

g → The Supreme court's digitalisation vision is expected to improve the access to justice in the country. Substantiate.

(200 words).

A → Justice is the first virtue of a civilized society. Access to Justice is one of most crucial part of it. The digitalisation of justice delivery system is the need of the hour as there are some huge defects in current scenario.

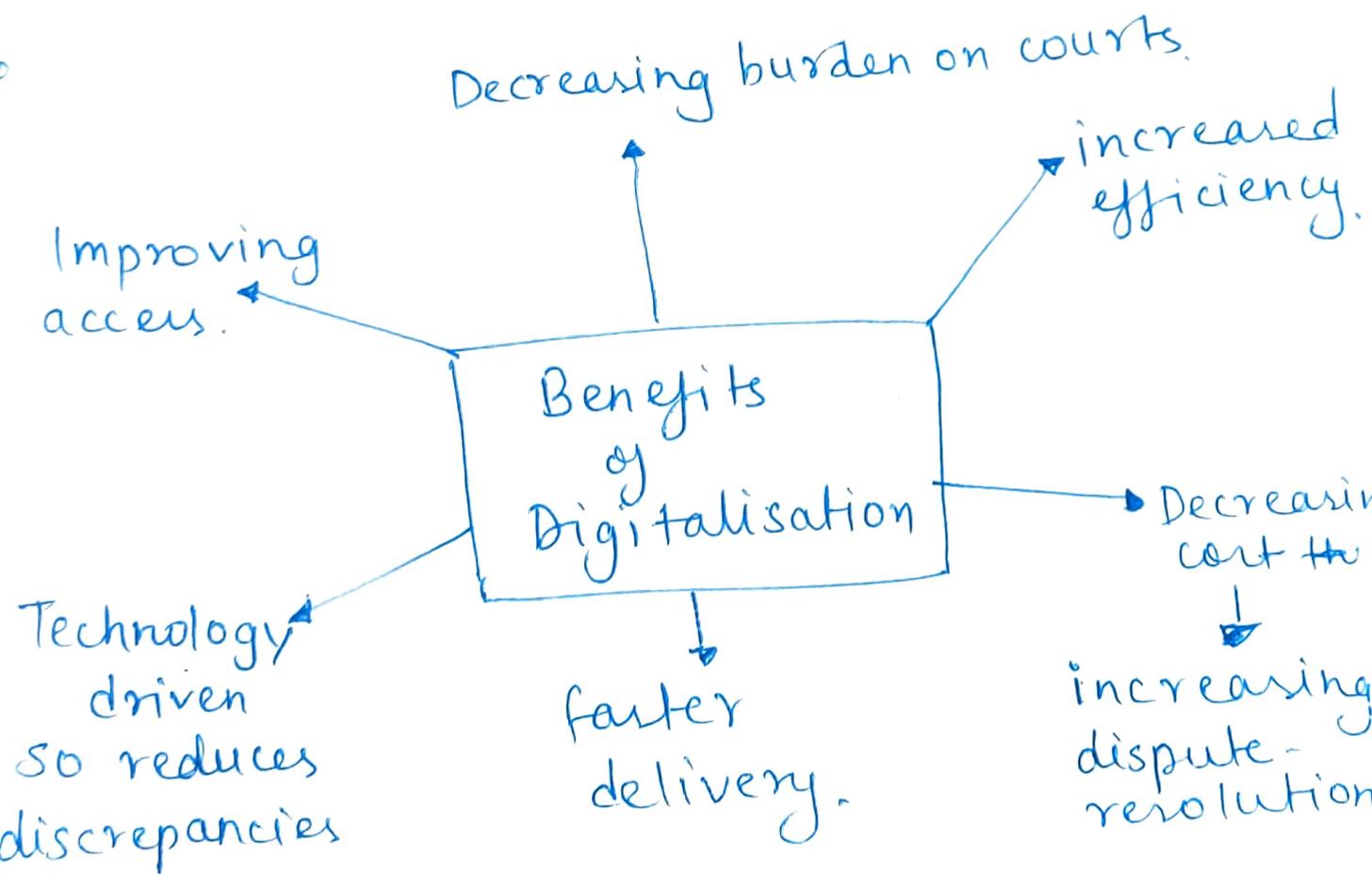
↳ Huge pendency of case

There are over 4 Cr pending case in the country in all the courts.

↳ Access to Justice as well as its affordability. This ultimately hurts the most vulnerable sections of our population's possibility of getting dignity.

↳ Unintended time invested in smaller crime cases such as cheque bouncing, traffic-related, etc. reduces the time that needs to be invested in heinous cases such as murder, rape, corruption, etc.

• The current initiative taken by Hon'ble CJI N.V. Ramanna regarding digitalisation of justice delivery system & improving access to justice is in the right direction and much needed.



Challenges pertaining today are:-

- ① Digital Divide → urban-rural
 - ↳ male - female
 - ↳ Upper & Middle - Lower class.
- ② lack of technical know-how among the stakeholders such as litigants, lawyers & judges.
- ③ Issue of privacy & data security.
- ④ Poor state of digital infrastructure as well as skilled human resources

Way forward

- ↳ Technical training must be imparted to officials & lawyers alongwith periodic assessment
- ↳ Internet penetration as well as the internet speed given over it should be enhanced
- ↳ Awareness campaign through IEC medium
- ↳ Ramping up the physical as well as digital infrastructure through private partnership

Until access to justice can't be ensured to near 100%, justice will not seem to be served.