

Adalat AI — Kerala's Mandatory AI Transcription Tool for Witness Depositions

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Kerala High Court made Adalat AI, a Malayalam-capable speech-to-text tool, mandatory for recording witness depositions in every trial court from November 2025, after a nine-month, nine-state trial and a four-court Ernakulam pilot — the first such statewide mandate in India.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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