

'Delays in justice delivery shake faith in the system'

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Ahmedabad: Justice M R Shah, judge of the Supreme Court of India, said on Saturday that unwarranted delays in dispensation of justice undermine the credibility of entire justice delivery system. Justice Shah also raised the issue of pendency in the judicial system and added that budget allocation for the judiciary is 0.2% of the GDP. He said that the current judge-population ratio of 10.5-11 per 10 lakh persons should be at least 50-55.

Justice Shah, who was formerly judge of the Gujarat High Court, was delivering a public lecture at Gujarat Na-

tional Law University on the theme 'Challenges faced by Indian Judiciary.' Academicians, lawyers, judges, legal experts, students and practitioners were part of the audience at the event.

"Justice Delivery System in India is described by technical procedures with characteristics of the adversarial system with accompanying delays, arrears and taxing cost," said Justice Shah. "It leads to instances where people are settling disputes on their own, resulting in the emergence of criminal syndicates and mob justice because of loss of confidence of the people in the rule of law and constitutional mechanism."