

POSITIVE THINKING

e-Judiciary

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The objective of an e-judiciary should be to ensure the smooth flow of information across the various units of government, judiciary, institutions and citizens to ensure: availability of authentic information across the various units of government, judiciary, institutions and citizens, to ensure: availability of authentic information on the fly; linkages established between all transactions; improvement in overall productivity; and reduction in multiple levels of appeal.

The typical scenario under an e-judiciary system would be one where, for instance, a litigant in a land dispute case comes with his national ID card to an e-court service centre in a district court with all the documentary evidence he possesses. The e-court service centre electronically helps him identify a civil lawyer to present his case. The lawyer files the case in a prescribed format in the e-court. Once the case is filed, the e-court web service agent scans the state and central e-governance grid and collects the relevant information from the land records registry and gets the encumbrance certificate details of litigants and defendants. If necessary, the agent also collects the credit history of the parties from the banking grid,

criminal records if any from the police grid, litigation records if any from the other courts, property tax and service tax payment data for the disputed land from the state e-governance grid, legal heir verification from the registrar of deeds and classification and conversion details of the land from the district e-governance grid.

The judicial officer now has the documentary evidence submitted by the litigant and defendant and the certified authentic documentary evidence collected from various government units which has relevance to this case in front of him. This will enable the judicial officer to apply his or her mind objectively with optimal examination and cross-examination of the witnesses, leading to a fast decision in the particular case.

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