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CCV RGNUL discusses India Justice Report 18th April 2022

A discussion on the India Justice Report was organised by the Centre for Criminology, Criminal Justice and Victimology (CCV), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on April 18th, 2022. The India Justice Report has been prepared by Tata Trusts in collaboration with the Centre for Social Justice (IDEAL), Common Cause, DAKSH, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), TISS Prayas, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and How India Lives. The report is an analysis of expenditure, vacancies, representation of women, human resources, infrastructure, workload, diversity across 18 large and medium sized states (with population over (crore) and 7 small states.

The keynote speaker for the discussion on the report was Ms. Maja Daruwala, Chief Editor of the India Justice Report (IJR). Mr. Valay Singh (Project Lead), Ms. Lakhwinder Kaur (Statistical Officer), panelists and scholars from the UILS, Punjabi University and Chandigarh University and RGNUL, Punjab participated in the discussion. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL welcomed the guests. He said, "India Justice Report addresses capacity deficit" within the Indian Justice System."

Ms. Maja Daruwala cited the vision for the publication and emphasised that the report is oriented towards presenting a holistic picture of the justice delivery system that would be credible, fair, unbiased and indefensible to sustain attention to the issue of justice administration. "The report tends to provide figurative data devoid of opinions to initiate a public discourse," said Ms. Daruwala. She further discussed the research methodology and challenges faced by the team while extracting and compiling the data.

Prof. Bajpai observed, "Bias of the system is brazenly reflected through the system and the data collected on these variables is at the mercy of the state which makes one look through the lenses of the state and hence a performance based evaluation of the state-created capacity would be



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more enriching for the society." The suggestion was duly noted by the team for incorporation in the following editions of the report.

Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Vats delivered the vote of thanks. He thanked the keynote speaker and the team for a wonderful presentation, the esteemed panelists for insightful recommendations, the IJR interns for their invaluable contribution and the CCV-RGNUL team for organising such a fruitful discussion.