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PRESS RELEASE

A meeting of National Judicial Automation Committee (NJAC) was held today in the Committee Room of Supreme Court of Pakistan Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mushir Alam, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan/Chairman NJAC. The meeting was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan/Member Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP)/Chairman Sub-committee for Standardization of Service Structure of IT Professionals of superior courts/LJCP. The meeting was also attended by Hon'ble members of NJAC including Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mehmood Maqbool Bajwa, Judge Federal Shariat Court, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ayesha A Malik, Judge Lahore High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Judge High Court of Sindh, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rooh-ul-Amin Khan, Judge Peshawar High Court, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, Judge High Court of Balochistan and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Judge Islamabad High Court. The meeting was also attended by the IT experts of the superior courts of Pakistan and LJCP.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan/Member LJCP informed NJAC that as per its direction the Sub-committee for Standardization of Service Structure of IT Professionals of superior courts/LJCP has prepared draft service rules for specialized IT cadre in the superior courts/LJCP. The NJAC appreciated the efforts of the aforementioned Sub-committee and directed that the Hon'ble members of NJAC may provide their input on the draft.

The Secretary LJCP informed the NJAC that as a first step of integration of the judiciary of Pakistan "Handshake" software has been implemented in the superior judiciary for avoiding conflicting cause lists and through this software the High Courts while giving a date in a case to particular lawyer, would be able to know the lawyers occupation on that date before the Supreme Court and this would considerably help in reducing the issue of adjournments. It was also informed by the courts that information regarding advocates is being compiled on the basis of CNIC. The NJAC directed that efforts should be made for establishing a centralized database of information regarding advocates credentials. The NJAC directed that the courts may also liaise with the Pakistan Bar Council and Provincial Bar Councils for verification of advocates credentials. The Committee was also informed that the High Court of Balochistan has started sharing data regarding case details with the Supreme Court while rest of the courts would soon adopt this procedure, the NJAC highly appreciated this sharing of information and remarked that this is a landmark achievement and will go a long way in the integration of the judiciary of Pakistan.

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The Committee was also informed that the all the superior courts have adopted the case categorization model of High Court of Sindh and have also made improvements therein such as the Lahore High Court has introduced sub-categories of cases. The NJAC directed that the courts should standardize the different case categories for effective integration and for creation of a centralized dashboard.

The Committee was also informed that as previously directed, the High Court of Balochistan, High Court of Sindh and LJCP websites have considerably been made bilingual. The Committee directed that the remaining courts should make efforts for making the websites bilingual.

The Committee also directed that keeping in view the importance of timely submission of various type of data including that of administrative tribunals/special courts to the LJCP Secretariat, the courts should appoint a focal person for effective liaison.

The Committee was informed that some of the courts have drafted Policy for hardware upgrade. The Committee directed that all courts, besides hardware, should also prepare Policy for licenced software upgrade. Moreover, the Committee was also informed that the some of the courts have prepared IT training manuals and it was directed that the remaining courts should also accelerate completion of IT training manuals including training for Judges and staff etc.

The Committee was directed that for data parking facility of the courts, the courts may consider establishment of centralized national level data center and as an interim arrangement the courts may consider parking of data of each other.

The Committee also directed that the pattern of information may be standardized by the courts for effective data sharing.

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