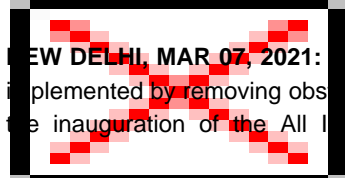


18000 courts in India fully computerised now: President Kovind

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NEW DELHI, MAR 07, 2021: THE objective of the judicial system is not merely to resolve disputes, but also to uphold justice. This could be implemented by removing obstacles like delay in the delivery of justice, said the President of India, Mr Ram Nath Kovind. He was speaking at the inauguration of the All India State Judicial Academies Directors' Retreat at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh today (March 6, 2021).

The President was happy to note that the use of technology in the judicial system has increased rapidly. More than 18,000 courts have been computerized in the country. Till January 2021 including the lockdown period, around 76 lakh cases were heard in virtual courts across the country. He said that initiatives like National Judicial Data Grid, Unique Identification Code and QR Code are being appreciated globally. With the help of e-courts, video conferencing, e-proceedings, e-filing and e-seva centers, it is easier for the judicial administration to dispense justice. Another benefit of this technological intervention is that due to these initiatives, use of papers has decreased, which helps conserve the natural resources.

The President said that the lower judiciary is core of the country's judicial system. India's judicial academies are doing important job by training law students into learned judges. He said that there is a need to increase the scope of training of judges as well as other judicial and quasi-judicial officers for speedy disposal of pending cases in our courts, especially in the district courts.

The President said that to provide 'speedy delivery of justice', it is essential that besides extensive judicial training, there is need to introduce the use of technology in our judicial processes. Due to the increasing number of cases, it becomes necessary to understand the issues in correct perspectives and take accurate decisions in a short time. The introduction of new laws, extensive changes in the nature of litigation and the need to settle cases in a time-bound manner have also made it imperative for judges to have up-to-date knowledge of the law and procedures, he added.

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