



## Himachal Pradesh 78th Foundation Day

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[Himachal Pradesh](#) Day is celebrated annually on 15th April to mark the formation of the **Chief Commissioner's province** of Himachal Pradesh on **15th April 1948**.

- **Background:** It became a **Part C state** on **26th January 1950** with the implementation of the [Constitution of India](#), later a Union Territory on 1st November 1956, and expanded in 1966 with hill areas from Punjab.
  - It attained full statehood on **25<sup>th</sup> January 1971**, becoming India's **18th state** under the **State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970**.
- **Etymology:** The name "Himachal" is derived from Sanskrit, "Hima" (snow) and "Anchal" (lap) aptly describing its geography nestled in the Himalayas.
- **Borders:** Himachal Pradesh shares its borders with the **Indian union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**, and the **states of Punjab, Haryana, and Uttarakhand**.
  - Internationally, it shares a border with China.
- **Economy:** Himachal Pradesh's Gross State Domestic Product for 2024-25 is Rs. 2.27 trillion (USD 27.27 billion). Exports in FY25 (until August) totaled USD 223.20 million, with drug formulations and biologicals contributing 69.5% of the total.
  - Cumulative **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** inflows in Himachal Pradesh from 2019 to 2023 totaled USD 246.74 million.



# REORGANISATION OF STATES IN INDIA

The States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1956 suggested the formation of 14 States and 6 UTs. At present, India comprises 28 states and 8 UTs.

1950

States classified into 4 categories

- Part A, B, C and D (1<sup>st</sup> Schedule)

- **Part A** - Ruled by **Governor** with **elected State Legislature**
  - ◇ **Andhra Pradesh** (first state on linguistic lines) - 1953
- **Part B** - Former **Princely States**
- **Part C** - Former **Chief Commissioners' Provinces**, some **Princely states**
- **Part D** - Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## 7<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment (1956) -

- Distinction between Part-A and Part-B states done away
- Part-C states were abolished
- Made total no. of (erstwhile) states - 14 and UTs - 6

## Reorganisation/Creation of States/UTs after 1956

### States Carved Out of Other States

- ↳ **Gujarat and Maharashtra** from Bombay (Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960)
- ↳ **Nagaland** from Assam (State of Nagaland Act, 1962)
- ↳ **Haryana** from Punjab (Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966)
- ↳ **Meghalaya** from Assam (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ↳ **Chhattisgarh** from MP (Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Uttarakhand** from UP (Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Jharkhand** from Bihar (Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Telangana** from Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014)

### States Formed by Granting Statehood

- ↳ **Himachal Pradesh** (State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970)
- ↳ **Manipur and Tripura** (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ↳ **Sikkim** (36<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment (1975))
- ↳ **Mizoram** (State of Mizoram Act, 1986)
- ↳ **Arunachal Pradesh** (State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986)
- ↳ **Goa** (Goa, Daman, and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1987)

### Formation of UTs

- ↳ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep - 1956
- ↳ Puducherry - 1962
- ↳ Chandigarh - 1966
- ↳ J&K and Ladakh - 2019
- ↳ Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu - 2020



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