Ministry of Law & Justice

Department of Legal Affairs

We were nominated for the **Digital India Week 2022**

An Opportunity to be Obligated!

The Digital India Week 2022 with the theme '*Catalyzing New India's Techade*' kicked off on **4th July** at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The July 4th to 9th weeklong event commemorated the path-breaking journey of the flagship initiative of the Digital India Programme that was inaugurated by **Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi**. The event came in the backdrop of India

emerging as the 3rd largest ecosystem for startups globally. Backed by the strong tailwinds created under the umbrella of the Digital India programme and successive campaigns, India has more than 73000 startups and 100+ unicorns.

About Digital India Programme

The Digital India Programme was launched on **July 1, 2015** by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with a vision to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Today India boasts of the world's 3rd highest number of Startups with new unicorns sprouting almost every week. During the pandemic, Digital India has played a significant role in the nation's resilient response. Digital technologies have enabled the Government to reach the remote parts of the country at the click of a button.

To celebrate the success of 7 years of Digital India, the first week of July was chosen and participants from all over the country were invited to show their contribution to make India a provider of Digital Services to the World.

Digital Initiatives/ Footprints the Department of Legal Affairs

LIMBS - One of the most important initiatives is the Legal Information Management and Briefing System (**LIMBS**), an innovative web-based application software tool which utilizes standard templates, monitors the court cases in a proactive, transparent and effective manner. It is a dashboard based system, where user departments can see their legal matters at a glance. LIMBS ensures proper e-governance, as visualized by the government. **Sh. Rajiv Mani (Additional Secretary) Department of Legal Affairs** is the Nodal authority of the LIMBS portal who is playing a key role in the implementation, coordination and training of the LIMBS portal in all Government Ministries/Departments.

NOAP - The Notary Online Application Portal (**NOAP**) being the next software tool which has made the application process extremely user friendly. Now applicants can sit at home or be anywhere and apply online. The application process has become simpler and has led to saving of huge amounts of paper and money for the applicants. This is another example of Public centric justice delivery initiative.

The department has also started using the **e-office** and **digitized all litigation records of active cases** in a time-bound manner. This has helped in making the process for virtual hearings of government litigation cases more efficient. This is a significant step towards achieving the goal of a "Digital India".

About Participation of the Department of Legal Affairs

The Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, was nominated to show their projects which contributed to the Digital India Programme, namely **NOAP** (*Notary Online Application Portal*) and **LIMBS** (*Legal Information Management & Briefing System*) and also to showcase the Department's initiatives to go Digital, improve justice delivery and to make it more citizen centric, a team of officers of the Department was chosen, led by **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana (Additional Secretary)** and **Ms. Haimanti Bhattacharya (Director)**.

The Department of Legal Affairs nominated members from the LIMBS Team and NOAP Team namely, **Shri Himanshu Saraswat (Sr. Programmer), Ms. Sadhvi Sishodia (Sr. Software Developer) and Shri Rahul Kumar (Sr. Software Developer)** to participate in the Digital India Week 2022 and to showcase the digital initiatives that have been undertaken for enhancing e-Gov and digital solutions, from **02nd to 07th July, 2022** at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(From Left to Right - Mr. Rahul Kumar, Ms. Haimanti Bhattacharya, Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Ms. Sadhvi Sishodia, Mr. Himanshu Saraswat)

On 2nd and 3rd July, the Team Members coordinated to set up the cubicle stall with appealing posters and banners of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice to represent among PM Modi, which shows the remarkable initiatives to **Transform from Physical to Paperless Governance** by the Department of Legal Affairs to reduce paperwork, get timeline monitoring, and to get all the relevant information on a single click and hassle free.

A stall had been set up with Vibrant Posters and Banner, displaying a video showing the Law Minister inaugurating the Notary Online Application Portal; a LED TV continuously showcases slideshows of visually appealing presentations about Notary Portal (NOAP) and LIMBS and also the Video Presentations of LIMBS and NOTARY were being played on the LED screen continuously. Brochures about LIMBS and Notary were being distributed to the visitors, and the representatives are present there to demonstrate the features and benefits of LIMBS and Notary Online Application Portal.

On 04th July, PM Modi Walked through the Digital Mela Stalls and Interacted with the Beneficiaries & Startups. PM Modi launched key initiatives under the Digital India Programme and addressed the audience with his valuable speech. The inaugural session received the august presence of **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Minister of Railways, Communication, Electronics & IT, **Shri**

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister for State to Skills Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, and Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY apart from a galaxy of leaders from leading startups, Unicorns and the Indian IT/ITES industry addressing the gathering.

(From Left to Right - Ms. Sadhvi Sishodia, Mr. Himanshu Saraswat, Mr. Rahul Kumar with Hon'ble Minister Sh. Rajeev Chandrashekhar)

Both the Teams displayed the PowerPoint Presentation on both modules followed by explaining functionalities. A live demonstration of making entries and other related activities, generation of various reports, etc. was also exhibited. Both the teams had wonderful coordination between them while moving from one slide to another and from one page to another. Both teams explained the contents in detail and also addressed various queries and clarifications raised by the visitors.

(From Left to Right - Mr. Himanshu Saraswat explaining, Mr. Rahul Kumar giving demo, Ms. Sadhvi Sishodia briefing features)

Visitors appreciated the efforts of the Department of Legal Affairs and also shared some valuable feedback.

Some Feedbacks are:

Advocates and Officers from different states - *LIMBS should be implemented in all States, more publicity on digital platforms.*

General Public - *Notary Portal should also add a feature to notarize documents for the general public from Notaries.*

AWS (Amazon Web Services) Company - *Contacted us for further specifications and to link with the department.*

NapID Cybersec Pvt Ltd Startup - *Contacted the department to work in collaboration and make more reliable softwares in Digital India. They quoted "Congrats to Sadhvi Sishodia and her team for setting up a very knowledgeable stall for the Ministry of Law at DIW 2022. Really impressive work by the Ministry especially on LIMBS - Legal Information Management & Briefing System and NOAP Notary Online application Portal to make the system completely paperless for the notary appointment.* **Kuloth Vijay, Founder & CEO, napID Cybersec Pvt Ltd**".

On 7th July, The team concluded the session physically, and attended another 2 days virtually.

Thank you,
Sadhvi Sishodia, Rahul Kumar, Himanshu Saraswat (NOAP Team & LIMBS Team)