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Naidu raises 'judicial overreach' concerns

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Kevadia: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday said the Supreme Court and high courts had delivered several far-reaching verdicts in furtherance of socio-economic objectives besides making correctional interventions but occasionally, concerns were raised if they were entering the domains of the legislature and the executive.

Speaking at the 80th All India Presiding Officers' Confer-

ence (AIPOC) held in Kevadia, he said there had been debates whether some issues should have been more legitimately

left to the other organs of governance.

"For example, Deepavali fire-



works, cess on registration and movement of vehicles from the National Capital Region through Delhi, banning use of vehicles of certain make after 10 or 15 years, monitoring police investiga-

tions, denying the executive any role in the appointment of judges by instituting collegium, invalidating the National Judicial Accountability Commission Act seeking to ensure transparency are being cited as instances of judicial overreach," Naidu said as he underlined that none of the three organs of the state could claim to be supreme as only the Constitution was paramount.

Naidu said the legislature, the executive and the judiciary were bound to work within their respective do-

main as defined in the Constitution. "This warrants a spirit of mutual respect, responsibility and restraint. Unfortunately, there have been several instances of crossing the boundaries," he added. He said at times, the legislature too had tended to cross the line.

"The 39th Constitution amendment placing the election of President, VP and PM beyond the scope of judicial scrutiny in the circumstances in 1975 is one such instance," he said.