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### **Karnataka: 62 judges needed in lower courts, says T B Jayachandra**

There is a requirement of 62 judges in lower courts in Karnataka while 34-35 vacancies will be filled up shortly after selection of judges by the High Court, Law Minister T B Jayachandra said on Monday. Speaking to reporters in Belgavi, he said to minimise pending cases, alternate dispute resolutions would also be strengthened. He said 162 new courts would be set up.

Thirteen lakh cases were pending in the courts in the state, he said. To elevate the standards of legal fraternity, a separate university would be set up in Dharwad–Hubballi with 21 law colleges affiliated to it, he said.

On appointment of judges in the High Court, the minister said vide collegiums new judges need to appointed and he will speak to the Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on the issue. Sites are being identified for setting up Karnataka Arbitration Tribunal in Belagavi, he said.