

THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**HCKL/224/2026-A1-HC KERALA**Kochi : 682031
Date: 10-02-2026**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub:- Reconstitution/ dissolution/ merger of Judges' Committees - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. Orders dated 05.02.2026 of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice
 2. High Court O.M. No. A1/153/2023 dated 02.02.2023, 19.04.2023 & 17.06.2023 & 16.09.2023
 3. High Court O.M. No. HCKL/275/2024-A1 dated 22.03.2024, 23.05.2024, 06.07.2024, 18.07.2024, 20.07.2024, 23.07.2024, 07.08.2024 02.09.2024, 04.09.2024
 4. High Court O.M. No.HCKL/1571/2025-A1-HC Kerala-Part(1) dated 29.07.2025, 06.10.2025 & 21.10.2025.

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice is pleased to reconstitute/merge/dissolve the following Judges' Committee/s in the High Court with effect from 06.02.2026.

The following Committees/Sub-Committees have been reconstituted;

Committee to monitor the construction of additional Guest House at the Cranganore Palace premises

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice Gopinath P.

Protocol Committee

1. Justice A. K. Jayasankaran Nambiar
2. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
3. Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari
4. Justice C. S. Dias
5. Justice Shoba Annamma Eapen
6. Justice P. Krishna Kumar

(The Protocol Officer, High Court is the Co-ordinator of the Committee)

Committee for Establishment of Courts & Tribunals and Court Buildings of the District Judiciary

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice Devan Ramachandran
3. Justice Kauser Edappagath
4. Justice Viju Abraham
5. Justice Shoba Annamma Eapen

Committee for selecting Research Assistant

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice Gopinath P.
3. Justice Ziyad Rahman A. A.
4. Justice Mohammed Nias C. P.
5. Justice Basant Balaji

Law Reporting Council

Justice Sathish Ninan - Chairman
Advocate-General - Ex-officio Member
Justice V. G. Arun - *Special Invitee*

Members:

1. Sri. Abraham Vakkanal, Sr. Advocate
2. Smt. V. P. Seemandini, Sr. Advocate
3. Sri. S. Radhakrishnan, Advocate
4. Registrar (Judicial), High Court - Convenor

Editorial Committee, Chronicles, High Court of Kerala

1. Justice C. S. Dias

2. Justice T. R. Ravi

Kerala State Mediation and Conciliation Centre

The Chief Justice - Patron-in-Chief

Executive Chairman, KeLSA-Patron

Board of Governors

1. Justice Anil K. Narendran (President)
2. Justice Devan Ramachandran
3. Justice C. S. Dias
4. Justice Kauser Edappagath
5. Justice Shoba Annamma Eapen

Arbitration Centre, High Court

The Chief Justice - Patron-in-Chief

Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V. - Executive Chairman

Board of Governors

1. Justice Sathish Ninan (President)
2. Justice C. S. Dias
3. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas
4. Justice Kauser Edappagath
5. Justice Shoba Annamma Eapen

High Power Committee to look into amendment of Special Rules and modification of Scheme/ procedure for the selection of Munsiff Magistrates

1. Justice T. R. Ravi

2. Justice K. Babu
3. Justice Kauser Edappagath
4. Justice C. Jayachandran

Vigilance Committee for monitoring matters touching the enquiries conducted by the Vigilance and to take follow-up actions

1. Justice Sathish Ninan
2. Justice T. R. Ravi
3. Justice Ziyad Rahman A.A.
4. Justice C. Jayachandran

State Court Management Systems (SCMS) Committee

1. Justice Anil K. Narendran (Chairman)
2. Justice Devan Ramachandran
3. Justice Ziyad Rahman A. A.
4. Justice A. Badharudeen
5. Justice C. Jayachandran
6. The Registrar (District Judiciary), High Court (Member Secretary)

Special invitees on case to case basis

7. The Principal District Judge, Ernakulam
8. The Director, Kerala Judicial Academy
9. The Registrar (Computerisation)-cum-Director (IT), High Court
10. The Director, Kerala State Mediation and Conciliation Centre
11. The Chairman, Bar Council of Kerala (Representative of Bar)
12. The Additional Registrar (General Administration), High Court
(One point Nodal Officer)
13. The Technical Director, NIC, High Court
14. The Superintending Engineer, PWD (Judicial Wing), Ernakulam.

Committee to make recommendations before the AC to reduce long delay in disposal of Murder Cases

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice K. Babu
3. Justice Kauser Edappagath
4. Justice G. Girish

The Committee to examine the matter of maintaining a Dress Code to Officers and Staff members of the High Court befitting the decency and decorum of the High Court, and similar issues

1. Justice K. Natarajan
2. Justice C. S. Dias

Committee for Manpower deployment in the District Judiciary

1. Justice Anil K. Narendran
2. Justice K. Babu
3. Justice Jobin Sebastian
4. The Registrar General
5. The Registrar (District Judiciary)

Permanent Special Committee to look into the genuineness of the representations in regard to the transfer applications preferred by Judicial Officers of the District Judiciary

1. Justice Sathish Ninan
2. Justice Kauser Edappagath

Committee for Performance evaluation and mentoring of the Judicial Officers in the District Judiciary-South Zone

1. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas
2. Justice K. Babu
3. Justice G. Girish
4. Justice M.B. Snehalatha

Committee for Performance evaluation and mentoring of the Judicial Officers in the District Judiciary- Central Zone

1. Justice N. Nagaresh
2. Justice A. Badharudeen
3. Justice C. Jayachandran
4. Justice G. Girish
5. Justice M.B. Snehalatha

Committee for Scrutiny of pleadings to be filed on behalf of the High Court of Kerala

1. Justice Sathish Ninan
2. Justice K. Natarajan
3. Justice T. R. Ravi
4. Justice Murali Purushothaman
5. Justice M. A. Abdul Hakhim

Committee to Formulate Code for the Press and Electronic Media in relation to reporting of Court proceedings

1. Justice C. S. Dias

2. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas
3. Justice Gopinath P.
4. Justice P.V. Balakrishnan

Committee for appointment of Part-time Official Receivers attached to District Courts

1. Justice Anil K. Narendran
2. Justice Johnson John
3. Justice K.V. Jayakumar

Committee for Ensuring the Implementation of the Decisions of the Apex Court

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice C. S. Dias
3. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas
4. Justice Jobin Sebastian

Sub Committee to prepare a draft training module before the Board of Governors of the Kerala Judicial Academy

1. Justice Kauser Edappagath
2. Justice Syam Kumar V. M.
3. The Director, Kerala Judicial Academy
4. The Registrar (Judicial), High Court

Sub Committee for framing the Leave Management Policy for regulating and sanctioning leave of the Judicial Officers and regulating their conduct while using social media

1. Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari

2. Justice N. Nagaresh
3. Justice T. R. Ravi
4. Justice A. Badharudeen
5. Justice K.V. Jayakumar

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice has further been pleased to **order the merger of the following committees**, observing that the functions of Committees are overlapping. Their new names, functions and reconstitution are detailed below;

Committees merged	New name, Constitution and Brief work description/functions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee for the renovation of the Old High Court Building 2. Committee constituted to conduct a detailed study on the proposed Legal Research Center 	<p>Committee for the renovation of the Old High Court Building and proposed Legal Research Center</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V. 2. Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas 3. Justice Gopinath P. 4. Justice Mohammed Nias C. P. <p><i>The Committee deals with matters pertaining to renovation of various buildings in the Old High Court compound, such as the Ram Mohan Palace, Old Three-Storied building, Old High Court Main Library building, etc. and establishment of a Legal Research Center of the High Court in the said building.</i></p>
	<p>Committee on Artificial Intelligence, e-Law Reports & Artificial Intelligence Assisted Legal Translation Advisory</p>

1. Committee on Artificial Intelligence
2. e-Law Reports & Artificial Intelligence Assisted Legal Translation Advisory Committee
3. Special Committee constituted to look into the proposal to make Malayalam the official language in the Courts in District Judiciary.

Committee and proposal to make Malayalam the official language in the Courts in District Judiciary

1. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
2. Justice C. S. Dias
3. Justice G. Girish
4. Justice Easwaran S.

with the Central Project Co-ordinator (to assist the Committee and for co-ordinating with the Member-Convenor of the Artificial Intelligence Committee of the Supreme Court of India)

The Committee on Artificial Intelligence was constituted as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Chairperson of the 'Committee in Charge of Computerisation, Destruction of Records and Codification' shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. For introducing, conceptualizing, implementing and monitoring use of Artificial Intelligence in Courts.

'Artificial Intelligence Assisted Legal Translation Advisory Committee' was constituted in 2023 as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, to exclusively monitor all machine translation related activities. The Committee monitors the translation work of important Judgments of the Supreme Court and High Court. The Hon'ble members of the Committee take part in the meetings of the AI Assisted Legal Translation Committee, convened by the Supreme Court of India and guides the High Court in undertaking

the translation work, as per directions received from the Hon'ble AI Assisted Legal Translation Committee of the Supreme Court from time to time.

'e-Law Reports Committee' was constituted, in 2024, in the light of the direction of the Supreme Court of India, in connection with publishing of Digital Law Reports by the High Courts. Constituted with the members of the existing AI Committees of the High Court ('Committee on Artificial Intelligence' & 'Artificial Intelligence Assisted Legal Translation Advisory Committee') and the Chairman of the 'Law Reporting Council'. The function of the Committee is to monitor the implementation of e-ILR (Kerala Series).

In 2025, a single Committee was constituted by the High Court, as instructed by the AI- Assisted Legal Translation Advisory Committee (AI-ALTAC) of the Supreme Court, in lieu of the above 02 Committees. The new Committee was titled 'e-Law Reports & Artificial Intelligence Assisted Legal Translation Advisory Committee'.

A committee was constituted pursuant to resolutions of the High Level meeting chaired by the Chief Minister for looking into the proposal of make Malayalam the official language of District Judiciary.

Committee for making recommendations for expeditious disposal of cases pending in the High Court & Delay and Arrears Committee

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee for making recommendations for expeditious disposal of cases pending in the High Court. 2. Delay and Arrears Committee. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice Devan Ramachandran 2. Justice Gopinath P. 3. Justice Viju Abraham 4. Justice Mohammed Nias C. P. 5. Justice C. Jayachandran 6. Justice Shoba Annamma Eapen <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Committee makes recommendations for the expeditious disposal of cases pending in the High Court. The committee was constituted upon recommendation of the Honourable Arrears Committee of the Supreme Court in 2015. The purpose is to monitor the progress of inflow of cases based on which benches can be constituted to reduce the backlog of cases.</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Court Level Monitoring Committee to Monitor the Development of Infrastructure for District 	<p>High Court Level Committee to Monitor the Development of Infrastructure for District Judiciary under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).</p> <p>Chaired by the Honourable the Chief Justice,</p> <p>Chairman, Review Committee for all matters pending before the Government and</p> <p>Chairman and Members of the Committee for Establishment of Courts and Tribunals & Court</p>

<p>Judiciary under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).</p> <p>2. Committee for Monitoring progress of CSS projects.</p>	<p>Buildings of the District Judiciary, Registrar General, Home Secretary and PWD Secretary)</p> <p><i>Constituted as per the resolution of the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the High Court, held on 10.10.2023, for monitoring the physical and financial progress of development of Infrastructure for District Judiciary under CSS and to find and resolve bottlenecks in the construction and fund utilization and also serves the purpose as per revised guidelines of CSS issued by the Department of Justice, Government of India to monitor progress and timely completion of projects under the CSS and to facilitate co-ordination between various departments.</i></p>
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Further, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice has **ordered the dissolution of the following Committees/Sub-Committees**, taking into consideration that they have served the purpose for which they were established or have become defunct due to loss of relevance.

1. **Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates**
2. **Committee to oversee the translation of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' to Malayalam**
3. **Committee to consider the proposed Draft Rules for regulating the functions of the Arbitration Centre**
4. **Special Committee to look into different suggestions relating to the Unit System**
5. **Special Committee to consider the streamlining and revamping of the Judicial as well as administrative duties, functions and responsibilities of the Court Managers in the High Court**
6. **Committee to consider the representation of the Kerala Judicial Officers' Association in regard to the reconsideration of General Transfer Norms-2024**

7. Committee for suggestions on the Codification of Cases filed in the High Court

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1. *Sub Committee for High Court: excluding MACA and Family Court Matters*
2. *Sub Committee for matters relating to Special Courts viz. Vigilance, CBI, NIA, NDPS and SC/ST Courts*
3. *Sub Committee for MACT, MACA and Family Court Matters in High Court and District Judiciary*
4. *Sub Committee for all Matters other than MACT and Family Court Matters in District Judiciary*

Sub-Committee of the Computer Committee for considering Customization of Software Application/ implementation of new software Modules;

9. **Sub Committee for Committee in charge of Computerization, Destruction of records and Codification**
10. **Sub Committee to make suggestions w.r.t, Development of Module for the Roster Management Process**
11. **Sub Committee for framing of norms regarding appointment to Deputation posts in the District Judiciary**
12. **Sub Committee for monitoring the security of the Court buildings in the District Judiciary and to make recommendations**

(By Order)

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REGISTRAR GENERAL

To:-

- The Deputy Director (IT), High Court.
- The Joint Registrars & Deputy Registrars, High Court.
- The Protocol Officer, High Court.
- The Public Relations Officer, High Court.
- The Finance Officer, High Court.
- The Private Secretary to the Chief Justice, High Court.

The Principal Technical Officer, High Court
The Assistant Registrars and the Chief Librarian, High Court.
The Court Officer to the Chief Justice, High Court.
The Additional Public Relations Officer, High Court.
The Accounts Officers, High Court (2)
The Librarian, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.
The Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice, High Court.
The Private Secretaries to the Hon'ble Judges, High Court.
The System Engineer, High Court
The Court Managers, High Court (2)
The Confidential Assistants to the Registrars and the Addl. Registrar (General Administration), High Court.
The Confidential Assistant to the Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani.
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