

## Supreme Court asks States to consider raising judicial officers' retirement age

The Supreme Court urged States and Union Territories to consider raising the retirement age of judicial officers from 60 to 61 years.

The retirement age for judicial officers is a service condition determined by respective State governments and High Courts.

### KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** asked **States and Union Territories** to consider raising the superannuation age of **judicial officers** from **60 to 61 years**.
- The directive was passed on Wednesday, **July 22, 2026**.
- A Bench comprising **Chief Justice Surya Kant** and Justices **Joymalya Bagchi** and **V. Mohana** issued the direction.
- The Bench was hearing a petition seeking uniform enhancement of the retirement age of **district judiciary judges** from **60 to 62 years**.
- The aim of the Supreme Court's recommendation is to achieve **uniformity nationwide** regarding the retirement age of **judicial officers**.

### STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

**Article 233** of the Indian Constitution deals with the appointment of **District Judges**.

**Article 234** pertains to the recruitment of persons other than District Judges to the **judicial service**.

**Article 235** grants **High Courts** control over **subordinate courts**, including matters of posting, promotion, and leave.

In the **All India Judges' Association case (1993)**, the Supreme Court recommended increasing the retirement age of judicial officers to **60 years**.

The Supreme Court, in the **All India Judges' Association case (2002)**, further recommended increasing the retirement age for **subordinate judicial officers** to **62 years**.

The retirement age for Judges of the **High Court** is **62 years**, as per **Article 217** of the Constitution.

Judges of the **Supreme Court** retire at the age of **65 years**, as stipulated by **Article 124(2)** of the Constitution.

The **Sarkaria Commission (1983)** recommended **uniformity in service conditions** for judicial officers across states.

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*Supreme Court recommends raising judicial officers' retirement age from 60 to 61 years for nationwide uniformity.*

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