



# Digital Platform FASTER

## Why in News?

Recently, [Chief Justice of India \(CJI\)](#) launched the digital platform **FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records)**.

- The Supreme Court has also launched other programmes **involving technology** like [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) based portal 'SUPACE'](#) in the judicial system aimed at assisting judges with legal research.
- **eCourts Mission Mode Project** is a pan-India Project, monitored and funded by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, for the District Courts across the country.
  - The objective of the project is to provide designated services to litigants, lawyers and the judiciary through ICT enablement of courts.

## What is a FASTER Digital Platform?

### ▪ About:

- It is a **digital platform to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc.**, of the [Supreme Court](#) to authorities concerned through a secured electronic communication channel.

### ▪ Need:

- There have been **cases where jail inmates are not released despite bail orders** passed by the Supreme 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 timely Release of Undertrials:**
  - **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:**
  - It will help in **preventing unnecessary arrests and custody of people** even after the court had already granted them its protection.
- **Ensure Fundamental Rights of Prisoners:**
  - Ensure **fundamental rights** of personal liberty, life and dignity of the prisoners which is given under **Article 21 of Constitution of India**.

### ▪ 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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