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Building a Legacy, **Embracing the Future**

Leading with Vision, Inspiring Success

Co-founder's message



Dear DAKSH Supporters,

As we step into 2024, I reflect with gratitude on our shared journey. This past year has been a testament to our commitment, resilience, and the power of collaboration.

We have numerous accomplishments to celebrate. Throughout the year, we expanded our horizons, welcomed new team members, and established promising collaborations. Our interactions with the judiciary, policymakers, and practitioners at various levels have allowed us to share our research and expertise, contributing to the process of developing a more effective and equitable justice system.

One noteworthy initiative that took off this year is the Judicial Data Collaborative, featuring a judicial definitions wiki. This collaborative effort brings together talented students from across the country, as well as other organisations and individuals sharing the same goal of making legal language more accessible. We eagerly anticipate fostering enduring relationships with them as we continue this journey together.

On the research front, we took a deep dive into the listing of cases in courts, identifying areas in need of reform due to inconsistencies over time and between jurisdictions and case types. Our High Court dashboard, encompassing bail data and writ data, represents a significant step forward in presenting judicial data in analysable and accessible formats. We believe this database will play a crucial role in promoting transparency and accountability within the judicial system, serving as a valuable resource for researchers, policymakers, and the general public.

Our close engagement with the High Courts, particularly the Kerala High Court, allowed us to study their technological transformation. Through interviews, meetings, and court visits, we compiled a comprehensive report detailing its transition into the digital realm. Following on from our visit to Orissa last year, Justice S. Muralidhar, retired Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court delivered the Constitution Day lecture in November during which he spoke about the technological transformation journey in Orissa.

In addition to ongoing research efforts, we published two books: one titled "Constitutional Ideals" and another, a collaborative effort with the DAKSH Centre for Excellence for Law and Technology, titled "Technology and Analytics for Law and Justice."

Throughout the year, we've hosted numerous events, providing valuable opportunities to engage directly with our audience and gain insights into the pressing needs of the judiciary. These occasions have been instrumental in fostering new connections, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who participated, demonstrating your support.

As we reflect on these achievements, we want to express our sincere thanks for your unwavering support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harish Narasappa".

Harish Narasappa

Co-Founder

Uniting Talents, Fueling Justice



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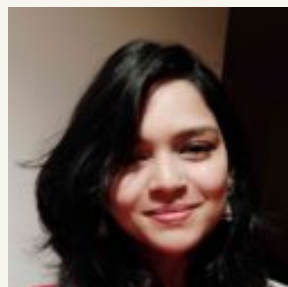


Pratik Kumar
Research Associate

Past team members



Meet our dedicated team of professionals who contributed to our mission.

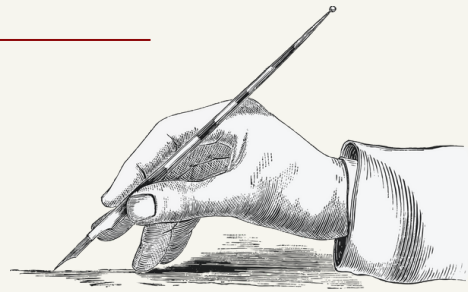


Anindita Pattanayak
Sr. Research Fellow



Sandhya PR
Sr. Research Fellow

Testimonials



Over the past 5 years DAKSH and the India Justice Report have been working together to assess justice delivery and response. The DAKSH team is a repository of reliable and factual information and their expertise with culling out court data and deep knowledge of the intricacies of the judicial system, has been invaluable to my work as Chief Editor and adds great credibility to the publication.

Maja Daruwala

Chief Editor, India Justice Report

Senior Advisor Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative



My recent interaction with DAKSH has been a very pleasant experience, which had reinforced my conviction that DAKSH is not merely a think-tank. In fact, to me DAKSH is a credible influencer and motivator for like-minded bodies to work for much needed law and justice system reforms in the country. The emphasis laid on independence, integrity as well as relevant, cutting-edge research and analytical approach gives DAKSH an edge over other thought leaders.

Ramesh S

Managing Director,

Price Waterhouse & Co LLP, and former Chairman CBIC



DAKSH has been an invaluable platform, allowing me to serve as a Student Research Associate since May 2023. My involvement in their Justice Definitions Project has been transformative, broadening my legal insights while actively contributing to simplifying complex terms for wider public understanding. The organization's commitment to bridging the gap between legal intricacies and public knowledge is commendable, and I am thrilled to be part of a team dedicated to making legal understanding accessible to all.

Ankita Jagnani

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors of DAKSH whose ongoing support has played a crucial role in our mission; thank you once again for your unwavering commitment.

- Tree of Life Foundation
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WHAT'S NEW AT DAKSH?



Envisioning Tomorrow,
Embracing Opportunities

The Listing Project

How cases are listed significantly impacts access to justice and the right to equality. Listing processes in Indian courts are often difficult to understand – they are inconsistent over time and between jurisdictions and case types. Often matters do not get heard effectively on the day they are listed. The design of cauelists and the manner of their publication also contribute to this situation.

The Listing Project brings together the various stakeholders in the justice system – legal practitioners, policymakers, litigants and researchers to co-create solutions for improving transparency, event certainty, and access.



Advance Causelist | Pending court cases in India

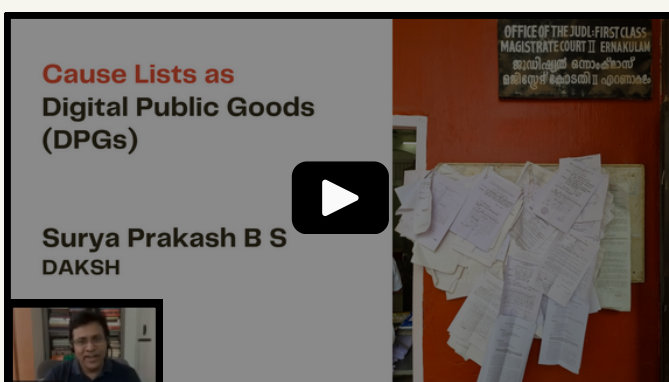
In 2022, DAKSH submitted a petition to reintroduce the Advance cause list for pending court cases in India, addressing concerns of women advocates with caregiving responsibilities.



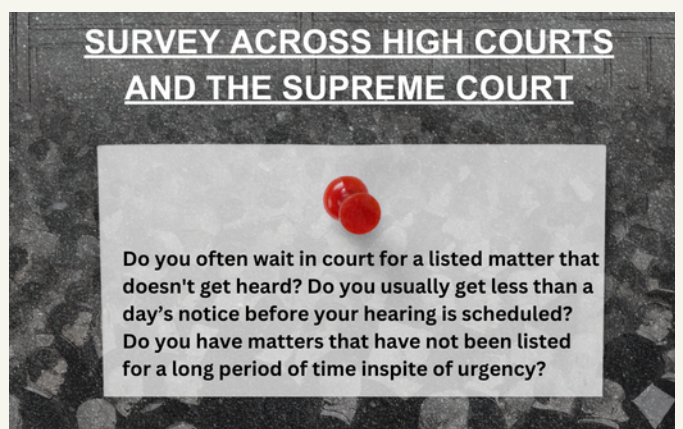
DAKSH along with several interested advocates are working towards getting this system re-instituted. Our petition to the Chief Justice was one such step.



In February 2023, DAKSH and BMS College of Law hosted a closed-door roundtable on listing in Karnataka High Court with Justice Suraj Govindaraj (High Court of Karnataka), Senior Advocates S.N. Murthy and Harish Narasappa, engaging BMS alumni and students.



In PUCAR Learning Circle 2, organised by Agami, Surya Prakash talks about how cause lists should be viewed as Digital Public Goods. Watch [HERE](#)



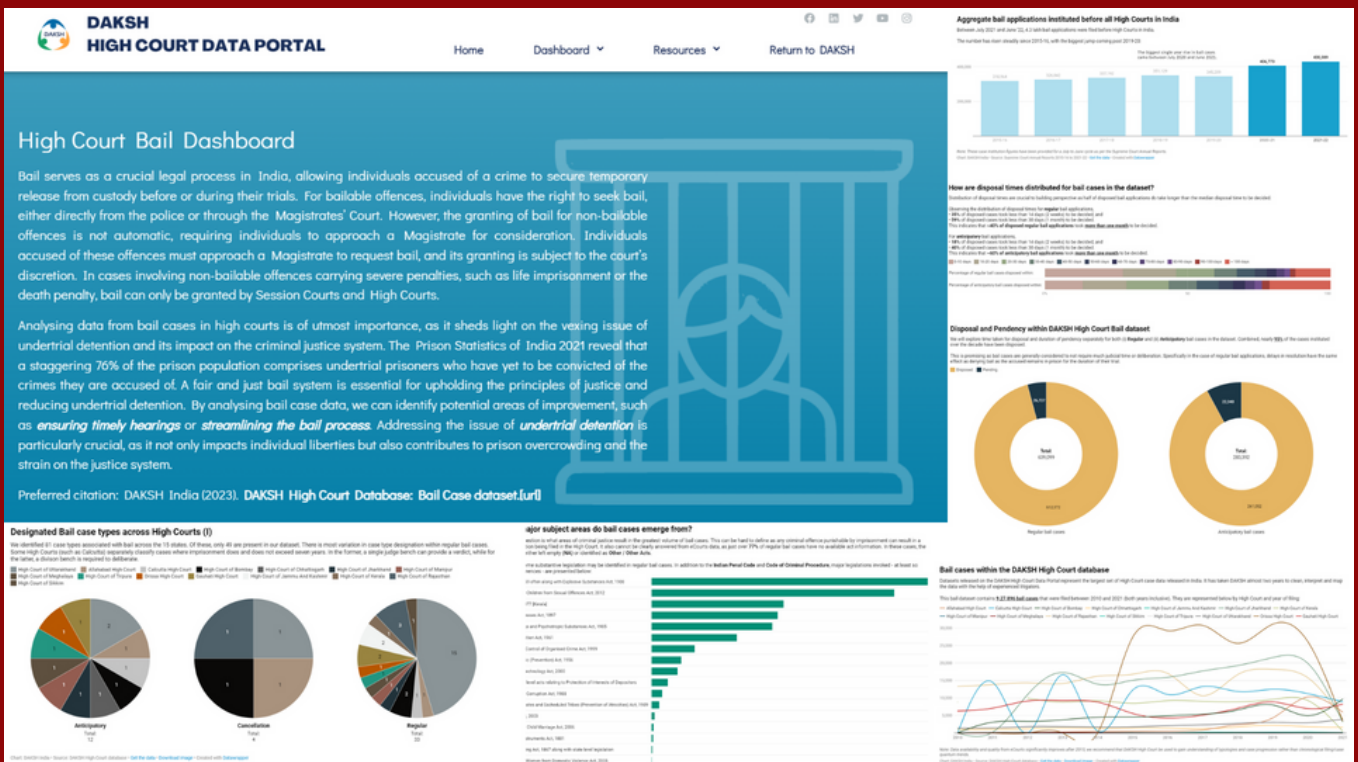
On 20 November 2023, DAKSH launched its survey across High Courts and the Supreme Court for practising lawyers and litigants.

DAKSH High Court Database

Introduction of the High Court Bail Dashboard

Bail is essential for those accused of crimes, providing temporary release during trials. While bail for bailable offences is relatively straightforward, non-bailable offences require individuals to seek a Magistrate or Sessions Judge’s discretion.

The **High Court Bail Dashboard** is a vital tool for analysing data from bail cases in India's high courts. Analysing this data is crucial due to the significant undertrial detention issue, with 76% of the prison population being undertrial prisoners. A fair bail system is essential for justice, and by scrutinising this data, we can identify areas for improvement in the legal process and address the challenges of undertrial detention.



This dashboard provides an interactive platform where students, academics, and researchers can explore the bail cases in High Courts, that are filed each year in terms of the courts in which they are filed, their subject matter, duration and outcomes.

Case Study - Kerala Report

Technological Transformation of Kerala High Court

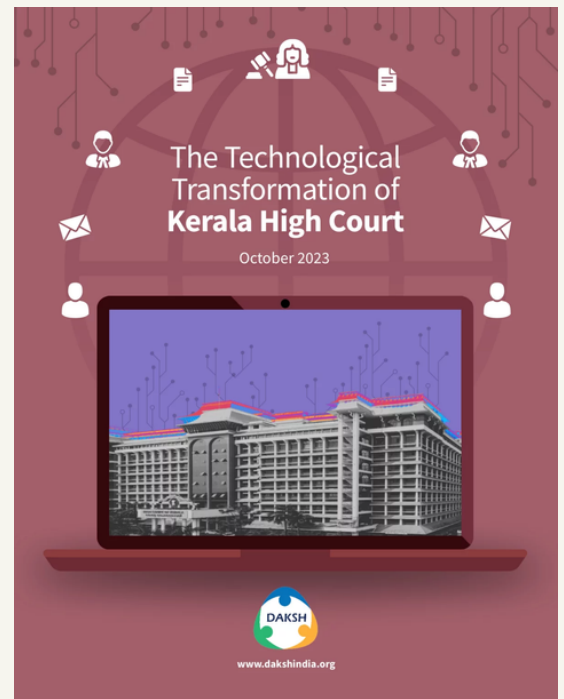
DAKSH launched its case study, 'The Technological Transformation of Kerala High Court' on 19 October 2023, at the Kerala High Court.

This study is based on in-depth interviews with a variety of stakeholders, including judges, the IT Directorate and IT Team, court staff, advocates and advocate clerks.



The Kerala High Court's experience in digitisation highlights the complexities of developing technological solutions for courts within a federal structure. The diversity in practices and procedures across different high courts presents a unique challenge for developing a nationwide digital solution. The iterative and stakeholder-inclusive design and implementation process of the Kerala High Court's Case Management System is a model to create a system that can accommodate this diversity while unifying administrative and legal processes.

Our study focuses on three main technology-enabled reforms – **(1) e-filing, (2) online scrutiny of pleadings and (3) paperless courts**. Our goal is to present a well-rounded and nuanced case study that reflects the diverse experiences of those working within the justice system and to help untangle the inner workings of the registry that are crucial to understanding the scale and requirements of justice reforms.



MĀRGA

Legal Journalism Workshops for Students

MĀRGA (Media And its Role in Governance and Accountability) is an initiative by DAKSH that examines the role of the media in governance and accountability, especially in the justice system, and explores avenues to deepen democracy through strengthening the role played by the media. Through MĀRGA, we regularly conduct and design workshops on ethical reporting for students and young professionals interested in journalism.

In 2023, we delivered four workshops in different colleges and organised a court visit for the students of Presidency College.



St. Francis de Sales Degree College!



St Anne's First Grade College for Women



Mount Carmel College



Presidency College

Commercial Court Visit

We arranged for students from Presidency College to visit the Commercial Court in Bangalore on 16 March 2023. The students observed the court proceedings and participated in a group discussion on their observations.



Faculty Development Programme on Legal Journalism

On 2 December 2023, DAKSH under its MĀRGA initiative in association with the Department of Communication, Bangalore University - Jnana Bharathi Campus organised a Faculty Development Programme designed to equip teachers with the tools and insights needed to navigate the dynamic intersection of the justice system and journalism.

The guest speakers for the workshop were Madhukar Deshpande and Apurva Vishwanath, who spoke about professional reporting, contempt of court and defamation.



Publications

Books by DAKSH

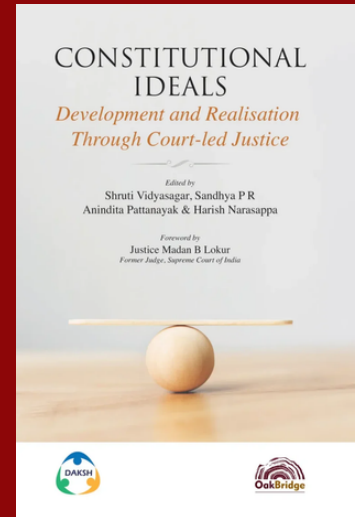
Constitutional Ideals: Development and Realisation Through Court-led Justice

This curated volume features contributions from a diverse group of researchers and practitioners, all exploring how courts have developed constitutional ideals in the face of political and social change.

We delve into fundamental principles such as dignity and equality, the balance between individual rights and group identities, the importance of procedural rigour in achieving substantive justice, and much more.

This volume is divided into four different themes that :

- Explore how individuals engage with the Constitution to demand citizen-centric justice,
- Examine the navigation of group identities (such as religion and caste) in constitutional litigation,
- Focus on the significance of procedural rigour in ensuring substantive justice, including in the context of insolvency, preventive detention, and public consultations before executive decisions, and
- Capture constitutional values in flux.



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Gratitude, **Collaboration,** and Continued Success

We express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders, including collaborators, partners, employees, and funders, for their unwavering support and dedication.

Judicial Data Collaborative

DAKSH convened the **Judicial Data Collaborative (JDC)** in February 2023, to bring together researchers, practitioners and technology experts who regularly consume data put out by courts and tribunals in India.

Thanks to judicial websites and the eCourts services, a vast amount of information about cases is now available to the public. A growing number of individuals and organisations actively build their research and advocacy efforts on this data. This led to the formation of the Judicial Data Collaborative, a diverse community dedicated to solving everyday problems that limit empirical work on the justice system.



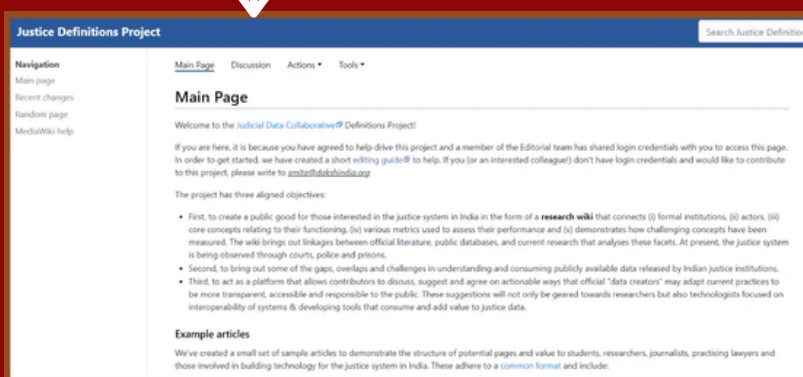
Judicial data Wiki for definitions and taxonomies

An interactive database where registered users can "create" definition pages within an umbrella taxonomy



Alliance for Indian legal Ontology and standards.

A standardized set of concepts and relationships that can be used to improve knowledge management and data integration in the Indian law and justice system.







With the **Judicial Data Wiki**, we aim to engage with stakeholders within the justice system, explore regional variations, and bring about linkages between official literature, public databases, and existing research.

The wiki currently has 48 terms. The project brings together the students from across the country to work towards bringing this data to public.

Advocate	Commercial Court	First Information Report (FIR)	Perjury	Tribunals
Arrear	Complaint	Government Litigation	Petitioner	Virtual Courts
Backlog	Consumer court	ICJS	Plea Bargain	Witness
Bail	Convict	Interlocutory application	Police Station	Writ Petition
Bench	Court complex	Judge	Prosecution	
Beyond reasonable doubt	Court manager	Jurisdiction	Protest Petition	
Case Clearance Rate	Courts	Lok adalat	Remand	
Causelist	Criminal Leave Petitions	Natural justice	Respondent	
Caveat	Custody	Notary	Roster	
Charge-Sheet	Detainee/Detenu	Decree	Sentence	
Case Information System (CIS)	Family court	Pendency	Special courts	



The **Alliance for Indian Legal Ontology and Standards** will engage with legal policy organisations to develop ontologies for specific laws and domains. Our goal is to create a standardised set of concepts and relationships that can be used to improve knowledge management and data integration in the Indian legal industry.

<p>Legal ontologies specify legal work in a way that is:</p>		<p>Viewer Neutral They are neutral to law firms and clients</p> 
<p>Extensible They have a well-defined extension mechanism to meet the specific needs of each organisation while fitting into a common industry framework</p> 	<p>Digitally accessible They have associated programming APIs designed to support the evolving industry needs for innovation, transparency, and free market pricing</p> 	<p>Adaptable They accommodate the way that a legal matter evolves from inception to completion and captures critical attributes</p> 

Benefits of Legal Ontologies			
<p>Improved accuracy and consistency in legal reasoning:</p> <p>Legal ontologies provide a shared vocabulary and structure for legal concepts, which can reduce ambiguity and facilitate more accurate and consistent legal reasoning.</p>	<p>Enhanced legal information retrieval:</p> <p>Legal ontologies can improve the accuracy and efficiency of legal search engines and databases by enabling more precise and relevant search results.</p>	<p>Better automation of legal processes:</p> <p>Legal ontologies can facilitate the automation of legal processes, such as contract drafting and analysis, by providing a structured representation of legal concepts and rules.</p>	<p>Improved interoperability between legal systems:</p> <p>Legal ontologies can enable greater interoperability between different legal systems and jurisdictions by providing a common language for legal concepts and rules.</p>

GSTAT Coalition of India

The **Coalition for the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal in India ('GSTAT Coalition India')** has been convened to advocate for the speedy constitution of and develop an inclusive and shared imagination of a modern digital Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal ('GSTAT').



GST implemented in 2019

Rise in tax Litigation and taxpayers forced to approach High Courts for relief



Experts from various domains (lawyers, chartered accountants, economists, policymakers, and administrators) come together for a mission to advocate for the constitution of GSTAT and develop a modern digital tribunal.



Supreme Court directs the government to establish GSTAT promptly with the aim to prevent hardships to litigants and reduce the backlog of cases.

In 2023, we were able to see a positive response to research from the **Coalition for GSTAT**. We were glad to see that legal amendments and policy decisions taken over the last year in this domain align with the suggestions of the Coalition. This was possible through suggestions made with research and collaboration -

- A **National Conference on GST, 2023** was organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 24 May 2023, to discuss developments and challenges in GST, GST litigation, anti-profiteering, writ petitions and recent leading judgments. **Surya Prakash BS of DAKSH** moderated the session on 'Formation of GST Tribunal and Resolution'. The session was chaired by Prakash Kumar, ex CEO GSTN. Jatin Harjai, another Coalition member, was also a panelist.

- **All Things Policy Podcast - Ep. 1012: The GST Appellate Tribunal Opportunity**

In this episode, Sarthak Pradhan & Shrikrishna Upadhaya speak to **Jatin Christopher (Partner, JCSS, Bengaluru) & Surya Prakash B.S. (Programme Director, DAKSH, Bengaluru)** on the work of the Coalition of GSTAT in advocating for institutional design, operating model, and legal framework for a truly modern GSTAT.



- **Statements shared by the Coalition -**

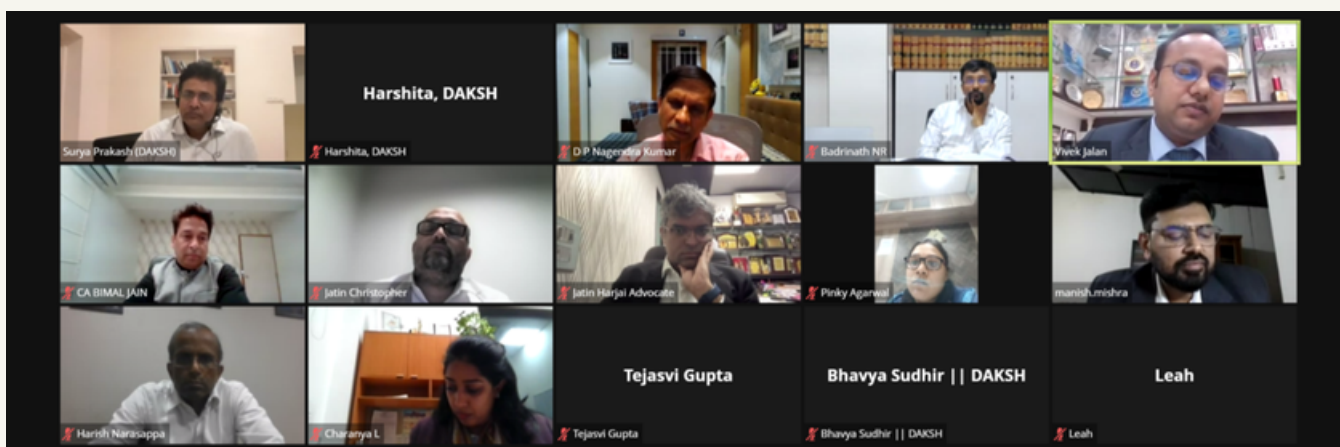
1. Statement by the Coalition (9 June 2023) welcomes the responsiveness shown in operationalising the GSTAT and wants the GST Council to draft rules in a collaborative and transparent manner.
2. Statement by the Coalition (10 April 2023) welcomes the setting up of the GST Appellate Tribunal with the passage of the Finance Act, 2023.
3. Statement by the Coalition (18 February 2023) welcomes the acceptance by the GST Council of the report of the Group of Ministers on the GST Appellate Tribunal with certain modifications as per the press release of the GST Council.

- **Online Roundtable by Coalition**

The GSTAT Coalition India, organised an online roundtable on the setting up of the GSTAT for representatives from trade and commerce associations and practitioners.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. DP Nagendra Kumar (Member CBIC Rtd.), followed by the roundtable discussion.

The participants agreed on the urgency of setting up the GSTAT along with the need to bring in certainty of proceedings and digitisation. The issue of state-level vs. national-level tribunals brought out interesting out-of-the-box ideas that need to be evaluated. It was also agreed that in designing the GSTAT we need to learn from the extensive previous litigation that has taken place on this topic.



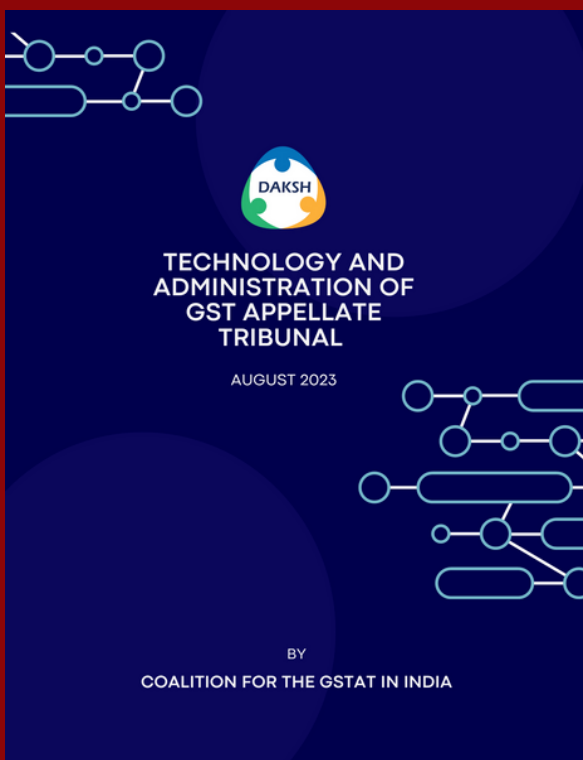
• **Papers by the Coalition**



The Coalition for GSTAT had in November 2022 put out a Joint Note on GSTAT on the institutional design, operating model and legal framework for a truly modern GSTAT.

One of the recommendations was that the GSTAT should be a single national institution with benches across the country. Some states have expressed the need to have state-level GSTATs.

A Note on GSTAT: State Level vs National Level, built on the previous joint note and released in February 2023 explored the implications of state-level and national-level GSTAT based on the framework of the guiding principles for institutional design in the Joint Note.



Now that the GSTAT has been established as a single national institution with state-level benches, it is important for technology and governance to also follow this structure.

In this **'Note on Technology and Governance of GSTAT, August 2023'**, the design principles and options for governance for the GSTAT have been explored. The note recommends building citizen-centric resilient technology for GSTAT that is in line with federal principles coupled with reimagined simplified rules and workflows that enable making the most of data flows enabled by current technologies. The note also recommends that the GSTAT set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) consisting of diverse skills at the earliest to enable engaging with technology vendors. GSTN, with its experience in this domain, should be leveraged in this process with mechanisms to maintain GSTAT's independence.

Criminal Cases Analysis with BPAC

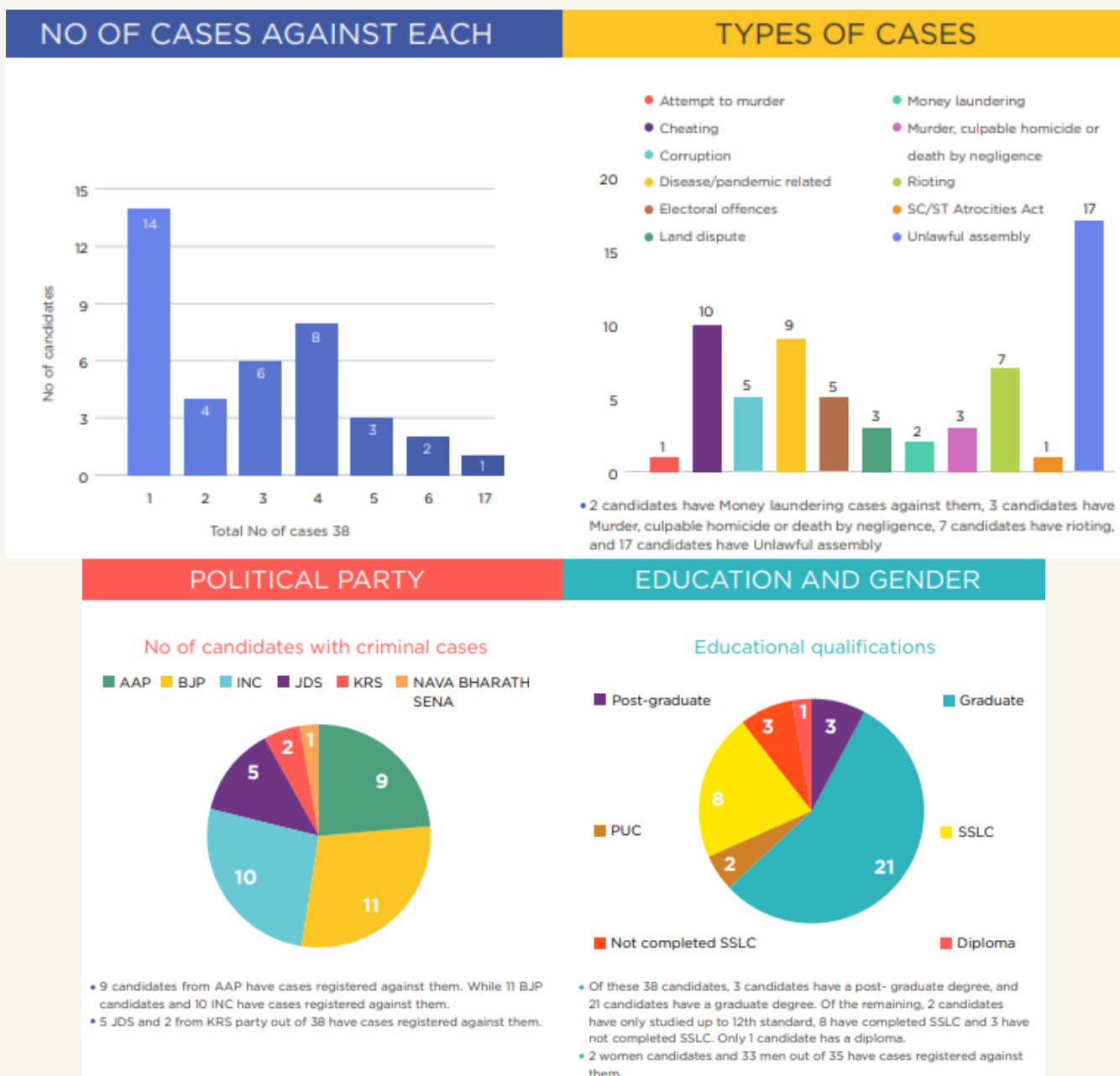
Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC)

DAKSH in association with Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 115 candidates contesting in Bangalore from the four major political parties and a few independents before the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Elections in May 2023.

Find out what we discovered

[- Criminal Cases Analysis Report](#)

[- Criminal Analysis Infographic](#)



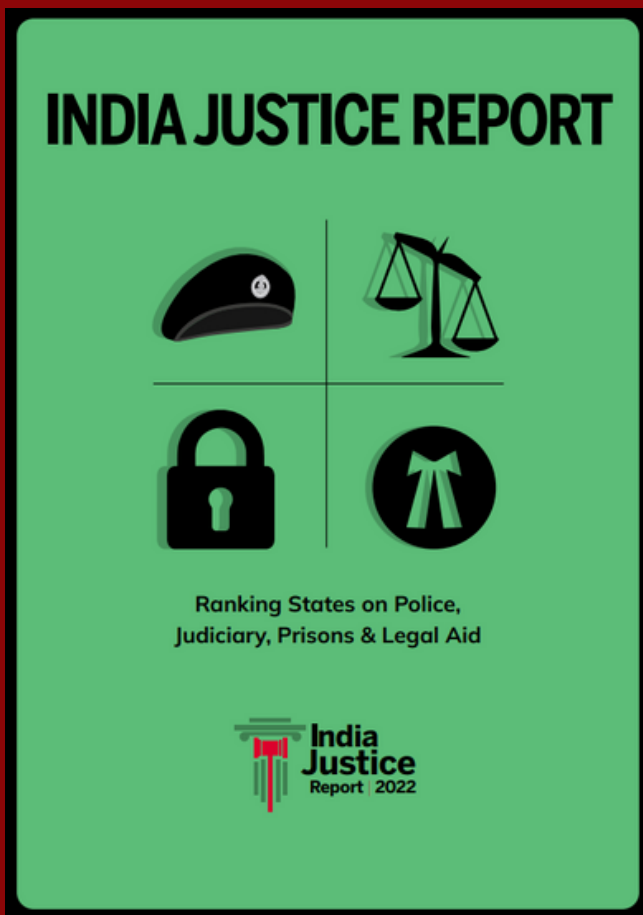
India Justice Report 2022

In 2019, the **Tata Trusts** brought together a group of sectoral experts and created the India Justice Report, India's only ranking of states on delivery of justice in the country.

The **India Justice Report** recently released its third edition in partnership with various organisations, including DAKSH.

The report reviews the Indian justice system on a regular basis, identifies its shortcomings, and provides recommendations for improvement.

Leah Verghese, Sandhya PR and Smita Mutt of DAKSH are among the authors of the report .



The launch event was attended by Leah Verghese of DAKSH.

DAKSH Centre of Excellence for Law and Technology IIT Delhi

Book release: Technology and Analytics for Law and Justice

This unique volume from the **DAKSH Centre of Excellence for Law and Technology** examines the evolution of technology in India's law and justice system. It delves into the challenges and opportunities presented by technology, the current thinking on the subject, and what the future may hold for this rapidly developing field. From tracing the historical journey of law and technology in India to the rise of 'justice makers,' the impact of cutting-edge forensic technology, the world of smart contracts, and the realm of surveillance, this book offers a comprehensive and thought-provoking look at the ever-changing landscape of law and technology. This book will interest a wide audience, including researchers, policymakers, government agencies, technologists, law firms, legal practitioners, academics, and students looking for a head-start in transforming law and justice systems.



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Work with **Institutions**

Transforming justice through strategic partnerships with institutions for a fair and equitable legal system.

Litigation Management for the Government of Andhra Pradesh

Governments, both central and state, form the largest group of litigants in India. Public litigation, while an essential means to protect public interest and resources, ends up occupying a significant part of the scarce administrative bandwidth of government departments and officials and the entire judicial system. It is also mired in delays, omissions, and lapses arising in deficiencies within both the administrative and judicial systems. Such litigation arises not just out of rights violations but also from arbitrariness or lapses in executive decision-making.

The 13th Finance Commission Report states that the government is the single largest litigant in the country. As early as 1988, the 126th Law Commission Report stressed the importance of governments (both at the state and central level) strategising their litigation policies to ensure effective management of government litigation. The courts have repeatedly insisted that government departments effectively use technology to manage their litigation.

Over the last year, DAKSH has assisted the Government of Andhra Pradesh in establishing a Legal Management Unit (LMU) in the Governance Consulting Wing of the [Andhra Pradesh Centre for Financial Systems and Services \(APCFSS\)](#) to improve litigation management practices. Along with this team, we have worked on strengthening protocols used to manage departmental litigation in the state, reviewing the innovative technology in place to track cases, and analysing data on the nature and types of cases.

Committee on Judicial Information Management

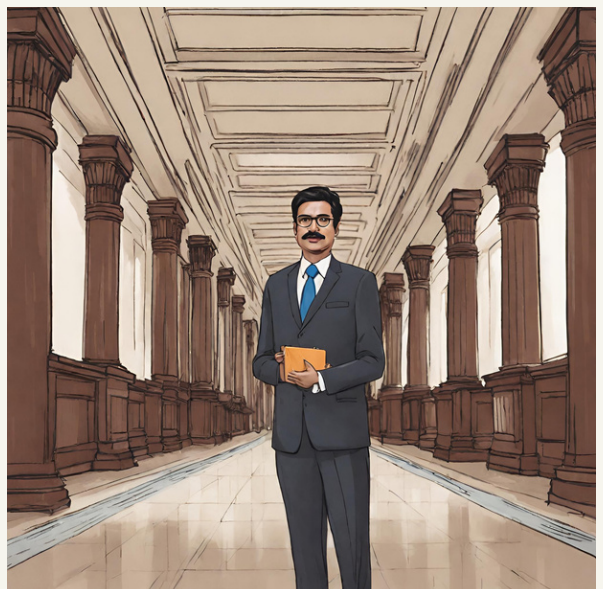
DAKSH has assisted the sub-committee of the Supreme Court e-Committee in studying the privacy and data security aspects of courts in India. The mandate of the sub-committee is to maximise and enhance the use of technology in making courts more open and accessible, cognisant of the fact that any measure towards this end must not impinge on the right to privacy of the various participants in the justice delivery system. This sub-committee has drafted a Judicial Information Management Policy with inputs from DAKSH and other organisations, which will be released soon.

National Court Management Systems Committee

DAKSH has been actively assisting two sub-committees of the **National Court Management Systems Committee (NCMS)**, which has been formed **under the aegis of the Hon'ble Supreme Court**. These sub-committees, namely the Human Resource Development Strategy sub-committee and the Case Management System sub-committee tasked DAKSH with helping draft the updated baseline reports. The focus of these reports is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the prevailing issues, offering valuable insights and recommendations.

The Case Management System sub-committee is chaired by Justice A Muhamed Mustaque (Judge, Kerala High Court) with Justice C M Joshi of the Karnataka High Court as a member. A report was drafted along with members from the High Courts of Kerala and Karnataka and submitted to the NCMS, in which recommendations have been made to improve the case management systems in the district judiciary. These recommendations span various facets such as leveraging technology, augmenting personnel resources, and proposing amendments to existing rules and practices.

DAKSH worked along with the Vidhi Center for Legal Policy in assisting the Human Resource Development Strategy sub-committee chaired by Justice Rajiv Shakhder (Judge, Delhi High Court) and Justice Nijamoodin Jamadar of the Bombay High Court as a member. For holistically understanding the issues, detailed questionnaires were sent to all High Courts for which responses were received and analysed. Interviews were also conducted with relevant functionaries and stakeholders. A revised baseline assessment report was drafted and submitted to the NCMS with recommendations on the areas of judicial strength calculation, training of judicial and ministerial staff and formation of a cadre for technology and data analysis. Both reports have been sent by the NCMS to all High Courts across the country for their comments.



DAKSH **Events**

Police-Media Relations Workshop

Police guidelines on their interaction with the media are crucial to a fair trial and privacy. We organised a workshop on 25 March 2023, with the Indian Police Foundation based on our paper '**Ethics and Norms on Police-Media Communication: Interactions within the Justice System and their Impact on Public Perception**'

Constitutional Ideals Book Launch

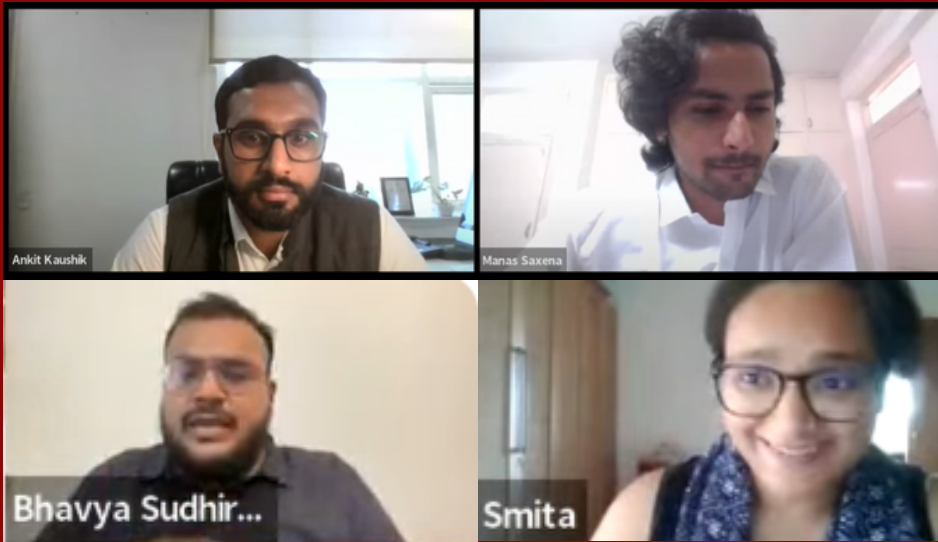
We had the pleasure of **Justice BV Nagarathna of the Supreme Court** of India launching our book, 'Constitutional Ideals' on 29 May 2023, in Bangalore. We hosted up to 120 individuals including contributors, judges from the Karnataka High Court, participants from civil society, journalists and students, at the launch.

The book launch was followed by an insightful address from Justice Nagarathna where she shed light on the significant role of the Constitution in India and the importance of an independent judiciary in upholding its principles. This was followed by a discussion by **Harish Narasappa** (Senior Advocate and DAKSH Co-founder) and **Dr Aparna Chandra** (Associate Professor, NLSIU Bangalore) on the book's themes. The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



Launch of Justice Definitions Project

The Justice Definitions Project was launched with an online event, featuring a presentation on its objective, scope and plan, experiences from the student research associate program, and Mr. Ankit Kaushik's (Assistant Professor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law) address on the importance of the project in advancing access to justice. The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



Untangling Bail Cases - Panel Discussion

On 6 October 2023, DAKSH and Project 39A hosted a panel discussion titled 'Untangling Bail Cases' featuring esteemed guests Justice Akil Kureshi and Senior Advocate Rebecca John. This event was a broad conversation around factors contributing to the prolonged detention of prisoners awaiting trial and the need for bail reform. The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



Book Launch by DAKSH Centre of Excellence for Law and Technology IIT Delhi

Part 1

The book, “**Technology and Analytics for Law and Justice**” was first launched by Hon’ble Justice Rajiv Shakhder on 13 October 2023, at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. A brief presentation by the editors, Professor Nomesh Bolia of IIT Delhi and Surya Prakash of DAKSH was followed by a panel discussion.

The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



Part 2

DAKSH CoE IIT Delhi held a second launch event for this book at the Bangalore International Centre on 30 October 2023. The book was launched by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suraj Govindaraj of the High Court of Karnataka, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Sarayu Natarajan, Founder, of Aapti Institute.

The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



Launch of Kerala Case Study

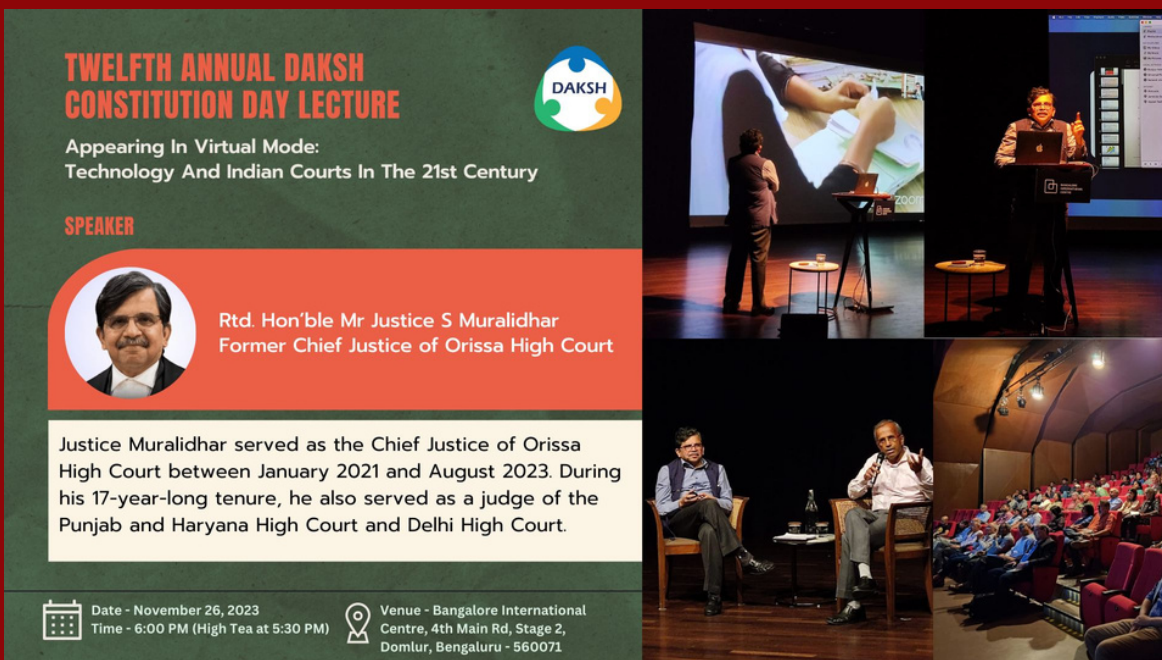
DAKSH launched the case study “Technological Transformation of Kerala High Court” at the Kerala High Court on 19 October 2023. A brief presentation on the case study by DAKSH, was followed by a panel discussion with Hon’ble Justice A Mohamed Mustaque of Kerala High Court, Hon’ble Justice Raja Vijayaraghvan V. of Kerala High Court, Dr. Asharaf S, Dean Development, Professor, Kerala Digital University and Advocate Santhosh Mathew, Kerala High Court. The video of the event is available [HERE](#).



Twelfth Annual Constitution Day Lecture

Justice (Retd.) S Muralidhar, spoke on the topic, ‘Appearing in Virtual Mode: Technology and Indian Courts in 21st Century’ at the Twelfth Annual DAKSH Constitution Day Lecture, at the Bangalore International Centre.

Watch the full video, for an enlightening lecture and Q&A, hosted by Harish Narasappa, Co-founder, of DAKSH. The video for the event is available [HERE](#).



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Participation

- Harish Narasappa participated in a book discussion of "Court of Trial: A Data-Driven Account of the Supreme Court of India." by Aparna Chandra, William Hubbard, and Sital Kalantry. Watch the full discussion [HERE](#)
- In an event organised by xKDR, Surya Prakash discussed the importance of a single source of law in enhancing access to justice by ensuring clarity, certainty and availability of laws. He discusses the institutional and administrative challenges that need to be surmounted to build a single source of law. Watch [HERE](#)
- Listen to the OoruLabs podcast as Surya Prakash B S of DAKSH talks about the ways to tackle the issues of civic apathy and low trust in our society. They dive into the complexities of seeking relief in today's political, bureaucratic, and judicial systems. Tune in [HERE](#)
- The G20 Digital Economy Working Group under India's Presidency has identified Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as one of the key priority areas, which is being used by nations across the globe to meet their social, economic, digital, and sustainable development needs. Accordingly, the first '[Global DPI Summit](#)' was organised on 12-13 June 2023 in Pune, Maharashtra to facilitate sharing of experiences and best practices. Surya Prakash BS of DAKSH participated in the event and moderated the session on 'DPI for Judicial Systems and Regulations'.



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