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### **-: Press Release: -**

#### **"Live-Streaming of Court Cases is Vital for Access to Justice: ABVP"**

ABVP sends suggestions on Draft Rules for Live-Court Proceedings and Recording.

ABVP today submitted a Memorandum of Suggestions on the "Draft Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings" to Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, Judge & Chairperson, e-Committee, Supreme Court of India.

Public Access to Justice, Open Courts & Open Justice is a vital part of our judicial system. With the consistent digitalization of Indian households and the availability of affordable data tariffs, the proposal of Live-streaming of court proceedings has become an achievable, desirable, and feasible target. Further, the right of access to justice is part and parcel of the substance of Articles 21 & 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Parliamentary Standing Committee have reiterated the importance of the Open Court principle and the benefits of adopting live-streaming on multiple occasions.

Live-streaming of court proceedings will manifest the concept of open court, improve access to justice, ensure the right to information and increase transparency, thus reinforcing public faith in the judicial system. Enabling so, especially in matters of constitutional and national importance impacting the public at large or a section of the public, will also empower and educate the common people as to the functioning of the judiciary. Added to this is the need to avoid multiple versions or wrong projections of facts/court proceedings or curb the menace of fake news or erroneous reporting, which will be resolved to a great extent by allowing live streaming.

ABVP National General Secretary, Ms. Nidhi Tripathi said that "As responsible citizens, we must participate in the initiatives that are aimed at bringing in Ease of Living and empowerment to the ordinary masses. In furtherance of our efforts for this at various levels, we have undertaken a study on the Draft Rules. We believe the e-Committee will make appropriate modifications in the Rules and will soon make the Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings a reality in courts across India."

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