Jharkhand High Court

Data as on 22.11.2026. Source: LawInC analysis of Department of Justice data.

Sitting judges of this Court, followed by judges whose Parent High Court is this Court and who are serving elsewhere, and sitting Supreme Court judges drawn from this Parent High Court. Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges is kept after a transfer (as if there had been no transfers); that is the figure the public monthly list does not present as an all-India picture.

Sitting: 16 · Sanctioned: 25 · Vacancies: 9 · Of this PHC, serving elsewhere: 0 · Of other PHCs, serving here: 1 · Chief Justices: 0 · Now in the Supreme Court: 2

Principal seat. Ranchi · Official website. https://jharkhandhighcourt.nic.in/ · Chief Justice: Hon'ble Justice Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak (Parent High Court: Bombay)

Sitting at this High Court (16)

Ordered by sitting-court seniority (SHC-S). PHC-S is Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges of that Parent High Court (as if there had been no transfers; incoming transfers are not counted here). AIS is All India Seniority as on this date, including Addl. Judges. Incoming transferred judges, including the Chief Justice, appear here.

SHC-S	PHC-S	AIS	Hon'ble Justice	Bar / Service	Sitting HC	PHC	Appointment	Retirement	Remarks
1	2	9	Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak Chief Justice	Bar	Jharkhand	Bombay	21.06.2013	27.11.2026	Chief Justice w.e.f. 09.01.2026
2	1	30	Sujit Narayan Prasad	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	26.09.2014	19.06.2029	
3	2	31	Rongon Mukhopadhyay	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	26.09.2014	28.12.2029	
4	3	47	Ananda Sen	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	08.04.2016	14.08.2031	
5	4	51	Rajesh Shankar	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	30.09.2016	15.12.2032	
6	5	78	Anil Kumar Choudhary	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	20.05.2017	17.06.2027	
7	6	115	Rajesh Kumar	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	06.01.2018	25.10.2030	
8	7	116	Anubha Rawat Choudhary (Smt.)	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	06.01.2018	24.06.2032	
9	8	173	Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	18.02.2019	02.11.2027	
10	9	174	Deepak Roshan	Bar	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	18.02.2019	11.12.2029	
11	10	271	Sanjay Prasad	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	08.10.2021	16.01.2027	
12	11	387	Pradeep Kumar Srivastava	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	07.06.2022	31.12.2027	
13	12	548	Arun Kumar Rai	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	05.02.2024	25.01.2032	
14	13	810	Manoj Prasad	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	23.09.2026	15.11.2035	
15	14	811	Akhil Kumar	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	23.09.2026	05.01.2034	
16	15	812	Ram Sharma	Service	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	23.09.2026	06.07.2030	

PHC: Parent High Court. PHC-S: Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges. SHC-S: Sitting High Court Seniority. AIS: All India Seniority. ACJ: Acting Chief Justice.

Collegium of the Jharkhand High Court

As on 22.11.2026.

Role	Hon'ble Justice	Retirement
Chief Justice	Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak	27.11.2026
Member	Sujit Narayan Prasad	19.06.2029
Member	Rongon Mukhopadhyay	28.12.2029

Projected from the present sitting list, through 22.11.2027: On 27.11.2026 the Chief Justice, Justice Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak, retires.

Senior-most judge of the Jharkhand Parent High Court*

Projected order in which judges of this Parent High Court become its senior-most judge (PHC-S 1), from Parent High Court Seniority and dates of retirement. Judges who will retire before they could become the senior-most are omitted.

- 1* · Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad · now - 19.06.2029
- 2* · Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay · 20.06.2029 - 28.12.2029
- 3* · Justice Ananda Sen · 29.12.2029 - 14.08.2031

- 4* · Justice Rajesh Shankar · 15.08.2031 - 15.12.2032
- 5* · Justice Manoj Prasad · 16.12.2032 - 15.11.2035

** LawInC projection as on 22.11.2026; not an official list. A later appointment, transfer, resignation or elevation to the Supreme Court would alter it.*

Transferred to other High Courts (0)

Including those serving as Chief Justice or as a puisne judge of another High Court. Their Parent High Court Seniority is unchanged.

None at present.

Transferred from other High Courts (1)

Sitting judges of this Court whose Parent High Court is another High Court (transferred in). Their Parent High Court Seniority (PHC-S) is that of their Parent High Court, among sitting judges.

Hon'ble Justice	Bar / Service	PHC	PHC-S
Mahesh Sharadchandra Sonak	Bar	Bombay	2

PHC: Parent High Court. PHC-S: Parent High Court Seniority among sitting judges.

Chief Justices (0)

None at present.

Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court (2)

SC seniority	Hon'ble Justice	Appointment	Retirement	Remarks
1	S. Chandrashekhar	02.06.2026	24.05.2030	—
2	Aparesh K. Singh	06.10.2026	06.07.2030	—

CJI: Chief Justice of India.

** Likely to be CJI as per seniority*