such as case filing, allocation, registration, case work-flow, orders and judgments will be IT-enabled. Causelists, Case status, orders, judgments will be available on the web and made accessible to litigants, advocates, and general public. The project aims to build a national grid of key judicial information available 24 X 7 in a reliable and secure manner.

Q2. Mention the data and categories that are uploaded in the NJDG. Specify the problems encountered during updation on National Judicial Data Grid for High Court and subordinate courts. The solutions/ remedial action if any taken by your Court.

Answer:-

The data and categories of information fed in CIS and uploaded in NJDG are as follows:-

1. Number of courts in the complex, court name, judge name, designation, judge duration, etc.

2. Case filing information (Name of the parties, address, contact information, age, date of filing, time of filing, etc)

3. Case objection and rejection information (objection compliance, objection and rejection date, time and reason)

4. Case registration information (Registration date, time, case type, etc)

5. Daily proceeding history of the case (next date, purpose, business, etc)

6. Case disposal information (Date of disposal, disposal type, etc)

7. Under-trail prisoner information

8. Daily orders, judgments and decrees

9. Advocate details (name, address, contact details, etc)

10. Dormant/sine die information

11. Caveat and IA information

12. Court fees information

On feeding the above information, daily causelist is automatically maintained.

Untill now there are no problems encountered during updation of the case information in the NJDG.

Q3. Specify the process for adopting, if any, for uniform nomenclature of case type used in your State.

<u>Answer:-</u>

A uniform nomenclature of case types are not adopted .

Q4. Enumerate the strength of Technical Manpower in the High Court and subordinate courts. Specify the procedure for recruitment and training programme, if any, to the new recruits.

<u>Answer:-</u>

The strength of Technical Manpower in the High Court of Sikkim and Subordinate Courts of Sikkim under Phase-I and II are as follows:-

Technical Manpower under Phase-I of eCourts Mission Mode Project:-

<u>Technical Manpower in High Court of Sikkim</u>

Name of High Court	Number of Technical Manpower
High Court of Sikkim	3 (Senior System Officer, System Officer and System Assistant)

<u>Technical Manpower in Subordinate Courts of Sikkim</u>

District Name	Number of Technical Manpower
Gangtok, East Sikkim	2 (Two Technical Assistant)
Namchi, South Sikkim	2 (System Office and System Assistant)
Gyalshing, West Sikkim	1

District Name	Number of Technical Manpower
	(Technical Assistant)
Mangan, North Sikkim	2 (System Officer and System Assistant)
Total	7

Technical Manpower under Phase-II of eCourts Mission Mode Project for High Court and Subordinate Courts of Sikkim:-

Post Name	Number of Technical Manpower
Software Prgrammer	5
Hardware Engineer	3
Technical Assistant	2
Total	10

The procedure for recruitment of the Technical Manpower and other related service rules are governed by the Sikkim High Court Computer Cadre Service Rules, 2013 and it is available at www.highcourtofsikkim.nic.in. The Technical Manpower is trained from time to time in the Sikkim Judicial Academy but this kind of training is not enough for the technical manpower.

V. E-Filing and Video Conferencing

Answer:-

1. E-filing is not practiced untill now.

2. Matters pertaining to the Video Conferencing, all the hardware equipments have been received and tested by the vendors. HP All-in-One PC at District and Sessions Court, East at Gangtok and Civil Court Complex West at Gyalshing are damaged and process of replacement is under progress.

Q6. Specify the procedure for scanning and digitization at different levels. Also provide the digitization rules and process of verification if any. The different levels may also include: Scanning for fresh filing, scanning for pending files, scanning for daily disposal of cases and scanning of old cases.

Answer:-

1. Scanning, Digitization and Digital Preservation of Cases/Judicial Records of High Court and Subordinate Courts of Sikkim is awarded to M/s Informatics Publishing Limited, Bangalore, Karnataka on 01.08.2016. Sikkim High Court Digitization of Records Rules, 2016 framed and published in the month March, 2016.

Q7. Whether the digital signature is in use by your court? If yes, then specify the process and its utility.

Answer:-

Yes, Digital Signatures are used by the Ld. Judicial Officers and the process are as follows:-

1. Safenet 5100 DSC tokens have been issued for digitally signing the Daily Orders, Decrees and Judgments.

2. The orders and Judgments are prepared by the stenographers on the template provided in the CIS.

3. These templates are in .doc format.

4. Now, this .doc file is converted into PDF format.

5. The digital signature is then applied by the Ld. Judicial Officers on the converted pdf format and uploaded on the local server from where the same is uploaded to the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) at the end of the day, when all the daily work is over.

Q.8 Whether there is any security for preservation of data scanned and uploaded? If yes, then specify the procedure through which it get affected.

Answer:-

1. The case information and the data uploaded via CIS 2.0 gets stored in the Ubuntu 12.04 Server. CIS 2.0 is installed in the centralized server.

2. The staff and the technical manpower have been granted acccess to the CIS 2.0 by providing them with username and password.

3. The Server is also protected with the username and password to avoid unauthorized access. The CIS 2.0 maintains the logs of the activity of various users.

Q9. Which Citizen Centric Services have been started by your High Court?

Answer:-

Sl. Nos. 1,2,3, 4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18 and 21 of the Citizen Centric Services chart started by High Court of Sikkim.

Q10. Has the SMS Delivery Service been launched? If Yes, since when?

Answer:- Yes, the SMS Delivery Services have been launched in the Subordiante Courts of Sikkim by making use of NIC SMS Court Software and the SMS launching dates are given in the table below.

District Name	Date of SMS Launced
Gangtok, East Sikkim	01.07.2014
Namchi, South Sikkim	27.06.2014
Gyalshing, West Sikkim	27.06.2014
Mangan, North Sikkim	09.07.2014

Q11. What are the data presently being uploaded on NJDG Portal? What is the time frame for uploading the material?

Answer:-
1. The datas presently uploaded on National Judicial Data Grid Portal (NJDG) through CIS 2.0 are:-
    (1) Orders
    (2) Judgment &
    (3) Decrees/Award.

2. The case information is uploaded on daily basis however, as per the approved process re-engineering guidelines for uploading the orders, decrees and judgments three days time from the date of pronouncement of Order, Judgments, Decrees and Awards are given in case of some unavoidable/unforeseen circumstances.

Q. 12. Is the District Court Website functional? Specify its utility to the stakeholders.

Answer:- Yes, the District Courts Websites are functional in the eCourts drupal template at www.ecourts.gov.in for all the Subordinate Courts of Sikkim.

Various information about our courts complex are available to its stakeholders like history of the court, present and former Judicial Officers, Bar association details with information about its members, Legal Services, Staff details, photo gallery, employment notices, announcements, calendar, contact information of court officers, prosecution and police station, causelist, case status, judgments, orders and decrees, information about various committees, database of local laws, etc.

The District Court, Namchi, South Sikkim is also having another official website at www.districtcourtsnamchi.nic.in which is prepared by System Administrator.