**INDIA JUSTICE REPORT – WEBINAR CONCEPT NOTE**

***12th November, 2021***

**Background and Focus**

*The long-standing frailties of justice delivery are well-known. The formal justice system is an essential public resource to be used by all to resolve conflict, adjudicate disputes and remedy wrongs. The justice system is intended to be a universal public good on which the public can rely on entirely. The various segments of the system - police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid - have been repeatedly researched for their individual capacities. However, an intersectional study of the system as a whole, looking into the overall capacity weaknesses that undermine the entire system, is missing. Data remains siloed and the opaqueness of the system in sharing data hinders serious reform.*

*The* ***India Justice Report***[*India Justice Reports 2019 and 2020*](https://www.tatatrusts.org/insights/survey-reports/india-justice-report) *is a first of its kind endeavour consolidating that brings together, hitherto siloed information, to measure the capacity of four pillars of the justice system - the police, the prison system, the judiciary and legal aid—in each state, against its own declared standards or benchmarks. It assesses each pillar’s human resource capacity, its infrastructure, its workload, its diversity profile and also measures trends. The last presents a picture of the administrations intention to improve the delivery of justice in that state over a 5-year period and between annual reports. It then ranks the states in two main clusters: big and medium sized states and small states. In both the reports Maharashtra retains its first rank. The report consciously makes use of only government data, objective and measurable, to indicate the level to which a particular state has equipped itself to deliver justice to the population. The report limits itself only to quantitative issues and does not make judgements on quality of delivery or institutional culture however the holistic treatment of data can help further evidence based future research on these very issues.*

**Objectives of the Webinar**

*The key focus of the report is to advocate for justice delivery to be seen as service as essential as education or healthcare. It also aims to create a credible resource to increase informed participation and advocacy among civil societies, media and the public regarding the administration of justice and its importance in governance.*

*To this end, the objectives of this webinar are:*

1. *To present the report to an engaged audience (students and faculty) with a focus on the purpose, methodology challenges and usage of the report.*
2. *To present the findings of the report in order to start conversations on capacity of states to deliver to their mandate.*
3. *To use the data in the report to bring to the attention of the audience of a potential resource for data-driven, evidence-based advocacy for reform and repair of the system.*
4. *To bring in insights of experts and advisors on the report as speakers for a more nuanced and objective approach to the data.*
5. *To interact with the audience in a question-and-answer session.*

**Webinar Design**

1. *Introduction about the purpose of the event;*
2. *Presentation of the report in PPT form, with emphasis on Maharashtra’s metrics*
3. *Q and A.*