

Shocking, if it is true.

However, our experience at TheLawyerics is that fake lawyers might be operating at the district court level but not in High Courts and the Supreme Court. This is happening in district courts because our courts are still using some primitive methods which ought to be dispensed with. A lawyer's appearance in court should be biometrics-based. In the Delhi High Court, some of the Benches are insisting on appearance through QR code but the foolproof method is that appearance ought to be biometrics-based.

This is not the only area where improvement and efficiency can be brought about in the working of the judicial system with the aid of technology. There are several other areas like court-filings where there is a lot of repetition, unnecessary solemn affirmations, etc, which can be avoided by means of digital identification, and the judicial process can be simplified, but it requires will-power on the part of the legal profession, so that the justice delivery system becomes cost-effective and time-effective. It is our personal experience that at some places, even the courts are not willing to become catalysts of change. They tend to stick to old feudalist methods of judicial dispensation. They still prefer to read paper files rather than digital records. All this is done at the cost of consumers of justice, the litigants.

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1 in 3 lawyers fake, SC to look at digital registry

Plans To Put Aadhaar-Like System In Place

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New Delhi: With one in every three advocates being fake at a time when the judiciary is occupying a central space in India's governance, a concerned Supreme Court Thursday agreed to examine the plea of the Bar Association of India (BAI) for a national digital register for advocates along the lines of Aadhaar.

"Judicial independence of the legal profession is at stake," said BAI's counsel Prashant Kumar and Vipin Nair, while drawing the court's attention to the Bar Council of India (BCI) chairperson's recent statement that approximately 35-40% of those practising in courts may be without genuine degrees.

The counsels told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana periodic drives by BCI for the verification of degrees of advocates is an ad hoc measure to address the problem of fake lawyers and suggested the creation of a permanent technology-driven infrastructure in the form of



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a National Digital Registry for the Legal Professionals.

CJI Kant said the suggestion appeared to be an innovative one, which could be implemented with the help of technology, but it would require the implementation of all universities which confer law degrees and instructing them to reveal the list of those who had genuinely secured the requisite qualifications to practise in courts. The bench sought responses from the Union govt, BCI, University Grants Commission and state bar councils to the PIL. CJI Kant said he had doubts about the genuineness of law degrees of some advocates who post derogatory comments on social media against the judiciary. "I am prima facie convinced they are backdoor entries. Advocates by and large are very responsible. The system

SC bins J'khand plea to cut forest buffer zone limit to 250m

Supreme Court Thursday rejected a plea by the Jharkhand govt challenging an HC order quashing its notification for reducing the forest buffer zone limit from 500m to 250m to enable grant of mining leases and said states endowed with rich forests must guard the national wealth zealously. An SC bench refused to accede to senior advocate Meenakshi Arora's plea on behalf of Jharkhand that states like Odisha have reduced the buffer zone limits to 250m. She said quarrying and mining have come to a standstill because of the HC order. TNN

must identify those who are masquerading as lawyers without proper degrees. The best way to sideline them is to encourage and strengthen the young lawyers by giving them periodic training, as is being done by some advocate bodies, and giving them space in courts. They must be brought to the forefront," he said.

Kumar suggested the BCI and the court frame guidelines on dos and don'ts for lawyers to regulate their social media activities. CJI Kant said, "Our hope is the young lawyers and future generation."

The Supreme Court has issued a circular on June 3, 2026, seeking suggestions on “Regulations for Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Courts, 2026”, but the slant of the proposal in this circular is to prohibit the use of AI in the area where there ought to be a legal application of mind. However, our view at TheLawyerics is that there ought to be a comprehensive framework where not only the negative effects of AI are avoided in the judicial system, but the benefits of AI are also harnessed to provide a cost-effective and time-effective justice delivery system.

