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Supreme Court Gains Three New Judges, Strength Reaches 37

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant administered the oath of office to three newly appointed judges, increasing the Supreme Court's working strength to 37.

The Supreme Court of India's working strength refers to the actual number of judges currently serving, which can be less than its sanctioned strength.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant** administered the oath of office to **three new judges**.
- With these appointments, the **Supreme Court's working strength** has increased to **37**.
- The **sanctioned strength** of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice of India, is **38 judges**.
- The current working strength is now **one judge short** of the full **sanctioned strength**.
- The sanctioned strength was recently increased from **34** by the **Supreme Court Amendment Act, 2026**.
- **Justice Sunita Agarwal** was among the newly appointed judges.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 124(1) of the Constitution states that there shall be a **Supreme Court of India** with a Chief Justice and, initially, not more than **seven other judges**.

Parliament has the power to **increase the number of judges** in the Supreme Court by law.

Judges of the **Supreme Court** are appointed by the **President of India**.

The appointment of Supreme Court judges is primarily based on the **Collegium system**.

The **oath of office** to the Supreme Court judges is administered by the **President** or a person appointed by him for that purpose.

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

A Supreme Court judge can be removed by the **President** on grounds of **proved misbehaviour or incapacity**.

The **Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956**, originally fixed the strength of the Supreme Court.

The **99th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014**, sought to replace the Collegium system with the **National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)**, but it was struck down by the Supreme Court.

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Supreme Court's working strength reached 37 after three new judges were sworn in by CJI Surya Kant.

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