




Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records (FASTER) System

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Why in News

Recently, in a major reform, the **Supreme Court** has given the go-ahead to implement a system for electronic transmission of its orders.

- It will ensure effective implementation of **Article 21 (right to life)**.
- Earlier, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based portal '**SUPACE**' in the judicial system aimed at assisting judges with legal research.

Key Points

- **About:**

The system proposes **transmission of e-authenticated copies of interim orders, stay orders, bail orders and record of proceedings** to the duty-holders for compliance and due execution, through a **secured electronic communication channel**.
- **Need:**
 - There have been cases where the plight of jail inmates are **not released despite bail orders passed by this court** due to delay in communication of such orders.
 - So, it was needed to **utilise information and communication technology tools** for efficient transmission of court's orders.
- **Significance:**
 - **Ensure that undertrials are not made to wait for days on end** behind bars to be released because the certified hard copies of their bail orders took time to reach the prison.

Undertrials are the **people who are yet to be found guilty of the crimes** they have been accused of.
 - **Prevent unnecessary arrests and custody of people** even after the court had already granted them its protection.
 - **Communicate a stay on an execution ordered** by the final court on time.

- **Challenges:**

The **availability of internet connection in jails** across the nation as without this facility transmission of such orders to prisons will not be possible.

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