

SC Collegium Recommends Four High Court Chief Justices

The Supreme Court Collegium recommended the elevation of four judges as High Court Chief Justices and the transfer of two judges.

The Supreme Court Collegium is a judicial body headed by the CJI that recommends appointments and transfers of judges in higher judiciary.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** recommended **four judges** for Chief Justice positions in various High Courts.
- The decision was taken during a meeting of the **Supreme Court Collegium** held on **August 6, 2026**.
- Justice **V. Kameswar Rao** of **Delhi High Court** was recommended for elevation as Chief Justice of **Patna High Court**.
- Justice **Ravindra V. Ghuge** of **Bombay High Court** was recommended for elevation as a High Court Chief Justice.
- Alongside recommendations for elevation, the Collegium also recommended the **transfer of two High Court judges**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 217 of the Constitution governs the appointment of High Court Judges by the **President of India**.

Article 222 of the Constitution empowers the President to transfer High Court Judges after consulting the CJI.

The Collegium system for judicial appointments was evolved through the **Second Judges Case** in **1993**.

The **Third Judges Case** of **1998** expanded the Supreme Court Collegium to include the CJI and four senior-most judges.

Article 214 of the Constitution provides that there shall be a High Court for each State in India.

High Court Judges hold office until attaining the age of **62 years** as per **Article 217(1)**.

High Court Judges submit their resignation letter in writing addressed to the **President of India**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Article 217 governs High Court Judge appointments, while Article 222 governs High Court Judge transfers.

Syllabus Relevance: High exam relevance for Unit 5 Indian Polity covering Articles 214, 217, 222 and the Collegium system.

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