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Constitution Day 2025: CJI Surya Kant urges national judicial policy to lessen judges' differing opinions



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In order to promote coherence and uniformity throughout court jurisdictions, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant today urged the creation of a unified national judicial policy and institutional structure.

Speaking during a Constitution Day celebration, the incoming Chief Justice stated that it is time to strengthen judicial predictability in all of the nation's courts.

"I believe that the development of a unified national judicial policy and institutional framework that promotes coherence across jurisdictions so that our courts communicate with clarity and consistency can be a productive path ahead. It's time to reduce the unpredictability and preventable divergence that could occur just because the Supreme Court has several benches or twenty-five High Courts," he stated.

Justice Kant used a musical metaphor to elaborate on his point.

"Justice cannot be compared to a group of instruments that, when performed together, produce discordant sounds yet melodious notes when played separately. Rather, we should aim for a judicial symphony, which is a single rhythm that is conveyed across a variety of voices and languages while being directed by a shared constitutional score, he stated.

Begum Aizaz Rasul, one of the fifteen female Constituent Assembly members, was quoted by CJI Kant at the beginning of his speech as saying,

"The spirit in which a Constitution is drafted determines its quality. It is evaluated based on how it is carried out.

According to CJI Kant, the growth of mediation as a key component of the justice delivery system has been one of the most revolutionary breakthroughs in the application of the Constitution.

"In ways that litigation rarely allows, mediation can reduce the burden of pendency, boost public trust, and mend relationships." Above all, by providing a procedure that is less daunting, more effective, and truly responsive to individual needs, it brings justice closer to the people," he said.

CJI Kant acknowledged his delight in the recent Mediation for Nation campaign, stating that it significantly advanced mediation as a successful means of settling ongoing marital, auto accident, and business problems.

In addition to mediation, the CJI stated that the use of technology in court procedures, including digital filing, virtual hearings, online transcript software, multilingual platforms, and

contemporary case-management systems, has started to democratize access to justice.

He did, however, issue a warning: technology ought to be used with consideration and inclusivity.

"Technology must still be deployed with sensitivity and must remain inclusive, particularly for those who lack resources or connectivity," he stated.

He went on to say that future priorities would also include international collaboration and the exchange of best practices.

"I firmly believe that the community of courts should no longer be seen of as a theoretical ideal for diplomacy. It must be viewed as a useful tool for mutual strengthening, shared learning, and group progress," he said.

President **Droupadi Murmu** also spoke at the ceremony, discussing the most recent constitutional amendment that gave women a third of the seats in the legislature and state legislatures.

It's a historic stride toward political fairness for women, she said.

The most recent of the 106 constitutional modifications has made significant progress toward women's political fairness. She added, "This law is also a true tribute to the fifteen female Constituent Assembly members who started the process of empowering women in our parliamentary system."

Nonetheless, the President stated that there is still more work to be done because women's representation in all fields is still lacking. And for that, a comprehensive shift in the public's perspective and attitude is urgently needed.

"We are still behind. We must proceed. The number of women serving in the legislative, executive, judicial, and direct sectors has to rise, according to many speakers today. As a result, this won't only occur when the general public works hard. Additionally, we will need to alter our perspective. She stated, "Representatives of women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and backward classes have continued to advance the nation on the ideal of social justice from the Constituent Assembly to the current Parliament."