

INAGURATION OF THE E-COURT ROOM AT CIVIL COURT , RANCHI

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With the inauguration of **e-court room in the Civil Court at Ranchi**, with full video recording facility, first of its kind in the country, the proceedings of the entire criminal trial have been drastically enhanced to ensure **speedy and cheaper justice** for the poor people. It is a landmark achievement in the quick dispensation of criminal justice system across the country.

The **salient features** of this e-court room may be summarized as under:-

- The e-court room is connected with all the jails of this State through video conferencing facility simultaneous with multiple units upto five in numbers.
- Witnesses at Ranchi and one accused at Seraikella Jail and another accused at Hazaribagh Jail will be connected collectively and criminal trial shall be held without interruptions.
- Considering the recurring incidents of violence during the course of production of the accused from jail to court room where a number of security personnel are killed, this video conferencing system available in the e-court room shall give a sigh of relief to the innocent people and family.
- The absconding of accused during the production from the jail to the court premises shall be totally eliminated.
- The production of accused from any of the jails in person is not required and the production of the accused confined in any jail may be ensured through **Video Conferencing System**.
- One of the greatest benefit for production of the accused through Video Conferencing is that the **proceedings of the criminal trial shall never be adjourned** on the ground that the accused could not be produced either due to non availability of prison van or inadequate transport system or due to security reason or law and order problem or for any other reason or reasons.
- In this system, recording of the entire case proceedings, including depositions of the witnesses, statements of the accused, arguments of the advocates etc. is through electronic mode, which can be used and appreciated at any point of time through electronic mode, as and when required, without going through the hard copy of records.
- In coming days the video conferencing facility of the e-court room will also cover the witnesses including Doctors, Investigating Officers and other official witnesses by getting connected through hospitals, police stations etc.
- There is also a plan to connect the video conferencing facility of this e-court with the entire "**Pragya Kendras**" of State of Jharkhand at District/Sub Division/Block levels to facilitate the common witnesses to depose through video conferencing and need not come to the court room by spending time and money.