



National Judicial Data Grid

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Why in News?

Recently, the [National Judicial Data Grid \(NJDG\)](#) has gained significant attention for its role in revolutionizing the way judicial proceedings are managed in India.

What is the National Judicial Data Grid?

▪ About:

- NJDG is a database of orders, judgments and case details of 18,735 District & Subordinate Courts and High Courts created as an online platform under the [eCourts](#) Project.
- Data is updated on a **near real-time basis by the connected District and Taluka courts**. It provides data relating to **judicial proceedings/decisions** of all computerized district and subordinate courts of the country.
- All High Courts have also joined the NJDG through web services, providing easy access facility to the litigant public.

▪ Features:

- Aligned with the [National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy \(NDSAP\)](#), NJDG provides an Open **Application Programming Interface (API)** to Central & State Governments.
- This API offers streamlined access to NJDG data using designated departmental IDs and access keys.
- This feature is intended for **institutional litigants to evaluate and monitor cases**, with plans to extend access to non-institutional litigants in the future.

▪ Significance:

- NJDG works as a **monitoring tool to identify, manage & reduce pendency** of cases.
- It helps to provide timely inputs for making policy **decisions to reduce delays in disposing of cases** and helps in reducing case pendency.
- It also facilitates **better monitoring of court performance** and systemic bottlenecks, and, thus, serves as an efficient resource management tool.
- To track cases related to land disputes, Land Records data of 26 States have been linked with NJDG.

▪ International Recognition:

- In the **Ease of Doing Business report for 2018**, the [World Bank \(WB\)](#) commended NJDG for its role in generating case management reports that facilitate contract enforcement.
- This recognition underscores **NJDG's significance in improving the business environment**.

What are the Other Initiatives under E-court Projects?

- [Case Information Software \(CIS\)](#)
- [Virtual Courts](#)
- [Video-conferencing \(VC\)](#).
- [National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes \(NSTEP\)](#)

▪ [Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency](#)

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