Syllabus subtopic: Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary; Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.

News: Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde on Tuesday said **backlog of cases** and **lack of infrastructure in lower courts** for judges and litigants, including women and senior citizens, needed deeper attention and quick resolution.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** about the lack of infrastructure in lower judiciary, challenges and ways to address them

Remarks made by the judges

- Justice N.V. Ramana quoted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s words that no matter how good or bad a Constitution was, its fate lay in the hands of the persons wielding it.
- Chief Justice Bobde said, “We do not have the luxury of dealing with the backlog of cases in isolation from the flow of new cases to our courts — the demands of justice mean that we will have to deal with both. Together.”
- Describing the **subordinate judiciary as the backbone of the system**, the CJI said they lacked proper facilities for litigants, including the differently abled.
- The **courts did not even have proper display boards to show a case’s progress**, only to name a few problems.
- He highlighted the importance of Artificial Intelligence in justice administration.

**Note:** For more on the status of Indian Judiciary, click on the link given below: