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Reforming judiciary – CJI Reserving judgements adding to delays and backlogs India' s clogged justice system has acquired global notoriety, which plays no small part in the investment decisions of multinationals. On 8 Apr 2024, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud sent a wakeup call to the higher judiciary by flagging the proclivity of high court judges to reserve judgements for a long time after completing the hearing. Seeking information from chief justices on details of cases where judgements had been reserved for three months, he said he had discovered there were cases where judgements had been reserved for as long as 10 months. Worse, he noted, several judged partly heard the matters before releasing them, requiring parties to have the case heard all over again. As the chief justice pointed out, reserving a judgement for 10 months amounts to wasting judicial time since the judge conce.....