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Centre Appoints Three High Court Chief Justices as SC Judges

The Centre notified the appointment of three High Court Chief Justices as Supreme Court judges, based on a recommendation from the Supreme Court Collegium.

The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial court and the final court of appeal under the Constitution of India.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Centre** appointed **three** **High Court Chief Justices** as **Supreme Court judges**.
- **Justice Sunita Agarwal**, **Justice DK Upadhyay**, and **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh** were appointed.
- **Justice Sunita Agarwal** previously served as the **Chief Justice** of the **Gujarat High Court**.
- **Justice DK Upadhyay** was the **Chief Justice** of the **Delhi High Court**.
- **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh** served as the **Chief Justice** of the **Telangana High Court**.
- The appointments followed a recommendation by the **Supreme Court Collegium** on **September 28**.
- With these new appointments, the **Supreme Court** now has **37 judges**.
- The **sanctioned strength** of the Supreme Court is **38 judges**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Supreme Court of India** is established under **Part V, Chapter IV** of the **Constitution**.

Article 124 of the Indian Constitution deals with the establishment and constitution of the **Supreme Court**.

Originally, the Supreme Court consisted of a **Chief Justice** and **seven other judges**.

Parliament has the power to increase the number of Supreme Court judges as per **Article 124(1)**.

Supreme Court judges are appointed by the **President** after consultation with the **Chief Justice of India** and other judges as deemed necessary (**Article 124(2)**).

The **Collegium System** for judicial appointments evolved through landmark Supreme Court judgments, including the **First Judges Case** (**1981**), **Second Judges Case** (**1993**), and **Third Judges Case** (**1998**).

The **retirement age** for Supreme Court judges is **65 years**.

A Supreme Court judge can be removed by the **President** on grounds of **proved misbehaviour or incapacity**, following a resolution passed by both Houses of Parliament with a **special majority** (**Article 124(4)**).

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The Supreme Court's strength reached 37 judges with the recent appointment of three High Court Chief Justices.

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