

Digitalization of judicial system will Date: _____

Surely provide justice to Pakistan's public

1. Introduction:

Justice among people is their basic right. Sometimes due to enormous reasons justice is not served. In general, Digitalization of justice system has many effects on providing justice to people although digitalization has a long way to go, it is capable of bringing justice to the public.

2. Digitalization of justice system of Pakistan.

Why digitalization of justice system is important for Pakistan's public?

a) controlled crime rates

b) improve standard of living

c) citizen can live freely without any fear for life

c1) E-filing of cases

d) It will provide improved prison system

e) It will help judges in more accurate sentencing

f) Speed up the process in court

3. Drawbacks of digitalization of judicial system.

a) lack of digital education

b) lack of motivation

c) Automation is still not common

4. Future ahead and possible ways to digitalize judicial system.

a) Spreading awareness

b) Digitalization will provide better justice system

c) Setting up national policy

d) Conduct training programs

5. Conclusion.

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"Allah commands justice, the doing of good and liberty of kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds and injustice and rebellion. He instructs you, that you may receive admonition." Justice is the conformity to moral rightness in action or attitude. The upholding of what is just, especially fair treatment in accordance with honor, standards or law. When we talk about the justice system of Pakistan we see enormous reasons of justice not being served. For the betterment of justice system of Pakistan there's a need to come up with a permanent solution or set of solutions and need to implement them. Digitalization of justice system is a way to make the justice system of Pakistan work more effectively. It will help improve the living standard of citizens by decreased rate of crime or controlled rate of crime. People can file a complaint or report by electronic means without getting frustrated and tired by standing in a long wait just to file a complaint. Digitalization can also speed up the process of sentencing for judge and will make the life of first time offenders and other offenders easier. As for now especially the first time offenders have to wait in the prisons for so long just for their first appearance in court because of the previously running cases before them. As it has so much benefits it also has some drawbacks; as the lack of resources and

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awareness and because people are so used to the old system they don't even have the motivation to change their system. In order to digitalize the justice system first we have to bring awareness to the people and start implementing new strategies and set up new national policies. To make people understand it better, there's a need to organize workshops, awareness and training programs. Taking everything into consideration, the justice system among people is their basic right but sometimes due to various reasons justice is not served. In general digitalization of justice system has many affects on providing justice system to people although digitalization has a long way to go, it is capable of bringing justice to people. the public

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The judicial system is one of the fundamental foundations of a society. But unfortunately the judicial system of our country is not an ideal justice system. It requires a set of improvement for better efficiency. It is no such surprise that our justice system has failed to produce satisfying outcomes. Political influence, out-dated rules and practices, and corruption are some major reasons for the inefficiency of the system. These all are structural concerns that demands action. The efficiency of judicial system is in need for some technological improvement. Due to the modernization in every sector of life there's a need for digitalization of judicial system as well. for better handling of cases and speedy justice. It might be the initial step towards the betterment of Pakistan's justice system, but it is crucial for providing justice to the public. As for now the justice system is not in its best form, there are millions of cases that are pending for hearing and sentencing. Over 30 million cases are newly registered. Among them are first time accusers also who wait for years just for their first hearing.

The slow pace of judicial system is one of the most significant issues in Pakistan's judicial system. By digitalization, the justice system would become more efficient as there won't be millions of pending cases for trial, speedy justice

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would be served among people. There are almost around 2 million pending cases at present and 38 million new cases were initiated in year 2021 the count of judges in Pakistan is 5000. It is humanly not possible to administer such huge number of cases in a reasonable time. Although the problem with the judicial system is not confined with capacity but with the accountability of the system, in order to achieve that technology is crucial.

Some of the delay in cases is sometimes because of the bad case management system and absence of accountability, lack of training of judges, lack of communication among all 3 courts and also the political influence. In order to overcome these problems there's a need of technology for better management of cases, monitoring of cases' progress, for better judgement and speedy justice.

The digitalization could speed up the legal process by giving courts the transparency they need. The traditional paper based system is far more time consuming inefficient and prone to mistakes and errors. Digital handling of cases could be more accurate, efficient and would have really less chances of errors. Digitalization would give the accessibility of the court records to public for better

understanding of their cases and progress of cases would be easy for the public to access and followup with their cases. This will enhance the transparency of the judicial system, by being visible in court proceedings and accessible to the public.

To achieve this, ~~type~~ the initial step that needs to be taken is the Electronic Filing of reports and complaints. The old paper based system for ~~for~~ filing complaints is unreliable now because of the lack of transparency and accountability of the officials. As the paper based system is prone to mistakes and errors, is inefficient and sometimes information is not added or added incorrectly, misunderstood or misinterpreted, sometimes because of the lack of understanding or poor communication due to language barrier. E-filing of reports and complaints is also important because of the frustration and anger that develops among people by standing in long queues, waiting just to file a complaint. Digitalization will make the process much easier for the general public and officials as well.

Whereas, digitalization of justice system would play a major role in improving the prison system. As there are more than a double amount of

Prisoners - including juveniles as well as first time accusers - then the actual number of jail cells for them. There are over 88K prisoners in 116 jails of Pakistan whereas the approved capacity is 65K. Because of this overcrowdedness the prison system is getting worse day by day. Prisoners are facing health issues as well as diet issues as there are no sufficient supply of food for them. The sewage system of prison is in its worst condition that diseases are spread among them easily and for treatment purpose there are ~~not~~ no sufficient medicines available and sometimes doctors are often not available for on point medical opinion and treatment. By digitalization of judicial system there will be no more pending cases nor there will be overcrowdedness in prisons. The cases would be solved on time and more accurately so the innocent ones won't have to wait for years just for their first hearings. The prison system would get better

Additionally, the digitalization of justice system would work more accurately and affectively resulting in speeding up the process in court. So the accusers won't have to spend more than half of their lives waiting for their hearing and trial. Digitalization would ~~be~~ also help the judges in sentencing more accurately and precisely as there will be all the evidences present in a small folder digitally

rather than a big stack of papers, that need to be revised in front of every judge that is assigned to that case particularly. Digital handling of cases would make it easier for every judge to access the whole case for review along with all the new evidences before the session. This will make the judges to be more precise in their sentencing without wasting any extra time. This will speed up the process of sentencing for prisoners and there won't be any delay in justice.

Moreover, the speedy justice and the change in system would help control the crime rates in our country. Offenders would be aware of all the punishments of every crime that they might commit and it will prevent them from doing such crimes or any sort of crime. The reduced rate of crime would improve the living of people. As they can live freely without any fear of getting robbed while walking school, home or office. The increased rate of crime has made the life of mothers a nightmare they can't rest while their children are not at home. Digitalization of judicial system would improve the living of people as they can live ~~free~~ fearfree in their homes.

When we talk about digitalizing any

system, that comes with a lot of problems as well. Some of the major problems that we would have to face when we plan to digitalize the system are lack of digital education, lack of motivation, people are used to their old paper based practices. They are not ready to change their practices and the list of problems goes on.

To begin with the lack of digital education is a serious problem in Pakistan that needs to be addressed. The literacy rate of Pakistan is below average. The particular reason behind this issue is lack of resources, awareness and also financial situations. The people of Pakistan are deprived from the basic right of education and they don't even have the motivation to learn something new, as digital education. And they don't even have the motivation to learn something new that could change their life. Since they are not willing to learn the use of technology they won't be able to file any sort of complaints in the digital system.

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The particular reason for this issue is automation is not common among people they are used to their old paper based systems they find it easy and convenient to stick to the paper based system. and are not ready to adapt to the digital system. The old paper based handling of cases has lots of concerns in itself,

including lack of resources, more expenses
● lack of clarity between the person filing a complaint and the office holder.

Sometimes these issues become the hurdles in the way of justice. For adapting to digitalization there's a need for good infrastructure, tech equipments, trained staff and data security measures to ensure the safety and security of people and their records and cases so no one

● could be able to tamper with any evidence or any case.

To deal with these problems there's a need to spread awareness among people. Initiating the spread of awareness by providing education at school/college level. By setting up workshops, campaigns and seminars on digital education, promoting legal clarity and increase productivity by making people understand the importance of digitalization of justice system. Digital education and the need of adapting to technology is essential for people to understand ~~who~~ how the technology has made the world connected and has made the lives much easier

- by transforming the world in a global village.

There's a need to do some changes in the legal system of Pakistan to compete with the rest of the world so our country can become a better state economically and globally. There's a need to set up national policies regarding digitalization of the system. Not only it will improve the system rather it will improve the standard of living as well. Digitalization will make the lives of citizens and the prisoners much easier. There's a need for implementing these changes in our ~~society~~ country and system to become a better nation.

To sum up every thing that has been stated so far digitalization has become a need of the hour to be implemented in our system. Digitalization has the ability to expedite judicial procedures and provide courts with much needed transparency. The procedure would become more accurate, efficient, accountable and accessible.

Digitalization of judicial system would bring peace to the society by reduced rate of crimes in the society. It will make the life much easier for everyone. By adapting to technology specially in judicial system will make every case much easier to solve in less amount of time at minimum expense and it will surely reduce the count of prisoners in the prisons of Pakistan. Digitalization has a long way to go but it will provide justice to people of Pakistan.