On-line Electronic Filing (e-filing) of Cases in the High Court & Subordinate Courts of Tripura Rules, 2021

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HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA AGARTALA

No.F.3(35)-HC/2021/ 28/5/

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 225 & Article 227 of the Constitution of India, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura, so far as the Rules relate to On-line Electronic Filing (E-filing) of cases in the High Court and Subordinate Courts of Tripura is hereby pleased to make the following rules:-

Short Title, Applicability and Commencement:

- (1) These Rules will be called ON-LINE ELECTRONIC FILING (E-FILING) OF CASES IN THE HIGH COURT AND SUBORDINATE COURTS OF TRIPURA RULES, 2021.
- (2) They will be applicable to the High Court of Tripura and to the District Courts and Tribunals over which it has supervisory jurisdiction.
- (3) These Rules will come into force from the date notified by the High Court.
- (4) These Rules will apply to on-line e-filing and e-filing through Designated Counters and facilities provided for e-filing, including e-Service Centres / e-Sewa Kendra.
- (5) The Rules will apply to such categories of cases as would be notified by the High Court.
 These Rules amend and consolidate the existing Rules and Practice Directions.

2. Definitions

(1) <u>Action</u>: includes all proceedings instituted in the Court such as suits, criminal complaints, appeals, civil or criminal writ petitions, revision petitions, contempt petitions, execution petitions, arbitration petitions, probate cases and interlocutory applications.

- (2) <u>Administrator</u>: means the Registrar (IT) or an officer appointed by the Chief Justice for administering and dealing with matters connected with or relating to e-filing.
- (3) <u>Bench</u>: means and includes one or more Judges assigned to adjudicate upon Actions or the Presiding Officer of the Court or Tribunal as the case may be.
- (4) Physical Filing: means Actions and pleadings filed as hard copies.
- (5) <u>Designated Counters</u>: means and includes those counters which find mention in Appendix-I and those that may be included or excluded from Appendix -I from time to time.
- (6) <u>District Courts</u>: means and includes the courts established and functioning under the control and supervision of the High Court.
- (7) <u>Electronic Filing (e-filing)</u>: means e-filing as prescribed through the Internet (at the web portal of the Court) and through the internet/intranet at Designated Counters, unless the context requires otherwise.
- (8) Evidence: means and includes evidence as defined under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- (9) High Court: High Court means the High Court of Tripura.
- (10) Objections: means and includes deficiencies and errors pointed out by the Registry in relation to the Actions instituted in the Court.
- (11) Opposite Party: means defendant(s), respondents, judgment debtor(s) and non-applicant(s).
- (12) Party: means appellant(s), plaintiff(s), petitioner(s), complainant(s) and applicant(s).
- (13) <u>Pleadings</u>: means pleadings filed in support or defence of an Action including affidavits, additional affidavits and supplementary affidavits.
- (14) PDF: means an electronic document filed in a portable document format.

- (15) <u>PDF/A</u>: means an ISO-standardized version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) specialized for the digital preservation of electronic documents.
- (16) Registry: means the Registry of the Court.
- (17) <u>Statement of Defence</u>: means and includes written statements, replies, counter-affidavits and additional or supplementary affidavits.
- (18) <u>Technical failure</u>: means a failure of the court's hardware, software, and/or telecommunications facility which results in the impossibility of submitting a file electronically. Technical failure does not include malfunctioning of the equipment of the person submitting an e-file.
- (19) <u>Third Party</u>: means and includes any person or entity seeking to become a party or to intervene in an Action.
- (20) Working Day: means and includes a day when the Registry of the Court is working under the Calendar published or as directed by the Court.

3. General Instructions

- (1) On-line e-filing shall be made by visiting the web portal of the Court as may be notified from time to time.
- (2) Except as provided in these Rules, Actions, whether in fresh, pending or disposed of cases, will be filed electronically by an advocate or litigant in person from their home, office or other remote location in the manner provided in these Rules.
- (3) Any person who is unable to access the e-filing portal would be entitled to make use of the facilities provided at the Designated Counters for that purpose upon payment of charges if stipulated.

(4) The size of the e-file should not exceed <u>100</u> MB. In case the file size exceeds <u>100</u> MB, the Advocate or litigant should visit any one of the Designated Centres for enabling e-filing through the intranet.

4. Steps for Registration

(1) Persons other than Advocates and litigants in person who are already registered on the Court web portal will take the following steps to register themselves.

i) Advocates

- a) Should visit the web portal as may be notified from time to time to view the form.
- b) Click the registration link.
- c) Fill the form with requisite details.
- d) Submit the filled-up form along with a self-attested copy of the Bar Council Registration Certificate or Bar Council I-card (in PDF format only).

ii) Litigants in person

- a) Should visit the web portal as may be notified from time to time to view the form.
- b) Click the registration link.
- c) Fill the form with requisite details.
- d) Submit the filled-up form along with the self-attested copy of any identity document issued by the Government (in PDF format only).
- (2) Litigants in person shall submit an affidavit/undertaking that they have not engaged an Advocate in the Action. A litigant in person, who subsequently engages an Advocate, shall make an

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application before the Administrator for transferring the data in respect of the Action to the

Advocate's account in. Once the Administrator allows the application, the data in the Action shall be

transferred in the user account of the Advocate. The litigant in person will not be in a position to

modify the data of the subject Action, without the permission of the Administrator.

(3) A login ID will be allotted on the next working day if the application is found complete in all

respects. The procedure for registration is set out in Appendix-II.

5. Frame of Pleadings

The pleadings should be clear and concise. Parties and third parties should set forth their

claims/averments in separate paragraphs. The statement of truth/ affidavit of the concerned person

must bear their signature. Opposite parties should also file their replies under sequentially

numbered paragraphs and headings (such as Preliminary Objections and Objections on Merits).

6. Formatting

(1) All the original typed text material including notice of motion, memorandum of parties, main

petition or appeal, interlocutory application(s), reply, status report, affidavit, documents, will be

prepared electronically using the following formatting style:

Paper size : A-4

Top Margin: 1.5"

• Bottom Margin: 1.5"

Left Margin: 1.75"

Right Margin: 1.0"

Alignment : Justified

Font: Times New Roman

Font size : 14

Line spacing: 1.5

- If any document is typed in a local language in Trial Courts, it must be prepared using xxx
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- (2) The document should be converted into Optical Character Recognition (OCR) searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) or PDF/A using any PDF converter or in-built PDF conversion plug-in provided in the software. PDF/A is the preferred format.
- (3) A document which is not a text document and has to be enclosed with the Action, should be scanned using an image resolution of 300 DPI (Dots per inch) in OCR searchable mode and saved as a PDF document. The procedure for converting a document into an OCR searchable PDF as mentioned above and as required in clause 8.1 is set out in Appendix III.

7. Digital Signatures

- (1) The PDF document shall be digitally signed either by the parties and/or by their Advocate. The digital signatures shall be appended on such places on the PDF document as prescribed under the extant rules. If neither the party nor the Advocate who has been engaged possesses a digital signature, a print out of the Action shall be physically signed by the party concerned and/or their Advocate in accordance with rules and it shall thereafter be scanned and uploaded.
- (2) A List of recognized Digital Signature Providers and the procedure involved in appending single or multiple signatures is set out in Appendix IV.
- (3) A litigant in person or advocate who does not possess a digital signature issued by the competent authority can authenticate e-filed documents by e-Sign based on Aadhaar authentication.

8. Dos and Don'ts

- (1) The text documents and scanned documents set out in clauses 6.3 and 7.1 should be merged as a single OCR searchable PDF file and should be book-marked as per the Master Index, duly approved by the Registry. The procedure in this behalf is set out in Appendix -V.
- (2) The merged documents should be uploaded at the time of on-line e-filing. Screenshots of the manner of accessing the on-line e-filing portal and for the filing of the main case and documents including written statements, replies, replications, rejoinders, affidavits and evidence in a pending case are set out in Appendix I.
- (3) Once e-filing is accepted, the filing or registration number shall be notified to the Advocate or litigant in person.
- (4) In case on-line e-filing includes audio and/or video files, the Administrator shall generate a hash value.
- (5) Special Characters are not allowed while e-filling Memo of Parties and Advocate remarks.
- (6) Document Binary File Name Standards

The following special characters are not allowed in a file name:

- A quotation mark (")
- A number sign/Pound (#)
- · Per cent (%)
- · Ampersand (&)
- Asterisk (*)

- · Colon (:)
- Angle brackets (less than, greater than) (<>)
- A question mark (?)
- · Backslash (\)
- · Forward slash (/)
- Braces (left and right) ({ })
- Pipe (|)
- A tilde (~)
- The period (.) character used consecutively in the middle of the file name or at the beginning or end of the file name.

File names should not exceed 45 characters in length, including spaces. Single space must be counted as one character each.

(7) On-line e-filing shall not be watermarked or encrypted. The e-filed documents shall not contain any virus, malware, spam-ware, trojan horse or the like. All the e-filed documents shall be legible and free of markings, track changes or annotations.

9. Payment of Court Fees/Other Charges

Court Fees and other charges payable under the relevant Acts and Rules shall be made through Electronic Payment [e-payment] in the manner and mode as notified by the High Court from time to time and the notification shall also be available in the web portal of the relevant courts. The Transaction ID or GRN (Government Reference Number) provided upon payment of court fee and other charges is required to be entered in the appropriate field at the time of on-line e-filing.

10. Retention of Originals

- (1) Originals of the documents that are scanned and digitally signed by the Advocate or the litigant in person at the time of e-filing should be preserved, for production or inspection, as may be directed by the Bench.
- (2) The signed vakalatnama, signed and notarized/attested affidavit and any other document whose authenticity is likely to be questioned should be preserved, at least, for two years till after the final disposal of the Action. Final disposal shall include disposal of the Action by the superior appellate court.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything above, the following documents will have to be preserved permanently:-
- a) A Negotiable Instrument (other than a cheque) as defined in Section 13 of The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (26 of 1881).
- b) A Power-of-Attorney as defined in section 1A of the Powers-of-Attorney Act, 1882 (7 of 1882).
- c) A Trust as defined in Section 3 of The Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (2 of 1882).
- d) A Will as defined in Clause (h) of Section 2 of The Indian Succession Act, 1925 (39 of 1925) including any other testamentary disposition by whatever name called.
- e) Any contract for the sale or conveyance of immovable property or any interest in such property.
- f) Any other document as may be directed by the Bench.
- (4) The responsibility of producing the originals and proving their genuineness shall be of the party that has electronically filed scanned copies of the document.

11. Access to the Electronic Data of the Action

Free of cost access will be available to authorized person(s) to data e-filed by any of the parties to the specific Action, as is presently being provided in pending Actions. This facility shall be in addition to the procedure of obtaining certified copies.

12. Exemption from e-filing

Exemption from on-line e-filing of the entire pleading or a part of the pleadings and/or documents may be permitted by the Bench upon an application being made for that purpose in the following circumstances:

- where on-line e-filing is for reasons set out in the application not feasible; or
- ii. where there are concerns about confidentiality and protection of privacy; or
- iii. where the document cannot be scanned or filed electronically because of its size, shape or condition; or
- iv. where the on-line e-filing portal is either inaccessible or not available for some reason; and/or
- v. for a just and sufficient cause.

13. Service of Electronic Documents

In addition to the prescribed mode of service, notices, documents, pleadings that are filed electronically may also be served through the designated e-mail IDs of Registry officials to the e-mail address of the advocates or parties, if available. E-mail IDs of Registry officials will be published on the Court website to enable the recipients to verify the source of the e-mail.

14. Computation of Time

(1) Wherever limitation/time limits apply, it will be the responsibility of the party concerned to ensure that the filing is carried out well before the cut-off date and time. The date of e-filing will be taken as that date when the Action is electronically received in the Registry within the prescribed time on any

working day. For computing the time at which e-filing is made, Indian Standard Time (IST) will apply.

- (2) E-filing through Designated Counters will be permissible up to 1600 hours on any court working day. On-line e-filing carried out after 1600 hours on any day, will be treated as the date which follows the actual filing date provided it is a court working day. Actions filed on a day declared as gazetted holiday or on a day when the court is closed, will be regarded as having been filed on the next working day. For the computation of limitation, on-line e-filing shall be subject to the same legal regime as applicable to physical filing, save and except as provided herein above.
- (3) The facility for on-line e-filing through the web portal shall be available during all twenty four hours of each day, subject to breakdown, server downtime, system maintenance or such other exigencies. Where on-line e-filing is not possible for any of the reasons set out above, parties can either approach the Designated Counters for e-filing between 1600 hours on court working days or take recourse to physical filing. No exemption from limitation shall be permitted on the ground of a failure of the web based on-line e-filing facility.
- (4) Provisions for limitation governing on-line e-filing will be the same as those applicable to physical filing. The period of limitation for such actions will commence from the date when e-filing is made as per the procedure prescribed in these Rules.

15. Procedure for Filing Caveat

All caveats can be filed on-line. The procedure for this purpose is set out in Appendix —VI.

16. Hard Copies of Pleadings and Documents filed electronically

- (1) The Advocates and Party-in-person can take hard copies of the pleadings and documents filed electronically for their use in the Court.
- (2) The Registry of the Court shall take hard copies of the pleadings and documents meant for the use of the Court or for other official purposes.

17. Storage and Retrieval of e-Filed Documents and Pleadings

E-filings will be stored on an exclusive server maintained under the control and directions of the Court. Each such filing will be separately labelled and encrypted to facilitate easy identification and retrieval. The security of such filings will be ensured. Access to e-filings would be restricted in the manner provided herein above and as may be notified from time to time. For continuity of operations in case of disaster, natural calamity or breakdown, a mirror image of e-filings available on the servers located in the Court may be maintained at different geographical locations, as decided from time to time by the Court.

18. Powers of High Court

- (1) When the High Court is satisfied that the operation of any Rule causes undue hardship, it may order to dispense with or relax the requirements of that Rule to such extent and subject to such conditions, if any, as is necessary to deal with the case in a just and equitable manner.
- (2) The High Court may also from time to time issue practice directions under these Rules and the said directions shall be effective from the dates as may be notified.

19. Residuary provisions

- (1) The e-filing made by an Advocate/litigant in person will be rejected if they do not follow the protocol mandated by these Rules or practice directions.
- (2) Subject to such further directions as may be issued, it would not be obligatory on the part of the opposite party to accept pleadings and documents by email. In such an eventuality, hard copies of pleadings and documents will have to be provided to the opposite party. In such circumstances, the plaintiff/ petitioner can be called upon to deposit the charges calculated on the basis of the number of pages per defendant/respondent which are required to be photocopied. This facility will

be provided by the Registry on a written request being made by the defendant(s)/respondent(s).

- (3) The Registry will communicate the objections, if any, regarding the cases filed by email/SMS/web hosting to the concerned Advocate/litigant in person. After the objections are cleared the case will be processed for listing and the Advocate/litigant in person will be informed including by email/SMS.
- (4) Procedural matters with respect to which no express provision has been made in these Rules shall be decided by the Court consisted with the principle of furthering the interest of justice.
- (5) These Rules shall be in addition to the extant Rules of Practice followed in the High Court and the District Courts of Tripura.

19. General Caution

Email is not a secure medium of communication. Any communication transmitted by email can be intercepted or read by a third party. An Advocate or litigant in person seeking to transmit confidential or sensitive document/material, shall approach the Registry for requisite assistance/advice.

Appendices

APPENDIX - I Screenshots showing the procedure for accessing the on line portal, electronic filing of documents and list of Designated Counters.

APPENDIX - II Screenshots showing the procedure for registration.

APPENDIX - III Screenshots showing the procedure for converting a document into an OCR searchable PDF.

APPENDIX - IV Screenshots showing the procedure for appending single or multiple digital signatures.

APPENDIX - V Screenshots showing the procedure for book-marking.

APPENDIX - VI Screenshots showing the procedure for filing Caveat.

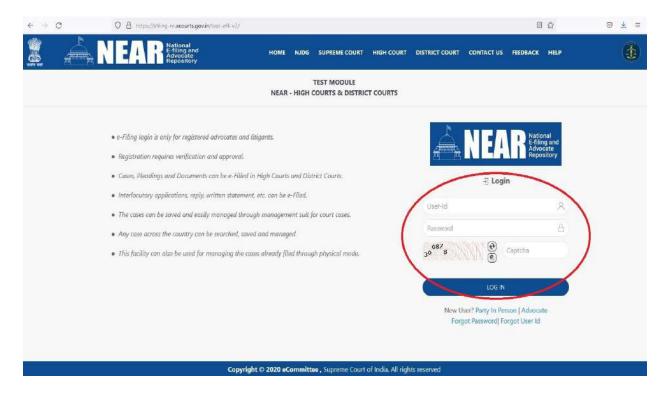
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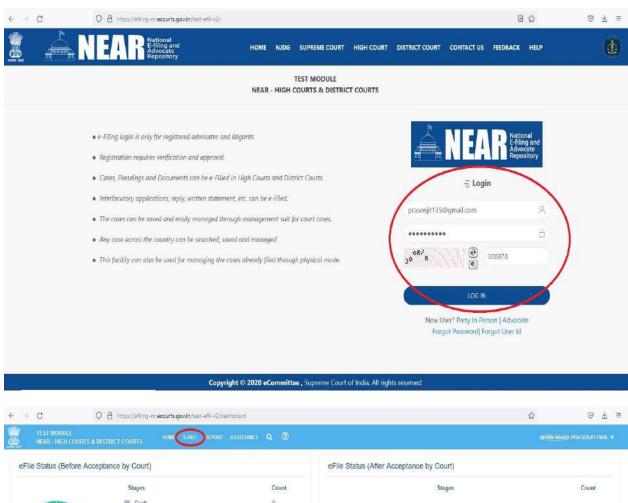
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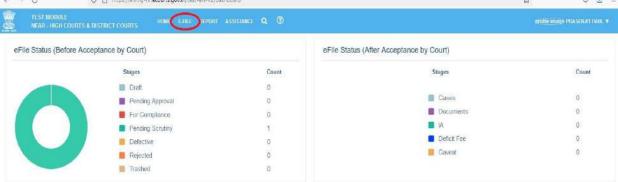
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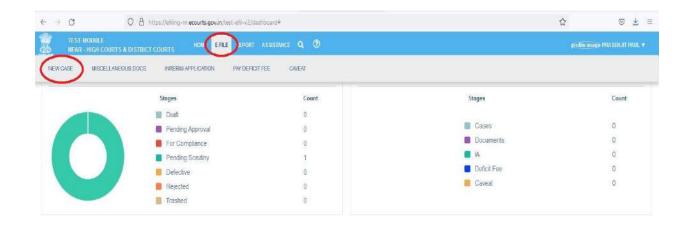
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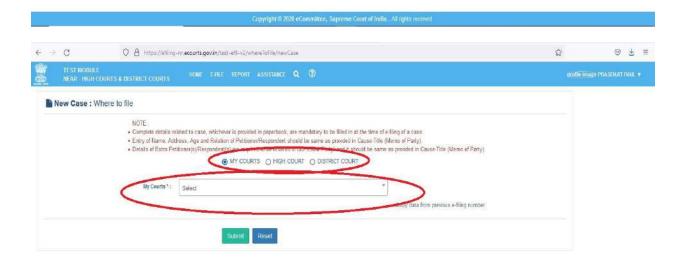
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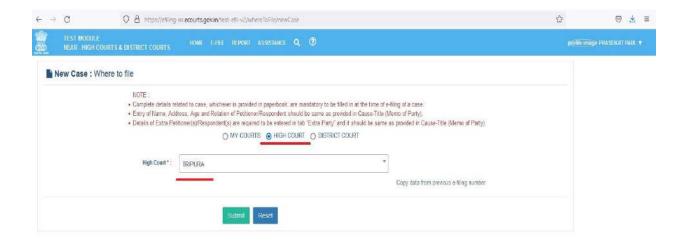


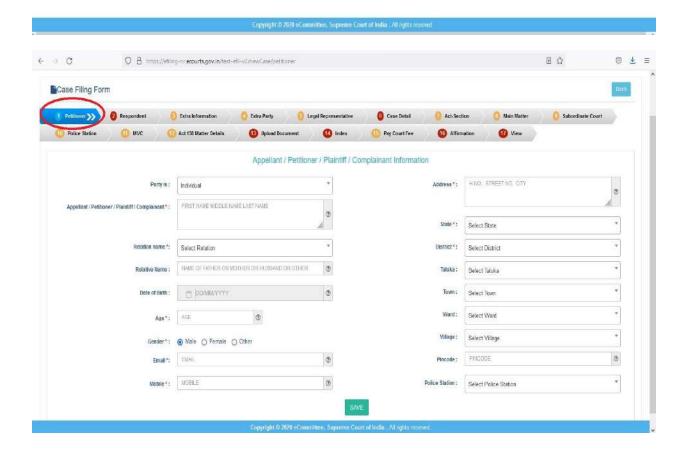


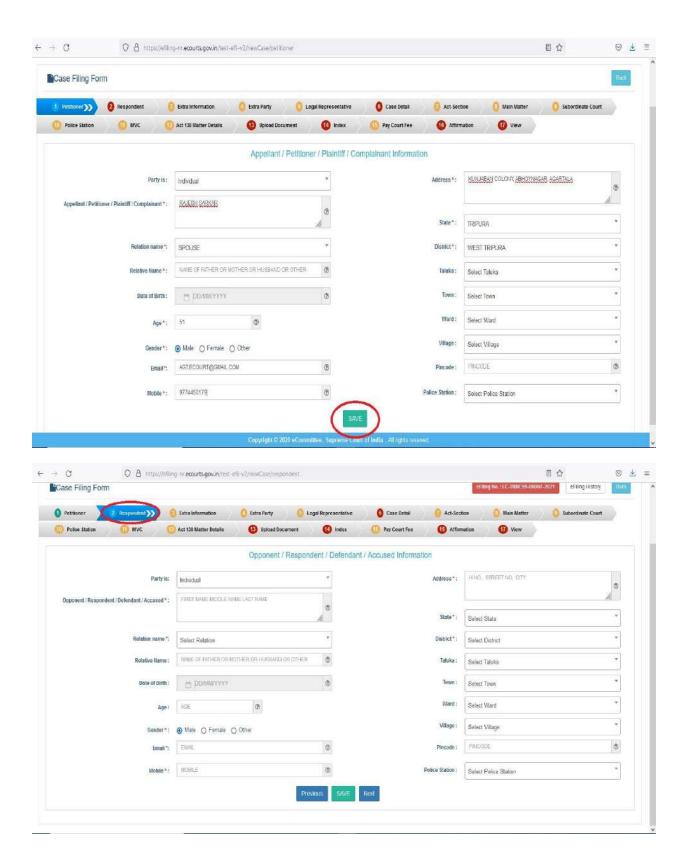


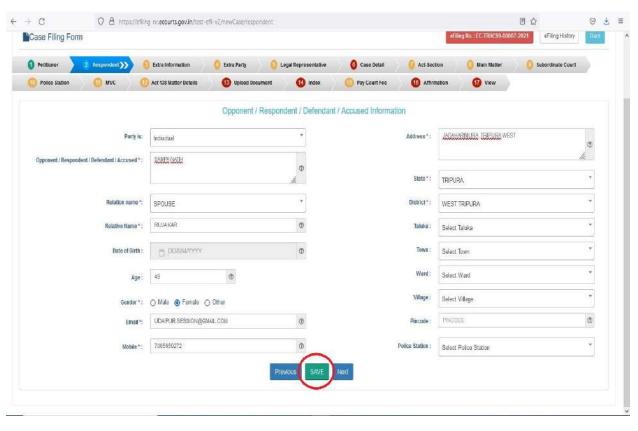


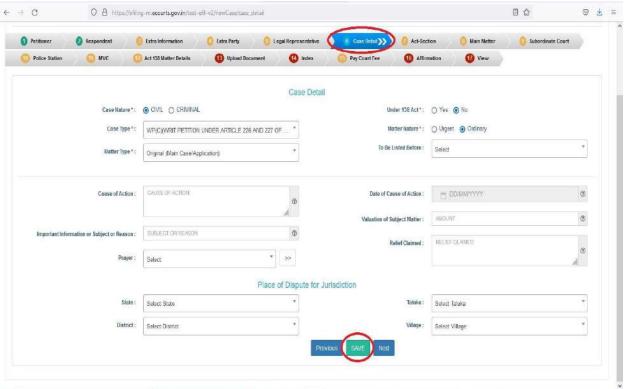


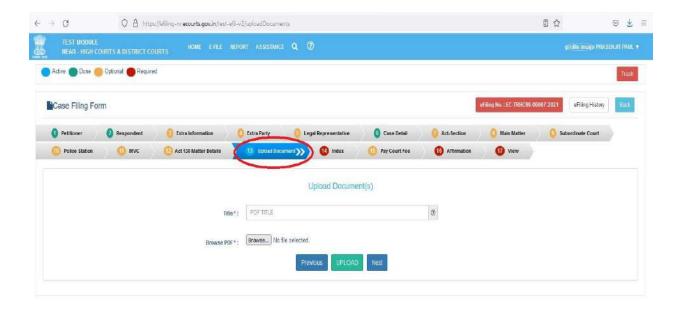


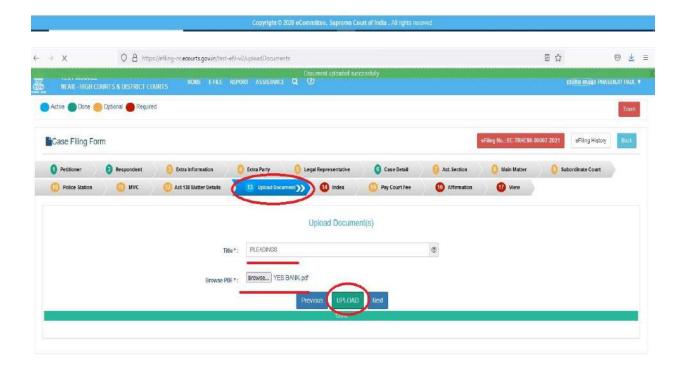


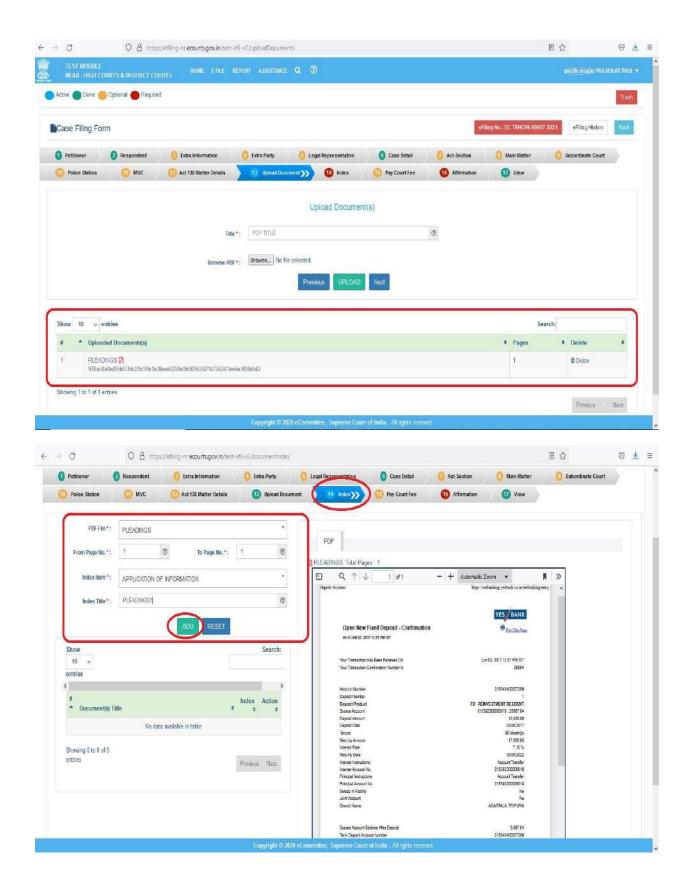


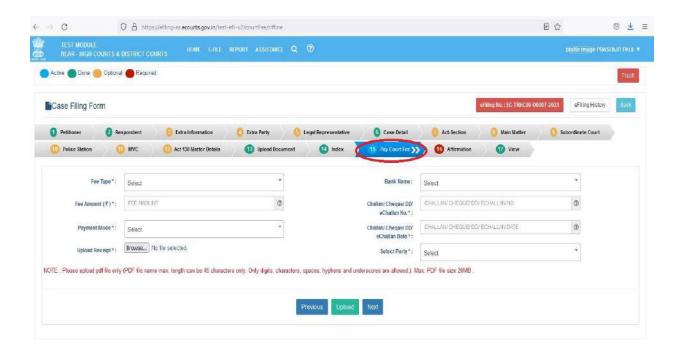


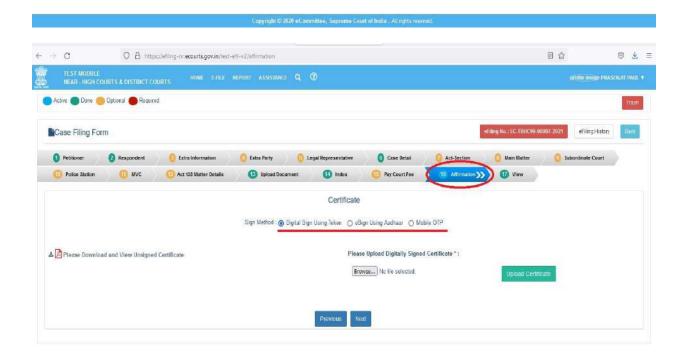


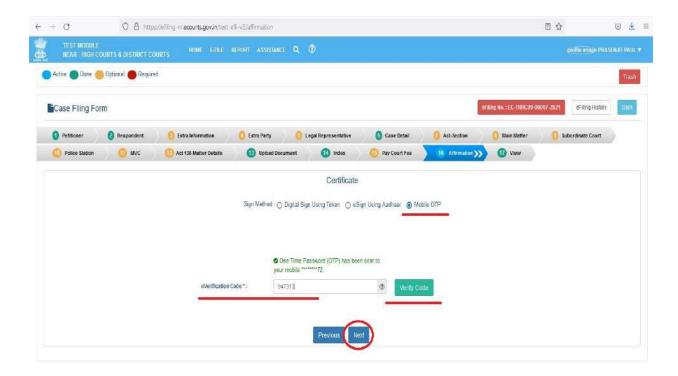


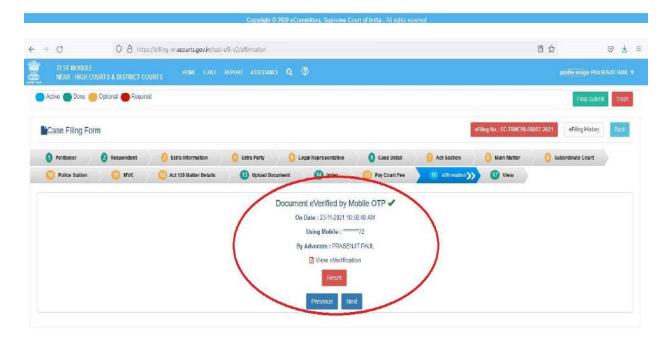


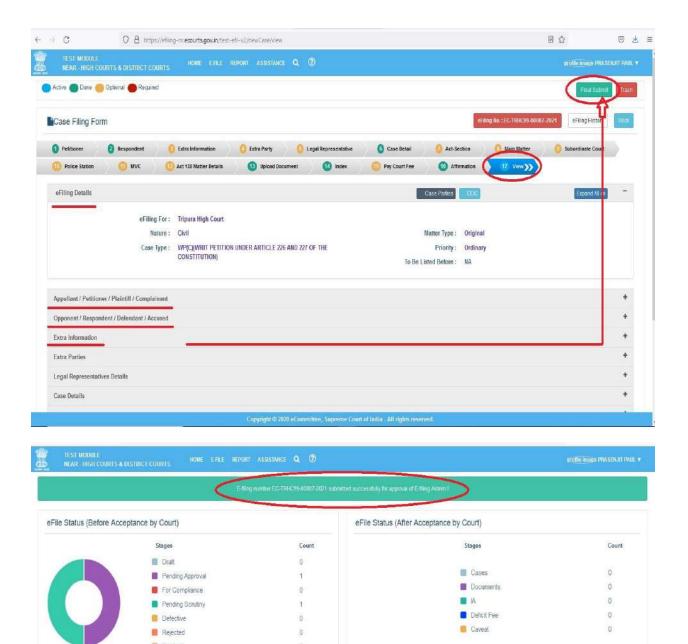


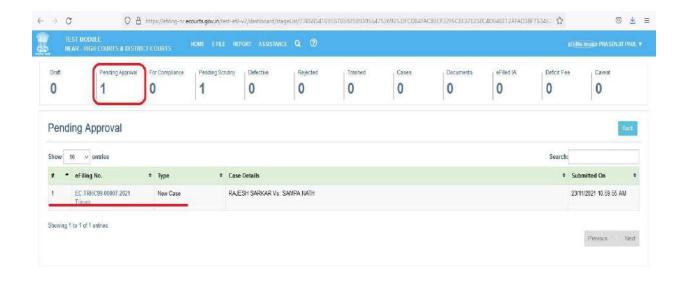












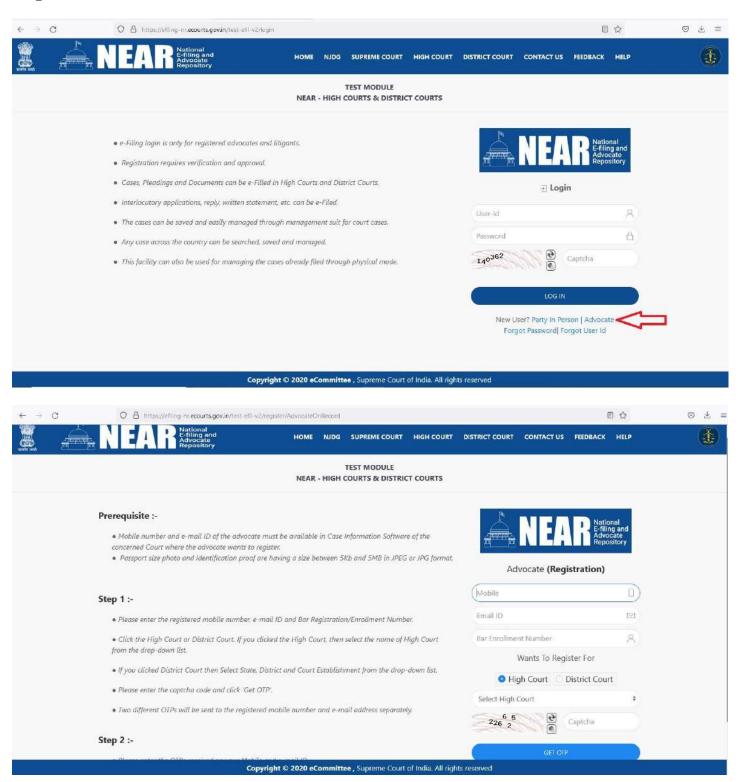
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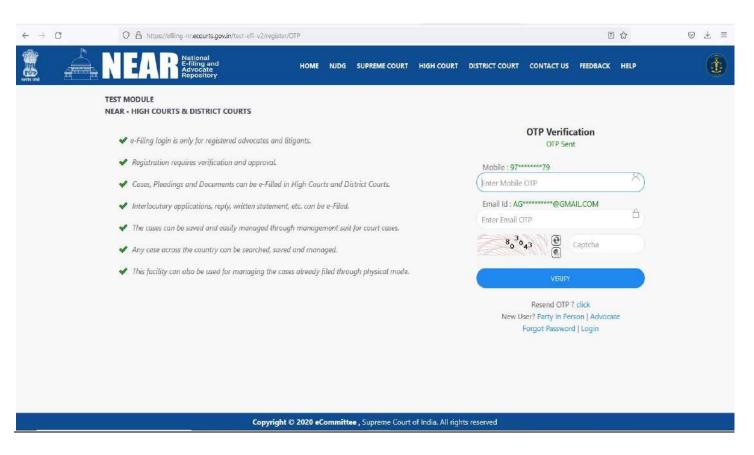
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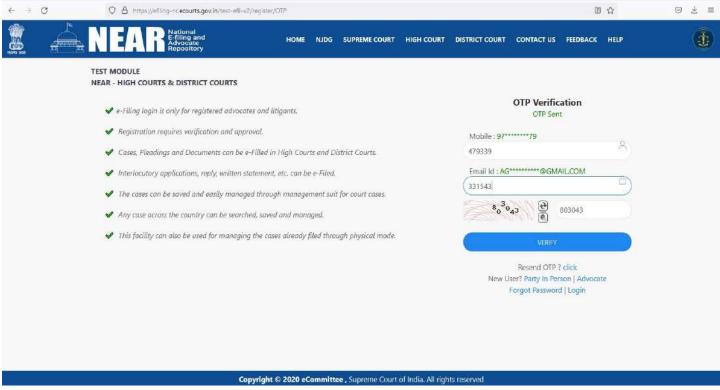
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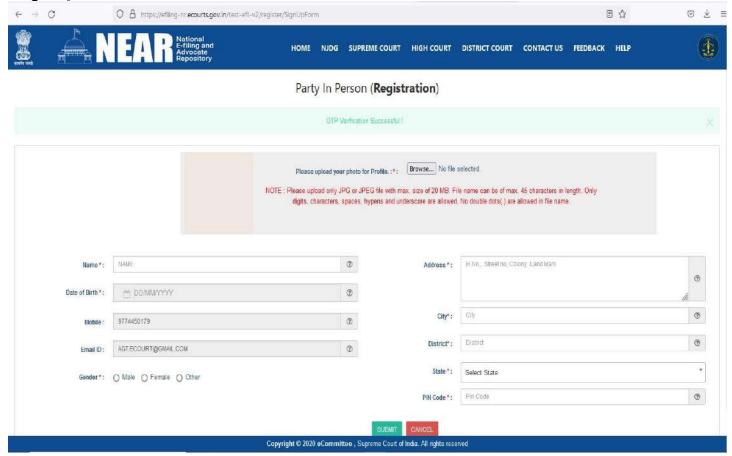
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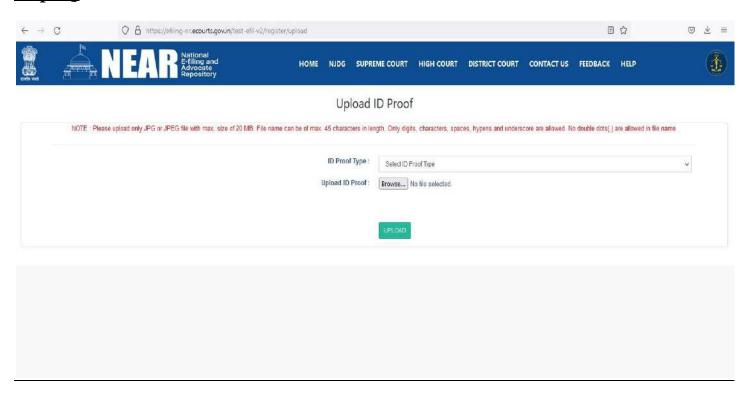




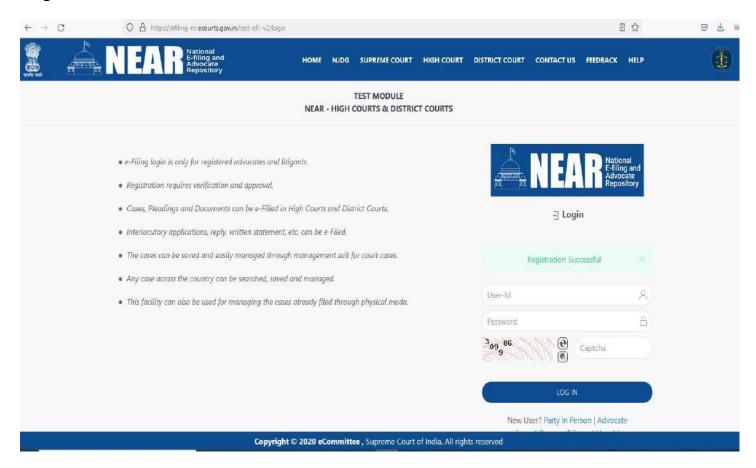
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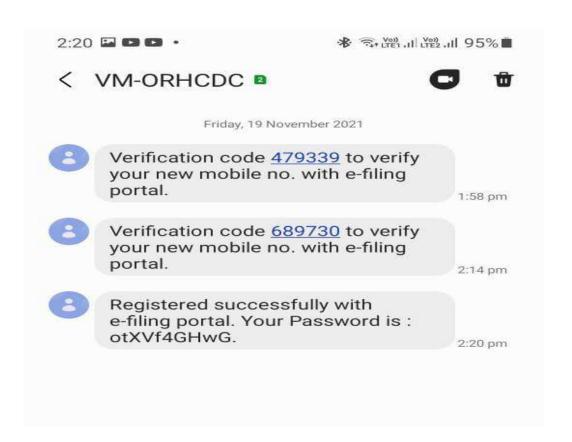
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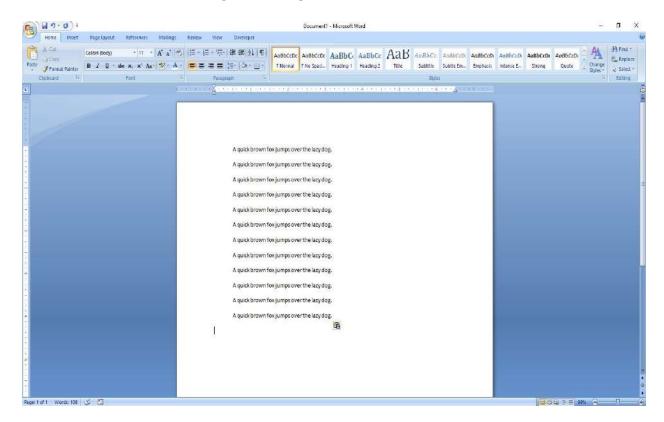
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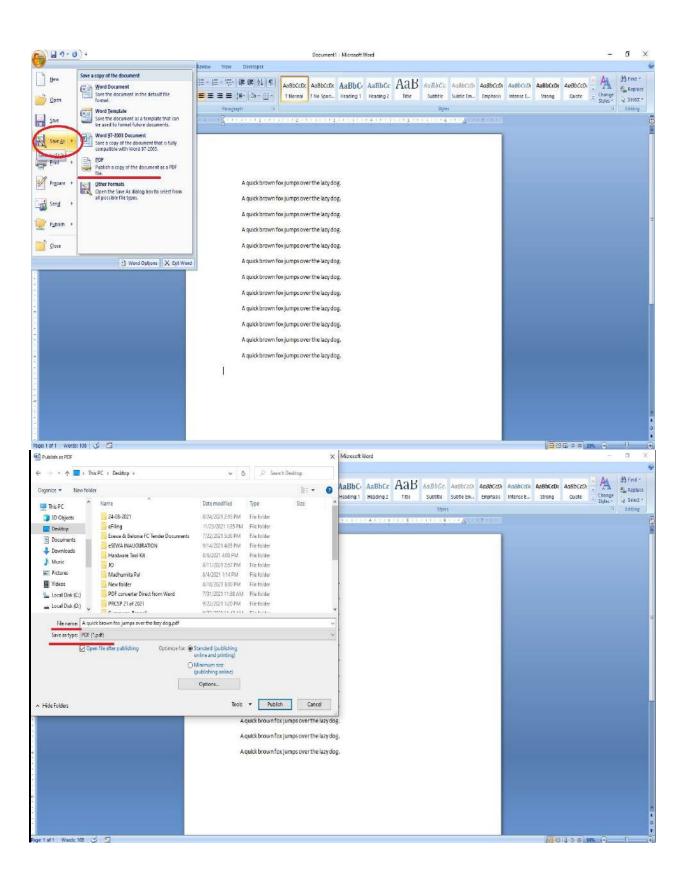
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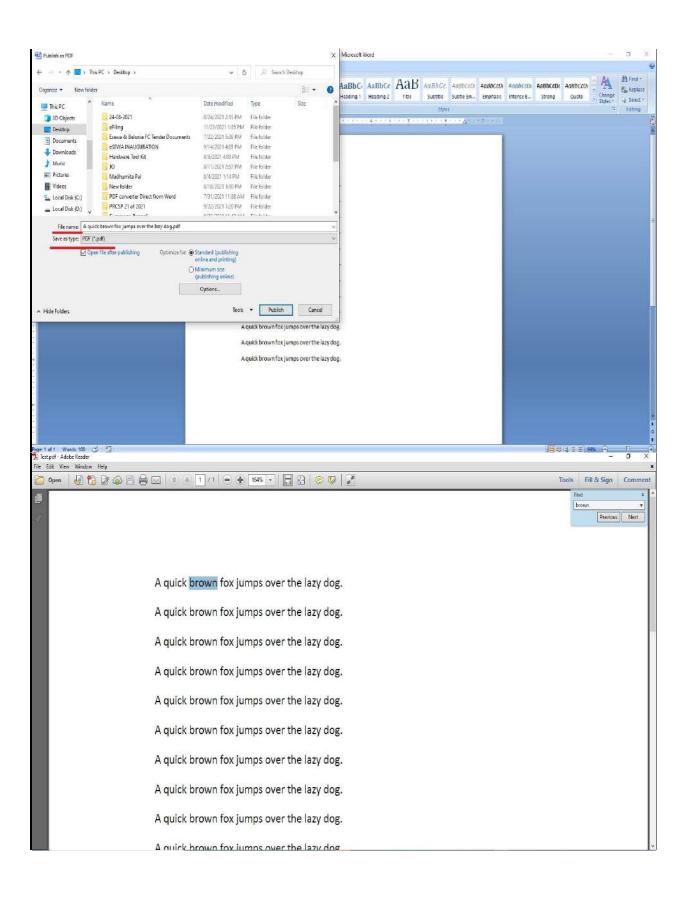
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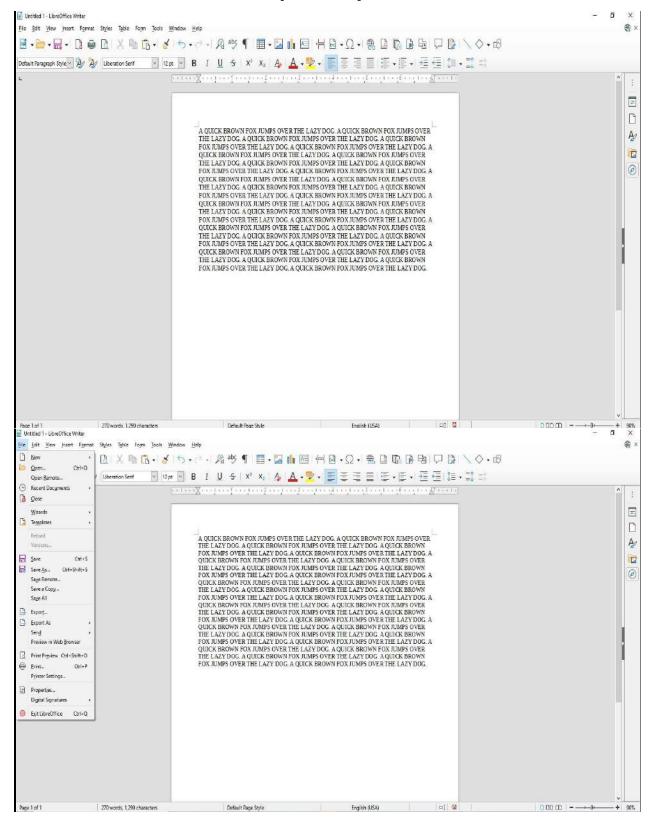
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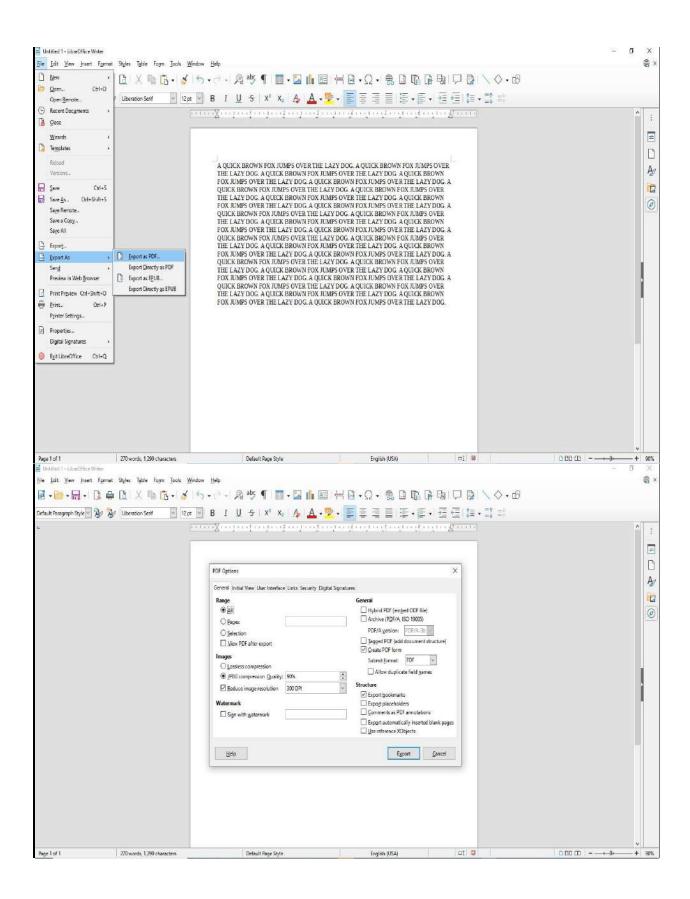


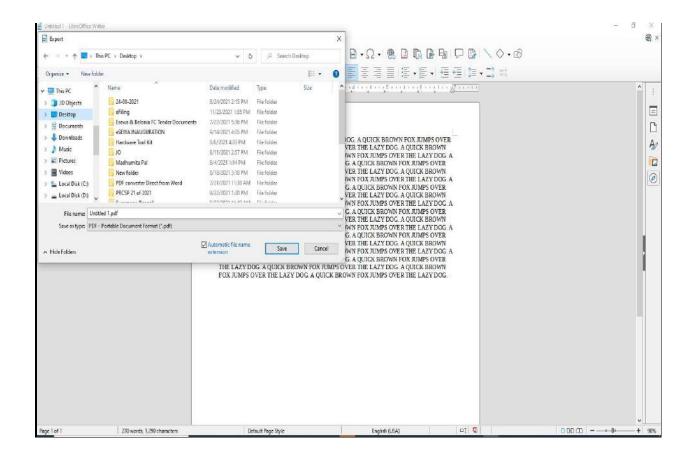


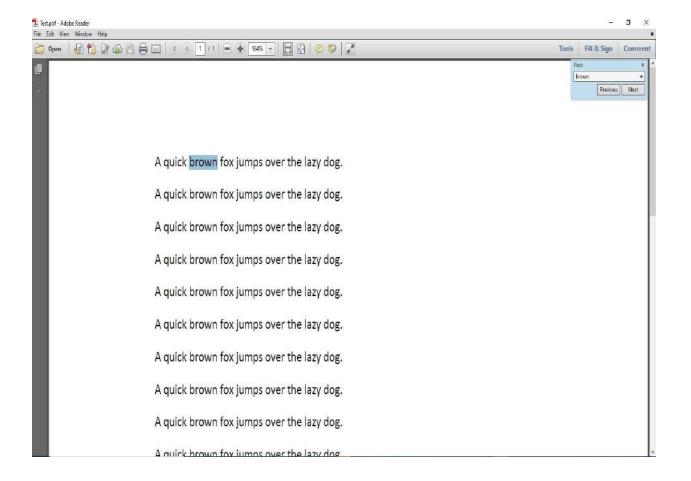


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Screenshots showing the procedure for appending single or multiple digital signatures in a document (pdf).

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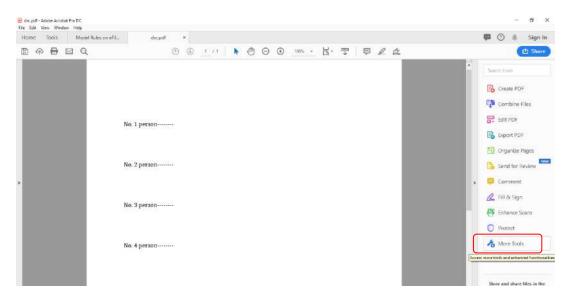
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Step-2:

Open the PDF document for signing.

Step-3:

Click on More Tools



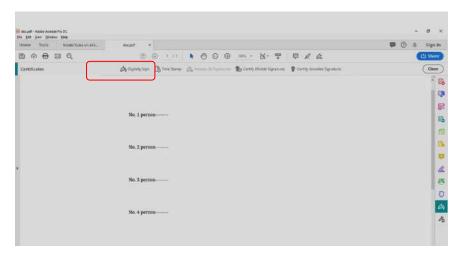
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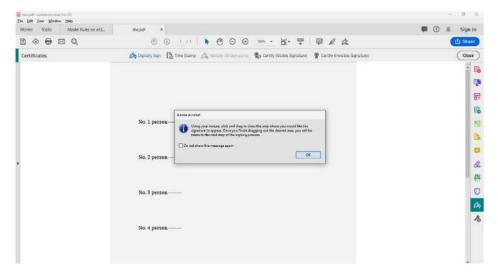
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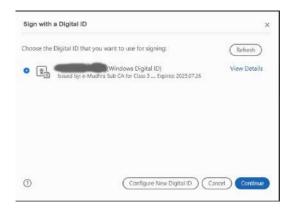
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Draw the area where the digital signature is to be placed.



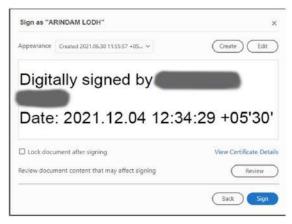
Step-7:

Now the available DSC token name is available for signing. Click on **Continue** option.



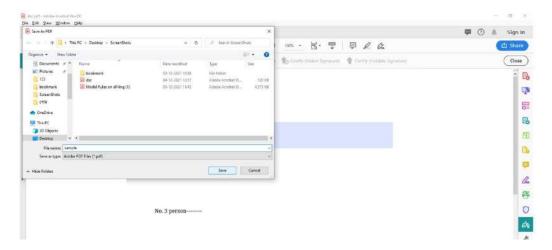
Step-8:

Now click on Sign Option



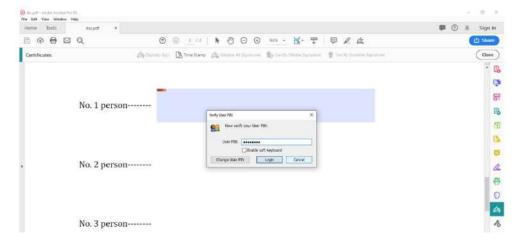
Step-9:

Save the file with appropriate name.



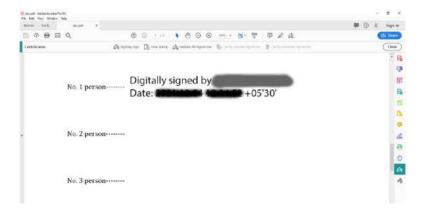
Step-10:

To complete the process, enter the PIN of the Digital Signature and click on Login button.



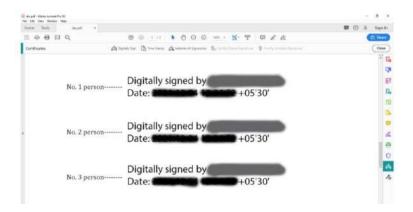
Step-11:

Now the file is digitally signed by the Person No.1.

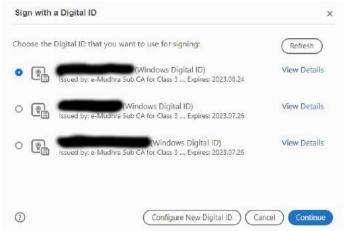


Step-12:

Repeat the same process for multiple signing by changing the DSC token one by one.



N.B.: The eFilier may also insert multiple DSC tokens in the computer system, subject to availability of multiple USB ports in the system and choose between the tokens for signing.



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PREPARATION OF BOOKMARK FOR E-FILING



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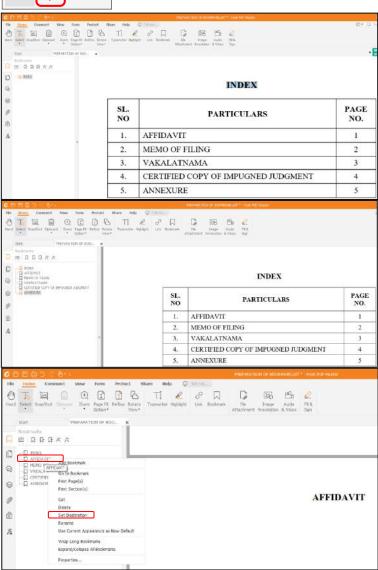
Step-2

Open the PDF file using the Reader software.



Step-3

Select the text button to enable the selection of text in the pdf file.



Step-4

Select the content from the Index of the pdf document and press Ctrl+b This will create a bookmark on the left hand side.

Step-5

Repeat the process for each of the content of the Index.

Step-6

Scroll down the to page associated to the concerned bookmark, specified in the index. Now, right click on the concerned book mark and click on Set destination.

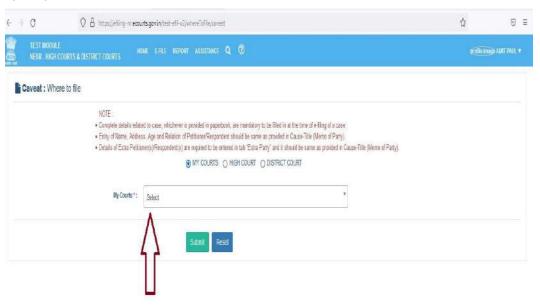
This will link the book mark with the concerned page.

Step-7

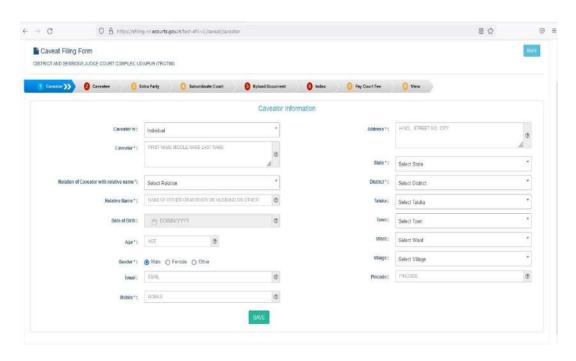
Repeat the process for each bookmark and save the file.

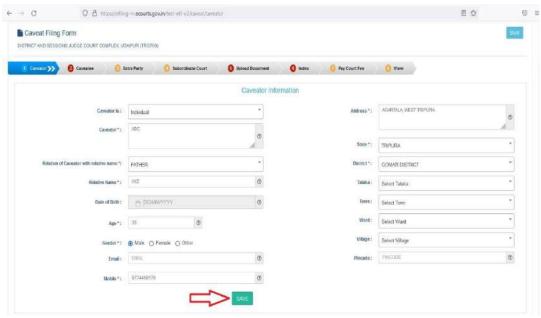
APPENDIX VI- SCREENSHOTS SHOWING THE PROCEDURE TO FILE CAVEATS

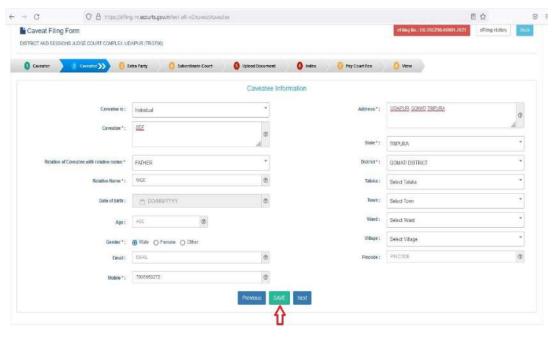
- Screenshots shows below are the step by step procedure for filing a Caveat Application. All the screenshots are self-explanatory.
- Open the home page of e-Filing Portal in web browser and fill up all the details step by step as shown below:

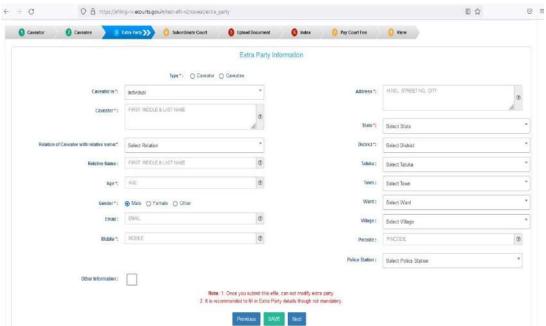


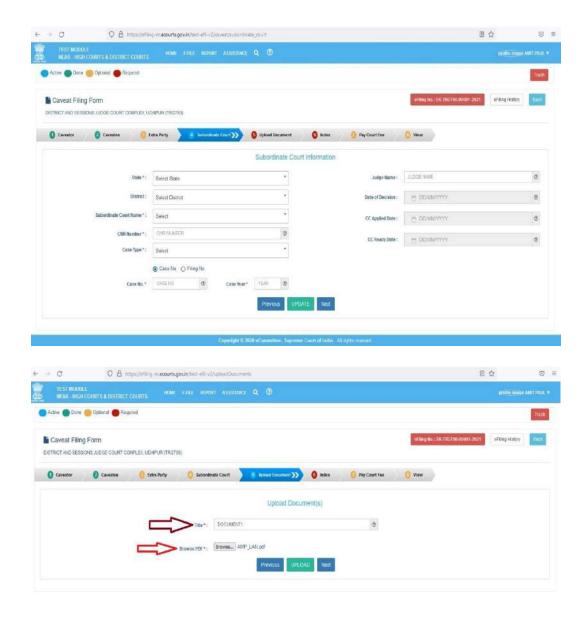




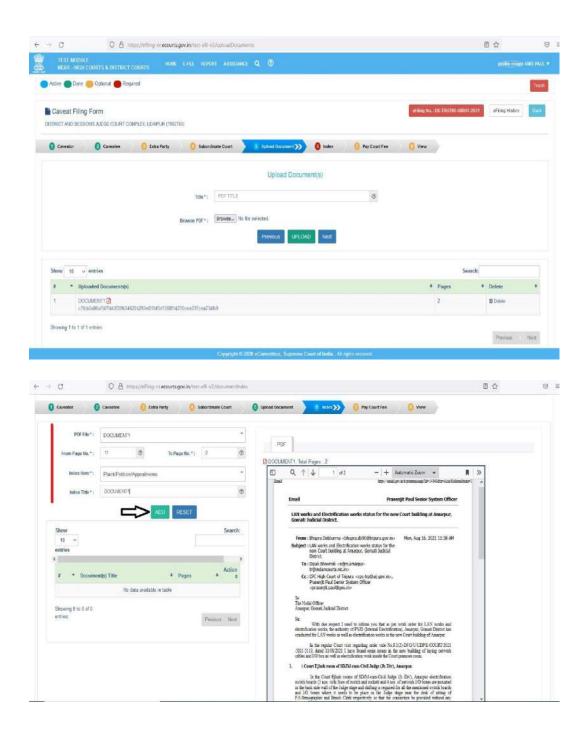


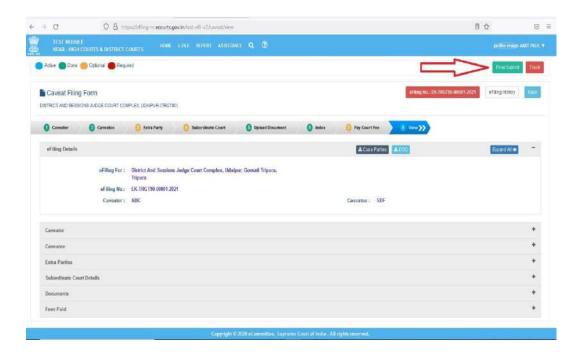






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By Order.

(D.M.Jamatia)

Registrar General

HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA AGARTALA

No. F.6(33)-HC/2020-22/20134

Dated, Agartala, the 12th August, 2022

NOTIFICATION

Subject: <u>Introduction of online payment of Court Fees, fine and penalty through e-Pay Portal.</u>

The High Court of Tripura is pleased to introduce online payment of Court Fees through e-Payment in the High Court and the District Courts of Tripura as an advocate/litigant centric initiative under the aegis of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India and the National Informatics Center. The service will be available for the High Court of Tripura, the District & Sessions Courts as well as all other Courts in the District Judiciary in the State of Tripura (excluding Family Courts). The ePayment of Court Fees can be made by visiting the following payment portal of the eCourts Services:

e-Pay Portal- https://pay.ecourts.gov.in/epay/

- 2. Presently, all the Gourt Fees are paid by way of impressed and adhesive stamps. Sometimes, there is a shortage of Court Fee Stamps and advocates/litigants find it difficult to obtain the Court Fees Stamp. This issue is being resolved by using and electronic technology to provide payment of Court Fees through electronic mode of payment. This facility will be in addition to the existing system of payment of Court Fees through Court Fees Stamp. The Court Fees (Tripura Amendment) Act, 2020 authorizes the electronic transfer of payment of Court Fees to the State Government.
- 3. To avail this service and for making electronic payment of Court Fees, the user must have Internet Banking Account, Debit/Credit card of respective banks, UPI as specified by the payment gateway website. The e-Courts Digital Payment User Manual is available in the official website of the High Court of Tripura in the link https://thc.nic.in/ePay-Final-USer-manual.pdf.

Merits of the e-Court Fees System

- No queue for obtaining Court Fees Stamps.
- No waiting period due to non availability of Courts Fees Stamp with the stamp vendor.
- Exact amount of Court Fees can be paid.
- Electronic payment gateway service is available round the clock 24x7.
- Registered user can track his transaction of e-Payment.
- No risk of Court Fees Stamp procured getting damaged/lost or of counterfeit stamps.

In addition to the facility for electronic payment of Court Fees, the e-Pay portal may also be used by any advocate/litigant to make online payment of Fine or Penalty in any existing case before the District Courts of Tripura.

Sd/-(D.M. Jamatia) REGISTRAR GENERAL

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