



STATEMENT

The Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on 26th February, 2026 has recommended appointment of Mr. Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari, Judge, High Court of Kerala (PHC: Madhya Pradesh) as Chief Justice, Madras High Court, consequent upon retirement of the Chief Justice of that High Court on 5th March, 2026.

The Collegium has taken a policy decision that in order to strengthen the efficiency and quality of administration of justice, a Judge who is proposed to take over the High Court as its Chief Justice may be transferred well in advance, preferably two months before the vacancy arises, so that such recommendee in the meantime becomes well conversant with the affairs of that High Court and assumes charge of the office of Chief Justice, on the retirement of incumbent Chief Justice. Following this policy decision, the Collegium has resolved to recommend transfer of Ms. Justice Lisa Gill, Judge, High Court of Punjab and Haryana to the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and for her appointment as the Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from the date the vacancy would arise.
