



# Judges Appointed in Rajasthan High Court

## Why in News?

Four new judges were appointed in the **Rajasthan High Court**, taking the number of judges in the court to 38.

## Key Points

- **About the Judges:**
  - Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava administered the oath to the Judges at a formal ceremony held in the court.
  - The new judges include Anand Sharma from Jaipur and Sunil Beniwal, Mukesh Rajpurohit and Sandeep Shah from Jodhpur.
- **Appointment of Judges of the High Court:**
  - **Article 217 of the Constitution:** It says that the Judge of the High Court shall be appointed by **the President** in consultation with the **Chief Justice of India (CJI), the Governor** of the State .
    - In the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.
  - **Consultation process:** High Court judges are recommended by a **collegium** consisting of the CJI and two senior-most judges.
    - The proposal is made by the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned in consultation with two senior-most colleagues.
    - The recommendation is sent to the Chief Minister, who advises the Union Law Minister to send the proposal to the Governor.
    - The Chief Justice of the High Court is appointed on the basis of the policy that the Chief Justice of a State will be from outside the concerned State.

## Rajasthan High Court

- The Rajasthan High Court is located in **Jodhpur** and was established on **29 August 1949** under the **Rajasthan High Court Ordinance, 1949** .
- At present the sanctioned strength of judges in this court is 50, while the number of serving judges till March 2025 is 38.
- Before the **unification** of Rajasthan, five different High Courts were functioning in different units of the state. The Rajasthan High Court Ordinance, 1949 abolished these different courts and provided for a single High Court for the entire state.
- Initially the Rajasthan High Court was headquartered in Jaipur and was inaugurated by **Rajpramukh Maharaja Sawai Man Singh** on 29 August 1949.
- Later, after the **complete integration of Rajasthan in 1956** , it was shifted to Jodhpur on the recommendation of **the Satyanarayan Rao Committee** .
- The **first Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court** was **Kamla Kant Varma** .

