



## Press Release

### HOLISTIC ENTERPRISE CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF LAHORE HIGH COURT ROLLS OUT

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The corruption free roll out of holistic Enterprise Caseflow Management System (ECMS) dreamed up by the Bar and Bench and developed according to their requirements by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) is bound to deliver successful results. This was stated by Dr. Umar Saif, Chairman PITB and Vice Chancellor Information Technology University (ITU) in a grand inaugural ceremony to launch ECMS held at Punjab Judicial Academy here today.

Saif said that a comprehensive system has been developed for judicial activity, which included case filing, hearing, adjustments, evidences of cases, cause list, calendaring and the disposal of court cases. No change of hearing date would be possible now as practiced in the past to delay the cases while the bold and radical changes in the system would bring transparency, efficiency and timely disposal of cases, being expanded to district and session courts in the next phase, would become a beacon of light for all other courts in the country, he added.

He further stated that besides Lahore High Court (LHC) website, PITB has developed 400 websites while LHC website has been accessed by 180 million times and 10,000 people have downloaded its mobile application. So far 102,000 individuals called on 1134 helpline to know the status of their hearing, which loudly confirms the acceptance of the automated system by the masses, he informed.

Syed Mansoor Ali Shah Chief Justice LHC in his inaugural address said that unanimous approach by all stakeholders has paved the way for reforms through technology in the judicial system to facilitate the common man. The untiring efforts by Dr. Umar Saif, who led the show and PITB officials all time support has streamlined the roadmap of Punjab judiciary, he stated.

The paradigm shift in the judicial system would prove to be a game changer, which would further strengthen the system to make the institution stronger, which would be ensured by introducing Research and Development wing to take forward the system, said the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice LHC elaborated the need and requirement of the system through a symbolic presentation based on short but impressive skit depicting an old man, performed by an Additional Session Judge, a room and truck, which was appreciated by the audience and said that with the introduction of new system, physical file audit would begin to send the data to new system as reportedly 1.3 million cases were pending at district courts and 134,000 in the High Court whereas with the start of new term from April 10 Monday, the system would become operational through urgent cell.

He added that the digitalization of files would add efficiency in the system which was being partnered by the Punjab Police and NADRA by sharing data with the judiciary, making it accessible in the court room. With the revamping of the Member Investigation Team (MIT) office into the Directorate of District Judiciary, efficient complaint smartphone system and performance evaluation would maintain the difference between public and personal information. For capacity building, doors of foreign scholarships have been opened while welfare and development was also being focused, he added.