

India going transformation... Democracy at stake: Justice

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SUPREME COURT judge Justice A K Sikri told a gathering of law graduates on Sunday that the "values of democracy are at stake".

Speaking as chief guest at the ninth convocation of the Gujarat National Law University, Sikri said, "Today, we are undergoing transformation of a different kind. See the world at large. Even the values of democracy, which Greeks gave to this world 2,500 years ago, are at stake...there is a backsliding of democratic values."

"There are so many challenges, which we may be facing,



Justice Chandrachud and Justice Sikri at the GNLU convocation, Sunday. *Express*

of a different nature. In all this and in our constitutional scheme, judge has to perform a very vital role. One Ahron Barak, former president of Supreme court of Israel, equal to our Chief

Justice of India, has said there are two roles which a judge in a democracy is supposed to perform. One is to uphold the law and Constitution and save the democracy. Second is to bridge the gap between law and society. So, therefore, those of you who join judicial fraternity, these are the roles you have to perform in the challenging world."

Justice Sikri attended the meeting of the high-powered committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge which decided to transfer CBI director Alok Verma earlier this month.

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