

Justice must remain human: CJI Surya Kant

Cautions against over-reliance on AI; says judicial decision making cannot be automated devoid of sympathy

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CHIEF Justice of India Surya Kant on Saturday said “Justice must remain human”, cautioning against over-reliance on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the judiciary. He flagged risks such as fake judgments and AI “hallucinations”, warning lawyers and judges against misuse of AI-generated pleadings. Justice Kant also stressed that judicial decision-making cannot be automated devoid of empathy, constitutional reasoning and accountability.

Justice Kant was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 22nd biennial state-level conference of judicial officers with its theme ‘Reimagining the judiciary in the era of AI’ on Saturday, organised by the Karnataka State Judicial Officers’ Association.

The CJI said the need to “pause and introspect” arises not out of hesitation but responsibility, as structural shifts go beyond legislative or doctrinal changes. He said even though the conference is being held in Karnataka, the issues discussed have nationwide relevance, with the state often serving as a model due to its openness to innovation.

Justice Kant said AI offers opportunities to improve efficiency through legal research, case management and data organisation. However, he cautioned against over-reliance, noting that AI lacks human judgment and cannot engage with ethical or moral dimensions of decision making. He flagged risks such as fabricated precedents, misleading pleadings and inaccuracies generated by AI tools, warning that such “hallucinations” could



CJI Justice Surya Kant with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the 22nd biennial conference of judicial officers in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

undermine trust in the justice system.

Calling for a balanced approach, he said technology must ‘aid’, not replace, judicial reasoning. “Justice must remain a human endeavour,” he said.

Highlighting the transforma-

tive impact of technology on the judiciary, Vibhu Bakhru, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court said AI has already entered courtrooms, making digitisation “the backbone of how we work and serve.” Delivering his presidential address, he cautioned that “technology

alone is not the strategy – people are,” stressing investments in skills, ethics and data security.

Highlighting infrastructure gaps, he noted that courts in Bengaluru had run out of storage space, prompting a 1.4 lakh sq. ft. facility at Anekal to digitise records. While e-filing and paperless systems are underway, he admitted progress is still at an early stage.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, “Artificial Intelligence offers immense promise – from faster legal research to reducing pendency – but it also raises profound concerns.” He cautioned that “algorithmic bias can undermine equality before law, and opaque systems can weaken reasoned judicial decisions,” adding that “justice is not merely a function to be optimised, but a moral responsibility to be upheld.”

Proud of Karnataka Lokayukta, says CJI

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CITIZENS today seek timely access to information and greater clarity regarding the conduct of those who hold public office. To fulfil those expectations, we need systems that promote openness in practical and measurable ways. It is, therefore, extremely significant that today’s commemoration coincides with the inauguration of a digital portal containing the statements of assets and liabilities of elected representatives across Karnataka, said Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Saturday.

Justice Kant was delivering the presidential address at the launch of the portal and investigation module of the Karnataka Lokayukta by Supreme Court judge Justice Aravind Kumar, after releasing a souvenir following the inauguration of the event “Four Decades of Journey of Karnataka Lokayukta” at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The CJI said when disclosures of this kind (assets and liabilities of elected representatives) become easily accessible to citizens, transparency moves from promise to practice, becoming part of the everyday grammar of public life.

Justice Kant said the systems that make governance understandable and within the reach of the people play a vital role in sustaining democratic life. It was in response to these demo-

cratic expectations that the institutions of Lokayukta have assumed importance. Over the past four decades, the Karnataka Lokayukta has helped make oversight more accessible and more credible, he said.

The Karnataka Lokayukta has become one of the most significant and effective Lokayukta in the country, shaping perceptions about how such mechanisms should function in a democratic system. “I, on my own personal note, feel proud of this institution; that’s how resilient, how loudly it has spread its wings to serve the people of the state of Karnataka. I am sure that the Lokayukta will undoubtedly remain an important pillar in promoting fairness, integrity and transparency in governance”, he said.

Justice Aravind Kumar, Judge of the Supreme Court, stressed the need to provide manpower; infrastructure and bring amendments to the Karnataka Lokayukta in alignment with the current challenges.

Former Lokayuktas Justice N Santhosh Hegde, Justice Shivaraj V Patil, Justice P Vishwanatha Shetty and former Upa Lokayuktas Justice R Gururajan, Justice Chandrashekarai and Justice Subhash B Adi and Advocate General K Shashikiran Shetty were felicitated on the occasion.

Lokayukta Justice B S Patil delivered a keynote address containing the achievements of the anti-corruption watchdog to date from its inception.



Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant felicitates former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde at an event to mark four decades of the institution | WINOD KUMAR T

Judiciary should accommodate broader development contexts: CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the energy sector, particularly green energy, is essential but energy transition brings new and complex legal questions relating to contracts, environment, land and infrastructure.

Siddaramaiah said courts are required to balance development needs, environmental protection and rights of affected communities. “We respect the role of the judiciary in upholding the rule of law and protecting citizens’ rights. At the same time, it is important that the broader development context is appreciated, so that critical infrastructure projects are not unduly delayed.”

The CM said that as India moves towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, the scale of transformation required in the energy sector is unprecedented. “Today, our per capita electricity consumption remains significantly lower than that of developed economies. If we are to improve quality of life, strengthen industry and build modern infrastructure, our energy consumption must grow almost four times over the com-

ing two decades.”

Siddaramaiah said this at the inauguration of the two-day international conference on Sustainable Energy – An Agenda for India @2047 organised by Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) and state energy department in Bengaluru.

Siddaramaiah used the platform to highlight Karnataka’s role in the green energy sector. He said the state has emerged a leader in renewable energy.

“Nearly 70% of Karnataka’s installed capacity is from renewable sources, reflecting our commitment to sustainable growth. Karnataka has demonstrated that renewable energy can be scaled while maintaining reliability and affordability. We recognise that energy projects are not just technical installations – they are deeply connected to people, land and ecosystems. Accordingly, our approach has focused on fair compensation, stakeholder consultation and policy stability,” the CM said.

Also present on the occasion, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant urged all judges and policy makers to work collectively for energy justice, which rests on four pillars – affordability, accessibility, equity and inclusion.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	56614344	Loan Against Property	1. Laxman Madar 2. Neelavva Madar 3. Renuka Madar	09.04.2026	INR 1,37,735.61/-

Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Vpc Number 183, E- Swathi Number 150100501700100187, Area 58.89 Sq. Mtrs, Location Budni Village, Taluka Jamakhandi, District Bagalkot, Karnataka- 587121, And **Bounded As:** East: Renuka L Madar West: Public Road North: Kareppa L Talawar South: Taravva Tippanna Madar

2	101907217	Loan Against Property	1. Ravi Muralan 2. Padavanna Muralan	10.04.2026	INR 8,49,926.92/-
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Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Vpc No. 272/b, E-swathi No. 150100300200221364, Measuring East-west 9.30 Meters X North-south 8.35 Meters = Totally Measuring 77.65 Sq. Meters, At Village: Janamatti, Gram Panchayat: Janamatti, Tq: Bilagi, District: Bagalkot, Karnataka-587116, And **Bounded As:** East: Road West: Lankappa Kolla North: Madavi Hiremath South: Tayavva Chigari

3	75870907	Loan Against Property	1. Sangappa Ganiger 2. Shakuntala Ganiger	10.04.2026	INR 5,63,468.32/-
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Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Vpc No. 237/3, Measuring East-west 33 Ft. And North-south 40 Ft., Total Area 1320 Sq. Ft., Situated At Village: Yandigeri, Tq: Badami, District: Bagalkot, Karnataka-587206, And **Bounded As:** East: Road West: House Of Kadappa Kadappa Naikar South: Road North: Open Space Of Lokappa Ganiger

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited

Date: 19.04.2026 (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)
Place: Bagalkot-Karnataka

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Sri Vijaylaxmi Traders, Gojanan Sattlingappa Mudigoudar, Ramonagouda Sattlingappa Mudigoudar & Anjana Ramonagouda Mudigoudar/ Represented by Proprietor Gojanan Sattlingappa Mudigoudar Plot No. 62 APMC Yard Ramdurg Soundatti Belagavi- 591123/ 378305005945.	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That The Non-Agricultural Property Bearing Rs No. 44/L, Plot No. 66, VPC No. 971/66, Measuring 108 Sq. Mtrs., Out of Which Southern Side 1000 Sq. Ft. Only Situated At Holagatti Gram Panchayat, Ramdurg Dist. Belagavi Having The Following Boundaries, Owned By Anjana Ramonagouda Mudigoudar, North: Remaining Portion of Same Plot South: Plot No. 65 VPC No. 970/65 East: Road West: Open Plot. Date of Symbolic Possession 16th April 2026.	January 07, 2026 Rs. 65,21,755.49/-	Belagavi

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 19, 2026
Place: Belagavi

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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Bank of Baroda

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

[APPENDIX- II A with Rule 6 (2) for Movable] [APPENDIX IV-A refer proviso to 8 (6) for Immovable Property]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts/ The details of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor (s)/ Guarantor (s)/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/s/ Mortgagor (s)	Description of the movable/immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total dues (As on 12-04-2026)	Date of e-Auction Time of e-Auction Start Time to End Time: Bid Time:	1) Reserve Price, 2) EMD amount, 3) Bid increase Amount (Rs.)	Status of Possession (Symbolic /Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	1.Sri Prasanna Anand Kulkarni S/o Anand Kulkarni, resident of Plot No 46, Gokul Nagar, Mutaga Belagavi, Karnataka - 591124 2.Smt.Kshitiya Satish Joshi W/o Prasad Anand Kulkarni Resident of #1725, Ramdevgalli, Belagavi Taluk and District- 590001	(Immovable Property) All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Plot No 46/A as per computerized extract its Property No: 15400303500122169 Admeasuring: 1200 Sq.fts, consisting of RCC type building with ground + first floor with total built up area measuring : 969.22 Sq.fts. out R.S.No. 272/2 situated at Mutaga Village within registration Sub-district Belgaulm and District Belgaulm in the name of Mr. Prasad Anand Kulkarni and Mrs. Kshitiya Satish Joshi and the same is bounded as under: East: Plot No 46B, North : Plot No 42 and 43 South: Road Mortgaged by Mr. Prasad Anand Kulkarni and Mrs. Kshitiya Satish Joshi.	Rs. 45,47,825.02 (Rupees Forty Five lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five and Two Paiseonly) plus interest and Costs thereon	19th May 2026 Time of e-auction: 10:00 A.M to 04:00 P.M 19th May 2026 10:00 A.M to 04:00 P.M	1.Rs.36,41,917.00 (Rupees Thirty Six lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen only) 2.Rs.3,64,192.00/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Two Only) (EMD to be deposited on or before 19 th May 2026 up to 3 PM) 3. Bid increment amount (Rs.25,000.00/- Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Physical Possession	20.04.2026 to 18.05.2026 10.00 AM to 4:00 PM (excluding holidays)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal baanknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Mobile: 9482397247**

Date:17.04.2026
Place:Hubballi

Sd/-Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

The Borrower/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

Loan Account Number	Borrower/s/ Co-Borrowers/ & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice		Date and Type of Possession Taken
			Date	Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	
137950658	1. Siddappa Maruti Halingali 2. Rekha Siddappa Halingale	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Vpc No. 1058, Admeasuring 40 X 30 Sq. Ft., Situated At Budihal Village, Gram Panchayat: Hubbarwadi, Taluk: Raibag, District: Belagavi, Karnataka-591317, And Bounded As : East : Road West: Own Land North: Own Land South: Own Land	17.12.2025	Rs. 8,51,466.40/-	15.04.2026 Possession
145227190 & 93730157	1. Shailesh Tashildar 2. Prema Ramesh Tashildar 3. Ramesh Hanmant Tashildar	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Tpc No. 1356/B, Measuring: 26 X 49 Sq. Ft., Situated At Chinchali Post, Taluk: Raibag, District: Belagavi, Karnataka- 591217. And Bounded As : East: Own Open Space West: Land Of Yallappa Khlare North : Own Land South : Own Land	27.12.2025	Rs. 12,70,576.74/-	15.04.2026 Possession

The Borrower/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

DATE : 15.04.2026
PLACE : BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Loan Account Number	Borrower/s/ Co-borrowers/ & Guarantors Name	Description of The Mortgaged Properties.	Demand Notice		Date and Type of Possession Taken
			Date	Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	
111560918	1. Nijappa Puji 2. Dyavappa Madar	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property VPC No. 244/A, Total Area 25'28 Sq. Ft., Situated At Kirasur Village, Tq: Bagalkot, District: Bagalkot, Karnataka-587111. East : Road, North : House Of Kenchappa Madar, South : House Of Yamanavva Basappa Madar, West: Road	30/06/2025	Rs. 7,25,919.86/-	15.04.2026 Physical Possession
93581047	1. Mr. Sachin Laxman Madar, 2. Mr. Laxman Tayappa Madar	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property VPC No. 86 And Area 25'30 Sq. Ft., i.e. 750 Sq. Ft. Location Nagasampagi Village Tq: Bagalkot Dist. Bagalkot, Karnataka-587207. And. Bounded As. East: Temple Of Kenchammadevi, West : House Of Geeta Bhimappa Madar, North: House Of Duragavva Hanamath Madar South: Small Road.	26.07.2025	Rs. 6,79,258.22/-	15.04.2026 Physical Possession

The Borrower/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

Date : 15.04.2026
Place : Bagalkot, Karnataka (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited

Belagavi’s Metri gets Labour Party ticket in UK

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IN a moment of immense pride for Belagavi and the Kannada community worldwide, **Rajeev Krishna Metri**, popularly known as Raju Metri, has been selected as the Labour Party candidate for the Parliamentary elections in Wales, the UK.

A native of Doddhi village in Belagavi district, Metri’s remarkable journey from rural Karnataka to British politics has become an inspiring story. He arrived at London’s Heathrow Airport on May 10, 2001, with only 60 pounds in hand. Born to Krishna Bhamrametri and Draupadi, he began his career as a nurse in the National Health Service (NHS). Over the years, he served as a senior cardiac nurse in the CCU and later as a coordinator in the cardiac catheterisation laboratory. At present, he is serving as the Health and Safety Team Manager at Bangor Hospital.

Beyond his professional achievements, Metri has made significant contributions in the social and cultural sphere, actively promoting Kannada language and culture overseas. Entering politics in 2019 by joining the Labour Party, Metri created history in 2022 by winning the County Councillor elections from Bodelwyddan in Denbighshire, becoming the first Asian candidate to win in that region.

