

# Change 'shark' image of lawyers: CJI

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Ahmedabad: The Chief Justice of India Altamas Kabir on Saturday exhorted law students to put sincere effort to changing the image of lawyers, who are "generally referred to as sharks".

Addressing law students and graduates at the convocation ceremony of Gujarat National Law University, Justice Kabir appreciated the sincerity with which the new generation pursue the subject of law, while they enroll for law degrees. Calling for commitment, sensitivity and compassion in the profession of law, the CJI said that a lawyer's job is not only to know his rights and work to attain them, but also to remember and perform a citizen's duties.

"This (law) is one of the best



Celebrations at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar

professions I can think of. Here, you are master of your own destiny, where you have to answer to your conscience," the judge said adding, "Lawyers are generally referred as sharks. You have to get rid of this image."

Before the CJI, chief minister Narendra Modi addressed the

gathering and urged students to honestly follow their profession.

Justice A R Dave of the Supreme Court also visited on the occasion of the convocation. With him, the chief justices of Bombay and Jharkhand high courts as well as law ministers, were at the function