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Supreme Court Justice Surya Kant: Emergency rooms in contemporary hospitals must be ready for high courts.



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Supreme Court Justice Surya Kant stated on Saturday that India's High Courts must improve the readiness and responsiveness of contemporary hospital emergency rooms to handle quickly changing issues like cybercrimes, digital evidence, and complicated environmental conflicts.

According to him, the legal system is about to enter a phase in which the speed, scope, and

complexity of new types of crime and conflict will be too much for established procedures to handle.

"High Courts must start to envision their institutional growth in the same way that a contemporary hospital plans its emergency services—with structures that are prepared to react quickly, decisively, and precisely at the exact moment a crisis arises."

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According to him, disputes influenced by population changes, climate pressures, and technology will become more prevalent in the nation's courts. They must therefore redesign their capabilities appropriately.

As judges, we now have to deal with a society that has changed due to population changes, climate change, technology, and quickly changing types of criminal activity. The nature of conflicts has changed due to digital evidence and cybercrimes, necessitating new judicial infrastructure and training.

He continued, ***"Deeper judicial insight and specialized expertise will be required for environmental degradation, resource conflicts, and scientifically complex questions."***

The CJI-designate added that the justice system is still under pressure from ongoing issues like growing caseloads, unequal access to counsel, and procedural delays.

He emphasized that High Courts have a special place in India's constitutional framework because they are closest to people's real-world experiences and are frequently the first venue where core values like equality and due process take on tangible significance.

"Every state has a High Court, which guarantees that justice is genuinely local, prompt, and accessible."

According to the judge, courts in the future will need to be able to react quickly to new events, just like emergency medical units. This calls for enhanced technologies, expedited processes, and specialized legal education.

"Only with such foresight can the Judiciary continue to provide prompt and efficient remedies, rising to every challenge with the clarity and speed that a constitutional democracy demands."

He continued by stating that institutional preparation must be viewed as a constitutional duty and that the upcoming decades would change how courts manage evidence, technology, and crises.

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