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**ENHANCING JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY: A STUDY ON SPEEDY  
TRIALS IN JHARKHAND**

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**ABSTRACT**

The concept of speedy trials is integral to the criminal justice system, ensuring that justice is delivered promptly and efficiently. In Jharkhand, the state government and judiciary have implemented various measures to expedite the legal process and mitigate case backlogs. These abstract reviews these initiatives and their impact on the justice delivery system in Jharkhand. The right to a speedy trial is constitutionally protected under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution and reinforced by Section 309 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). In response to the rising number of pending cases, Jharkhand has established Fast Track Courts to address serious crimes, particularly those involving women and children, as well as Lok Adalats and Evening Courts to handle minor offenses and reduce the judicial burden. Government efforts to improve court infrastructure and digitize case management systems have been significant. The implementation of e-courts and digital case management has streamlined case processing and reduced delays. Additionally, increasing the number of judges and judicial officers has been a priority to manage the growing caseload. Despite these initiatives, challenges remain, including persistent case backlogs, resource constraints, and coordination issues between the judiciary, police, and prosecution. To address these challenges, recent developments have focused on establishing special courts for corruption cases, crimes against women, and other serious offenses. Furthermore, regular training programs and workshops for judicial officers and staff aim to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness.

This presentation shows how to ensure speedy trials in Jharkhand are multifaceted and ongoing, involving judicial reforms, infrastructural improvements, and the adoption of technology. These initiatives are crucial to upholding the constitutional mandate of timely justice and improving the overall efficiency of the criminal justice system in the state. The success of these measures is vital for maintaining public trust in the judicial system and ensuring that justice is both swift and fair.

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