

Objectively speaking, the Supreme Court of India has displayed remarkable resilience in this crisis. Its swift transformation into a "virtual court," the introduction of a 24/7 online filing system, and the gradual expansion of the category of cases that listed for hearing, in the last two months, are only a few examples. The functioning of the High Courts has been impacted primarily by two factors: (i) the spread of the COVID-19 in the region and (ii) the existing technology- being uneven- with each High Court. The commencement of virtual hearing has intensified the debate around the efficacy of "online justice" in India. A virtual court cannot substitute physical appearance before the Courts. A large number of the litigants are skeptical about "virtual court" because of the technical glitches in its use. The legal fraternity and the judiciary will have to collectively take measures for building the confidence of the litigants in the virtual system for it to succeed. The Courts in India have to deal with a large volume of causes daily. As soon as the Courts streamline the category of cases for adjudication by virtual courts, it will undoubtedly add a valuable dimension to the effective dispensation of justice.