



National Judicial Data Grid

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Why in News?

Recently, the [Supreme Court](#) has integrated its case data on the [National Judicial Data Grid \(NJDG\)](#).

- The integration with NJDG as part of an '**Open Data Policy (ODP)**' to provide transparent case information to the public.
- ODP is increasingly a set of policies - that promotes **transparency, accountability, and value creation** by making government data available to all.

What is the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)?

- **About:**
 - The NJDG portal is a **national repository of data** relating to cases instituted, pending, and disposed of by the courts across the country.
 - It is a **database of orders, judgments and case** details of 18,735 District and **subordinate Courts and High Courts** created as an online platform under the [e-Courts Project](#).
 - Its key feature is that the **data is updated in real-time and has granular data up to the Taluka level**.
 - It was built as part of **Phase II of the e-Courts project**, which is a [Centrally Sponsored Scheme](#).
 - Currently, litigants can access case status **information of 23.81 crore cases and more than 23.02 crore orders/judgments**.
- **Developed By:**
 - The platform has been developed by the [National Informatics Centre \(NIC\)](#) in **close coordination with the in-house software development team** of the Computer Cell, Registry of the [Supreme Court \(SC\)](#) with an interactive interface and analytics dashboard.
- **Significance:**
 - NJDG works as a **monitoring tool to identify, manage & reduce pendency** of cases.
 - It helps **identify specific bottlenecks** in judicial processes. For example, if the number of land disputes in a particular state shoots up, **it helps policymakers look into whether the law needs** to be strengthened.
 - It also helps generate **inputs related to particular areas** of law. For example, to track cases related to land disputes, Land Records data of 26 States have been linked with NJDG.

What is the Current Pendency Status of Cases?

- For the year 2023, the total pendency of registered cases in SC is 64,854.
- In SC, there are 5,412 cases filed and 5033 cases disposed in August 2023.
- There are 583 three-judge Bench matters, 288 five-judge Bench cases, 21 seven-judge Bench cases, and 135 nine-judge Bench cases, all of which are civil, pending in the Supreme Court.

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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UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q. In India, Judicial Review implies (2017)

- (a) the power of the Judiciary to pronounce upon the constitutionality of laws and executive orders.
- (b) the power of the Judiciary to question the wisdom of the laws enacted by the Legislatures.
- (c) the power of the Judiciary to review all the legislative enactments before they are assented to by the President.
- (d) the power of the Judiciary to review its own judgements given earlier in similar or different cases.

Ans: (a)

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