



Justice Sheel Nagu: Punjab & Haryana Chief Justice

Why in News?

Recently, **Justice Sheel Nagu** of Madhya Pradesh high court has been appointed as [Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court](#).

Key Points

- He was appointed as Madhya Pradesh high court judge in 2011. His contribution to the judiciary by way of [disposal of cases](#), during his tenure of **over 12 years** has authored **more than 499 reported judgments**.

Appointment of HC Judges

- **Article 217 of the Constitution:** It states that the **Judge of a 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](#) comprising the **CJI and two senior-most judges**.
 - The proposal, however, is **initiated 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 Governor to send the **proposal to the Union Law Minister**.
 - The **Chief Justice of the High Court** is appointed as per the policy of having Chief Justices from outside the respective States.
 - The Collegium takes the call on the elevation.

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