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## Appointment of Four New Judges in Jharkhand High Court | Jharkhand | 09 Oct 2021

### Why in News

- On October 8, 2021, **Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Dr. Ravi Ranjan** administered the oath of office and secrecy to four new judges.

### Key Points

- These newly appointed judges are- Ambuj Nath, Gautam Kumar Choudhary, Navneet Kumar and Sanjay Prasad.
- It is known that the **names of 5 judges were recommended** by the [Supreme Court Collegium](#) to the Central Government for appointment to the Jharkhand High Court, **but only four names were approved by the Central Government.**
- The **total sanctioned posts of judges in the Jharkhand High Court are 25**, but even after these new appointments, **the total number of judges posted is only 19 at present.**
- It is noteworthy that before the formation of Jharkhand state, **the first circuit bench of Patna High Court was established in Ranchi on 6th March, 1972**, which **got the status of a permanent bench in 1976**, but in **present form Jharkhand High Court** came into existence **on 15th November, 2000** when the state of **Bihar was reorganized and a new state of Jharkhand emerged.**