

## ***Training Module and Handbook for Judicial officers on Sex Selection and PCPNDT Act***

### ***Introduction***

The training module and handbook for Judicial officer on sex selection and the PCPNDT Act aims to sensitize Judicial officers on the issue of sex selection and strengthen their technical capacities and skills for trial of cases under the PCPNDT Act.

The module shares information and promotes good practices by referring to landmark judgements under the Act. It further enables Judicial officers to understand the interconnectedness of sex selection with other gender-related laws such as the MTP Act, the two child norm, Dowry Prohibition Act, Laws related to Inheritance etc.

The module has been jointly brought out by the Maharashtra Judicial Academy, United Nations Population Fund and Department of Public Health, Government of Maharashtra. It has been extensively used by the Maharashtra Judicial Academy for sensitization of Judicial officers as part of the induction and refresher programs for Judicial Magistrates First Class (JMFCs) being conducted by them.

The module has also been used by the Judicial Training Institute Nagpur to sensitize prosecutors on the issue.

### ***Conducting training/a sensitisation program***

The module lists out how training of Judicial officers may be conducted in a half-day or full-day workshop through the following sessions.

1. Session 1 – Inauguration and welcome
2. Session 2 – Melt the Ice and Introductions
3. Session 3 –Sex selection – issues, practice and gender perspective
4. Session 4 – Demystifying the PCPNDT Act
5. Session 5 – Court Trial and Procedural Issues under PCPNDT Act
6. Session 6 – Panel discussion on Efforts for Effective Implementation of the Act
7. Session 7 – Closing and wrap-up