

# SC Collegium on mission mode to fill vacancies

## Recommendations include 8 new Chief Justices across HCs

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The Supreme Court Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, is proceeding with staggering speed to fill vacancies and strengthen the judiciary as seen in the latest slew of recommendations, which include eight new Chief Justices for the High Courts, the transfer of five High Court Chief Justices and the shuffling of 28 High Court judges across the country.

It has been reliably learnt that the eight High Court judges recommended for elevation as Chief Justices of High Courts include acting Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court Justice Rajesh Bindal as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

Among the five Chief Justices learnt to have been recommended for transfer is

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■ Nine new judges, named for the Supreme Court, have already taken oath

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■ Five High Court Chief Justices recommended for transfer



Justice A.A. Kureshi of the Tripura High Court. He has been recommended for transfer to the Rajasthan High Court as its Chief Justice. He was in the middle of a prolonged stalemate between the Collegium and the government over his initial appointment as the Madhya Pradesh High Court Chief Justice about two years ago.

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over 100 judicial appointments, several transfers and elevations of judges, advocates and Chief Justices.

The Collegium began its work on a historic note with the successful recommendation of nine new judges to the Supreme Court that were quickly approved by the government.

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