

Hon'ble Dr Justice Chandrachud CJI to Inaugurate new State of Art, digitized District & Sessions Court Complex.

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Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Shri. Dhananjaya Y.V. Chandrachud will inaugurate the technologically advanced District Court Complex at Merces, North Goa, ushering in a new era of speedy, efficient and accessible justice delivery system for the District Judiciary in the State of Goa.

The complex comprises of Virtual Court rooms with digital facilities, E-Sewa Kendra, Digital Case Management and e-filing systems, Persons with disabilities (PWDs) user friendly Court Complex with ramps, washrooms and introduction of braille script on all sign boards, Vulnerable Witness Room and witness protection rooms, Exclusive space for permanent Lok Adalats, regular Lok Adalats, mediation and arbitration proceedings, Clinic with medical team housed within the complex, Facility of ATM's provided by three Banks, Stationary Room, Photocopying/Scanning Rooms are housed in the complex, Barracks for Police personnel deployed at the Court Complex and Crèche facility for children of litigants and staff, Multipurpose hall with audio visual equipment with capacity of 300 persons for holding Legal Workshops and Seminars, Waiting Rooms for Accused Persons and Legal Aid Clinics.

The plot admeasuring 20,091 sq. mtrs. was acquired by the Government of Goa in the year 2009. The foundation stone for construction of the present complex was laid at the hands of Hon'ble Shri Justice Swatanter Kumar, the then Chief Justice of the High Court of Bombay on [September 2, 2011](#).

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Shri. Dhananjaya Y.V. Chandrachud has always emphasized the principle that working conditions of the District Judiciary must be improved in terms of better technology and work atmosphere to facilitate speedy and effective justice. The New Court Complex for the first time pioneer the virtual hearing of case by the District Judiciary introducing better working conditions such as Video Conferencing facilities in all the Court Halls with Audio/video facilities.

While designing the structure, care has been taken to accommodate litigants, members of the bar, Public Prosecutors, staff and administration along with parking arrangements which can accommodate about 326 vehicles, at different levels of the complex. This Court Complex has been made friendly for the access of persons with disabilities and the visually impaired.

The complex has an environment friendly design where waste water is recycled at the 'Sewage Treatment Plant' and reused in the garden and cisterns. Each Court Hall Room accommodates 30 litigants and 24 members of the bar. At different places comfortable waiting areas are provided for the Litigants visiting the Court complex.

The project has been established to facilitate speedy and effective working of the District Judiciary ensuring protection of rights of victims/witnesses and litigants at large through smooth, speedy and effective justice delivery system. The Office of the

District Legal Service Authority, North Goa has been also housed in the Court complex to facilitate access to free legal aid in Taluka and District Courts.

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