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Supreme Court  
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Four new judges were sworn in on Friday at the Supreme Court, two of whom will go on to be the Chief Justices of India in the line of seniority.

Justice B.R. Gavai will become the CJI for over six months in 2025. He will be the second Chief Justice of India from the Scheduled Caste community after Justice (Retd.) K.G. Balakrishnan. Justice Surya Kant will succeed Justice Gavai as the CJI in November 2025. He will remain in office till February 2027.

The two other judges sworn in on Friday are Jharkhand High Court and Gauhati High Court Chief Justices Aniruddha Bose and A.S. Bopanna.

On May 8, the Collegium led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had refused the government's request to reconsider the elevation of these two judges to the apex court. The Collegium's reiteration had made it binding on the government to clear their appointments.

The Supreme Court will now function with its full sanctioned strength of 31 judges.