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This year we are celebrating 70th anniversary of the adoption of our Constitution. The Preamble of the Constitution bestows upon us the responsibility to make justice accessible to all. The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with its mantra of '**Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas**', is committed to ensure speedy justice to all the citizens of India, especially to the weaker and backward sections.

In conformity with these constitutional and democratic aspirations, the Government of India has resolved to make fundamental changes in criminal law framework of India to provide accessible, affordable and speedy justice to all. The experience of seven decades of Indian Democracy suggests the need to review our criminal laws, especially Indian Penal Code (IPC), The Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), Indian Evidence Act, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS act) and adapt them in accordance with contemporary needs and aspirations of our people. The Government of India intends to create a legal structure which is citizen-centric and prioritizes to secure life and to preserve human rights.

National Law Schools and Judicial Academies have played an important role in the field of law education for the youth of the country. The Law schools not only produced skilled jurists to the democratic society, but they also create a class which is sensitive towards the judicial system which is effective in maintaining the social and constitutional values. These institutions work as a fertile land for law-related brainstorming, creating innovative thoughts along with legal acumen and knowledge.

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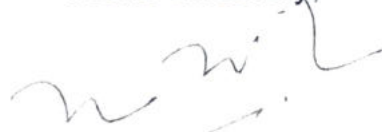
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This endeavor of paradigm shift in the criminal justice system by Government of India will actually be an enormous exercise of public participation which can be successful only with the participation of the leading law institutions and all other stakeholders. In this regard, I have requested Chief Ministers of States and Administrators of UTs to send their suggestions. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also constituted a committee of experts to prepare draft of a new law, which will discuss various issues with all the stakeholders.

In this exercise of public participation, yours as well as law teachers' and law students' contribution will be important. The prestigious law institutes can provide a platform for comprehensive discussion on the initiative of the Government of India for providing quick justice to each citizen. Your thoughts and deliberations will be invaluable for us for bringing above fundamental changes in the criminal laws. Therefore, I earnestly request you to send your valuable suggestions to the Home Secretary, Government of India at the earliest.

With regards,

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“Truth does not pay homage to any society ancient or modern. But society has to pay homage to truth or perish”

- Swami Vivekananda.