



Pinky Anand Appointed Judge at Bahrain International Commercial Court | National Current Affairs | 24 Oct 2025

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Dr. Pinky Anand, Senior Advocate and former [Additional Solicitor General of India](#), has been **appointed as a Judge of the Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC)**, following the 2024 appointment of former [Supreme Court](#) judge **Sanjay Kishan Kaul** to the same court.



Dr. Pinky Anand

- **Background:** A **Harvard Law School graduate and Inlaks Scholar**, Dr. Pinky Anand has **over 40 years of legal experience**, having served as **Additional Solicitor General of India (2014-2020)**, with expertise in **constitutional law, civil arbitration, and criminal law**.
- **International Representation:** Represented India in various **national and international fora**, including **BRICS**; founding member of the **BRICS Legal Forum**.
- **Honours:** Awarded the **French National Order of Merit** by the President of France.

Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC)

- The **Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC)**, established to handle complex cross-border commercial disputes, will **commence operations with a swearing-in ceremony for judges on 5th November 2025**, attended by the **Bahraini monarchy and the Prime Minister**.
- The BICC is presided over by renowned arbitration expert **Jan Paulsson** and comprises 17 judges — 7 women and 10 men — representing **diverse jurisdictions** across the globe.
- The court was established under a **treaty between Bahrain and Singapore** in March 2024, and is modelled on the **Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)** to promote international best practices in commercial dispute resolution.

Neeraj Chopra Conferred Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel | National Current Affairs | 24 Oct 2025

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Two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra has been **conferred the Honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel** in the **Territorial Army** in recognition of his outstanding achievements and service to the nation.

- The **pipping ceremony** was held at **South Block, New Delhi** where **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** formally presented the **rank insignia** in the presence of **Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi**.



Key Points

- **About:** Born on 24th December 1997 in Khandra village, Panipat district, Haryana, Neeraj Chopra hails from a farming family and has emerged as one of India's most celebrated athletes.

▪ **Journey in the Indian Army:**

- Neeraj Chopra joined the Indian Army in August 2016 as a **Naib Subedar** in the **Rajputana Rifles Regiment** and was **promoted to Subedar in 2021** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in athletics.
- In **2022**, after his Olympic triumph, he was further promoted to **Subedar Major** and awarded the **Param Vishisht Seva Medal**, the highest peacetime honour of the Indian Army.
- In **April 2025**, President **Smt Droupadi Murmu** granted him the **Honorary Commission** as **Lieutenant Colonel** in recognition of his service to the nation and outstanding sporting achievements.

▪ **Achievements in Sports:**

- **Tokyo Olympics 2020:** Created history by becoming the **first Indian athlete to win an Olympic Gold Medal** in track and field.
- **World Athletics Championships 2023:** Won the **Gold Medal**, further strengthening India's presence in global athletics.
- **Paris Olympics 2024:** Secured a **Silver Medal**, maintaining his elite performance level.
- **Asian Games & Commonwealth Games:** Multiple **Gold Medals** showcasing dominance in javelin throw across international events.
- **Diamond League & Other Events:** Consistently achieved top podium finishes, with a **personal best throw of 90.23 metres (2025)** — a record in Indian athletics.

▪ **Awards and Honours:**

- Vishisht Seva Medal (2023)
- Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2022)
- Padma Shri (2022)
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (2021)
- Arjuna Award (2018)