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Justice Vikram Nath of the Supreme Court requests that the Delhi High Court stream its proceedings live.



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Judge Vikram Nath of the Supreme Court made an appeal to the Delhi High Court on Thursday to begin live-streaming its hearings.

Speaking during the introduction of the Delhi High Court Mobile App, the e-HRMS Portal for Judicial Officers, the e-Office Pilot Project, the onboarding of MCD Appellate Tribunal/JJBs on e-Courts, and the Digital Preservation of Judicial Records, the top court judge made the request.

"In Delhi, live broadcasting has not yet begun. The Delhi High Court needs to launch. It is the nation's leading institution. I'm asking for it. Justice Nath stated, "It must be a full house decision, and some judges may have some issues, but it should go live."

Then he openly inquired as to whether any judges had any objections. Additionally, he asked the Chief Justice of the High Court whether he had any objections. They all answered no.

He added that none of the judges had any objections before turning to Justice **Prathiba M. Singh**, the head of the High Court IT Committee.

After that, it ought to go live. When it gets live, give me another call [to launch]," he said.

It's interesting to note that the Delhi High Court announced live-streaming its hearings in October 2023. But following an initial trial, the project was put on hold by the High Court.

"In pursuit of greater access to justice, the High Court of Delhi is going to start the live streaming of court proceedings on 11 October, 2023 at 10:30 am in Court No. 1 (**comprising Hon'ble Mr Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Hon'ble Mr Justice Sanjeev Narula**) in an identified matter," the court stated at the time.

Under the heading the live streaming link is still accessible on the **Delhi High Court's** .

The High Court stated in a statement at the time that the material contained in "LIVE STREAMING" is solely for informational purposes and that the archival or live streaming data will not be regarded as an official record of the court proceedings.

The Delhi High Court already has a hybrid system in place that enables plaintiffs, attorneys, and members of the public to see its benches' proceedings via the WebEx platform rather than physically attending court.