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Recently, the central government approves the implementation of Phase II of the **Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)** project.

- It will be implemented by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** from **2022-23 to 2025-26** with project cost of **₹3,375 crores**.



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- ICJS is a national platform for enabling **integration of the main IT system** used for the delivery of Criminal Justice in the country.
- It seeks to integrate the five pillars of the system viz **Police, e-Forensics for Forensic Labs, e-**

Courts for Courts, e-Prosecution for Public Prosecutors and e-Prisons for Prisons.

Benefits

- **Reduces errors and time taken** in sharing of necessary information between the pillars, which often lead to larger challenges like longer duration of trials, poorer convictions, transit losses of documents etc.
- **Provides usable analytics** products like the National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO) to identify & track repeat and habitual sexual offenders.
- ICJS system would be made available through a dedicated and **secure cloud-based infrastructure with high-speed connectivity**.

Implementation

- **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** will be responsible for the implementation of the project in association with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- The project will be implemented in collaboration with the States and Union Territories.

Phases

- **I-Phase:** In Phase-I of the project, individual IT systems have been implemented and stabilized even as a search of records has been enabled on these systems.
- **II-Phase:** In this, the system is being built on the principle of 'one data one entry' whereby data is entered only once in one pillar and the same is then available in all other pillars without the need to re-enter the data in each pillar.