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Lack of forensic evidence is influencing quality of justice delivery. Do you agree? Comment.

forensic is one of the key pillars of Indian criminal justice system. Lack of forensic evidence is delaying justice and at the same time measures are being taken to improve the forensic ecosystem

Forensic backlogs

As per the Directorate of forensic sciences more than 50% of the cases are pending reported for forensic evidence. The state of forensic logs is more in states

In total 4.7 crore cases are pending, 20,000 cases are pending due to forensic delays and it takes 3 years for chemical and toxicological data to be studied. It denies the right to speedy investigation under Article

In the state of Karnataka Us Selvi case, consent is required for nano analysis and biometric fingerprinting which delays evidence making. Also, few labs and unsecured man power add on to the delays.

Measures taken

- ① The Judge Population ratio is 21:1 million, law commission recommended to increase to 50:1 million, this can reduce pendency and increase quality of justice
- ② Forensic probe is compulsory for crimes of more than 6 years imprisonment.

- ③ Criminal procedure amended act collects physical and biological data and stores it for 75 years.

- ④ AMBIS portal of Maharashtra, where digital data base of finger prints and photos of criminals is available can be expanded at national level.

Granting Institute of National Importance status to National Forensic University and co-operation between law enforcement agency and courts can improve forensic quality and judicial efficiency