



AI Portal SUPACE

Why in News

Recently, the [Chief Justice of India \(CJI\)](#) launched an [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) based portal 'SUPACE' in the judicial system aimed at assisting judges with legal research.

- **SUPACE** is short for **Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency**.
- Earlier, the [E-Courts Project](#) was conceptualised on the basis of "National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Indian Judiciary - 2005" submitted by the **e-Committee of the Supreme Court**.

Key Points

- **About SUPACE:**
 - It is **a tool that collects relevant facts and laws and makes them available to a judge**.
 - It is **not designed to take decisions, but only to process facts and to make them available to judges** looking for an input for a decision.
 - Initially, it **will be used on an experimental basis by the judges of Bombay and Delhi High Courts** who deal with criminal matters.
- **Significance:**
 - It will **produce results customized to the need of the case** and the way the judge thinks.
 - This will be **time saving**. It will **help the judiciary and the court in reducing delays and pendency of cases**.
 - **AI** will present **a more streamlined, cost effective and time bound** means to the **fundamental right of access to justice**.
 - It will make the **service delivery mechanism transparent and cost-efficient**.
- **Challenge:**
 - **Redundancy of certain posts** after introduction of SUPACE.
 - Since it is intended to do what the human mind can do, but much more efficiently and methodically, there is apprehension in the generation of unemployment.

E-Courts Project

- **About:**
 - It was conceptualized with a vision **to transform the Indian Judiciary by ICT (Information and Communication Technology) enablement of Courts**.
 - It is **a pan-India Project**, monitored and **funded by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, for the District Courts** across the country.
- **Objectives of the Project:**

- To provide efficient & time-bound citizen-centric services delivery.
- To develop, install & implement decision support systems in courts.
- To automate the processes to provide transparency and accessibility of information to its stakeholders.
- To enhance judicial productivity, both qualitatively & quantitatively, to make the justice delivery system affordable, accessible, cost-effective, predictable, reliable and transparent.

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