

Justice Sanjiv Khanna Appointed Next Chief Justice Of India

Why In News

- **Justice Sanjiv Khanna** has been appointed the **next Chief Justice of India** by President of India Droupadi Murmu after Chief Justice DY Chandrachud named him his successor. The **oath ceremony** will be on November 11 - a day after Justice Chandrachud retires.



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- **Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal** made the announcement on X this evening.
- “In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of **Article 124 of the Constitution of India**, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge of the Supreme Court, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from 11 November 2024,” the government notification said.



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- **Born on May 14, 1960, Justice Khanna** enrolled as an advocate with the **Bar Council of Delhi in 1983**. He began his legal practice at the district courts of Tis Hazari, before moving on to the Delhi High Court and various tribunals.



- Known for his diligent work ethic and legal acumen, he was elevated as an additional judge of the **Delhi High Court in 2005** and became a **permanent judge in 2006**.
- Justice Khanna was elevated to **the Supreme Court in 2019** from the Delhi High Court. He is due to retire on May 13, 2025. Over the years, he has contributed to several important cases and verdicts, earning him a reputation as one of the judiciary's most respected figures. He was part of the Constitution Bench that upheld the **scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution** of India last year.



- In July, a bench he headed had granted interim bail to Arvind Kejriwal, who was Chief Minister of Delhi at the time, in the money laundering case linked to the Delhi liquor policy case.

Appointment

- **CJI and the Judges of the Supreme Court (SC)** are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution.
- As far as the **CJI is concerned, the outgoing CJI recommends** his successor.
- The Union Law Minister forwards the recommendation to the Prime Minister who, in turn, advises the President.



- The **SC collegium is headed by CJI** and **comprises four other senior most judges** of the court.
- The collegium system is the system of appointment and transfer of judges
- that has evolved through judgments of the SC (Judges Cases), and not by an Act of Parliament or by a **provision of the Constitution**. Judges of the higher judiciary are appointed only through the collegium system and the government has a role only after names have been decided by the collegium.