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Shivaraj Patil: corruption and good governance cannot coexist

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BANGALORE: The 10-day 'Celebrating Rights', organised by the SICHREM and a host of other institutions to commemorate Human Rights Day, came to an end here on Friday with distribution of prizes to winners in various categories.

The former Supreme Court judge Shivaraj V. Patil, who was appointed by the Union Government on Thursday as the one-man committee to look into 2G spectrum allocation and awarding of licence in the telecom sector from 2001 to 2009, delivered the valedictory address.

"Corruption and good governance cannot coexist," Mr. Patil said. "However, I am an optimist. It is not impossible to remove corruption in society and should begin from the crusaders of corruption."

Hassan Mansur, president, People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) - Karnataka, lamented that the defenders of human rights had to be defended now as the State con-



WORD OF ADVICE: *The former Supreme Court judge Shivaraj V. Patil interacting with participants at the valedictory of 'Celebrating Rights' in Bangalore on Friday. - PHOTO K. MURALI KUMAR*

siders them as terrorists or terror sympathisers.

The programme had been organised by SICHREM and St. Joseph's College and Indian Social Institute, in associ-

ation with National Alliance for Testimonial Therapy (NATT), Mount Carmel College, Global College, Long Island University, and Radio Active, Jain University.