



# Satish Prasad Singh: Bihar's Shortest-Serving CM

## Why in News?

As Bihar heads toward the **2025 Assembly Elections**, the state's political history is being revisited, with particular focus on its leaders. Among them, **Satish Prasad Singh**, the **sixth Chief Minister of Bihar**, holds the record for the **shortest tenure** as CM, serving just **4 days**.

## Key Points

- **Shortest Tenure as CM:** **Satish Prasad Singh** created history by serving as Bihar's **Chief Minister** for just **four days**, from **28th January 1968** to **1st February 1968**.
  - His term was marked by **political instability**, as he was appointed as a stopgap CM before the rise of **B.P. Mandal**.
- **Political Beginnings:** **Satish Prasad Singh**, born in **Khagaria**, was deeply influenced by **socialist ideologies** from an early age.
  - His political career was shaped by his dedication to **social justice** and the **farmers' cause**.

## Longest-serving Chief Minister

- **Nitish Kumar is currently the longest-serving Chief Minister in Bihar** with a total tenure of **over 18 years** (as of 2025). He broke the previous record held by Sri Krishna Sinha, who served for 17 years and 52 days.
  - **Longest Continuous Term:** Sri Krishna Sinha still holds this **record with 14 years and 314 days of uninterrupted service**.
  - **Nitish Kumar's longest continuous term:** 8 years and 239 days (2005-2014, with brief interruption by Jitan Ram Manjhi).
- **CM Who Has Taken Maximum Number of Oaths:** Nitish Kumar holds the record for taking the maximum number of oaths as Chief Minister (**sworn in 9 times as the CM of Bihar**).
- **Bihar has experienced President's Rule 8 times since its formation as a state (Total 37 terms including 8 periods of President's Rule).**

## Note

- **Under the Government of India Act 1935**, the heads of provincial governments in British India were officially designated as **"Prime Ministers" or "Premiers"** (not Chief Ministers).
- **Mohammad Yunus** (1 April 1937 - 19 July 1937) was the **first Prime Minister of Bihar Province**, serving for 109 days under the Muslim Independent Party. Notably, he was the first person to take the oath as 'Prime Minister' in all of British India.

## Complete List of Bihar Chief Ministers (1947-2025)

S. No.	Name	Tenure	Political Party/Alliance
1	Sri Krishna Sinha	15 Aug 1947- 31 Jan 1961	Indian National Congress

2	Deep Narayan Singh	1 Feb 1961 - 18 Feb 1961	Indian National Congress
3	Binodanand Jha	18 Feb 1961 - 2 Oct 1963	Indian National Congress
4	Krishna Ballabh Sahay	2 Oct 1963 - 5 Mar 1967	Indian National Congress
5	Mahamaya Prasad Sinha	5 Mar 1967 - 28 Jan 1968	Jana Kranti Dal
6	Satish Prasad Singh	28 Jan 1968 - 1 Feb 1968	Shoshit Dal
7	Bindeshwari Prasad Mandal (B.P. Mandal)	1 Feb 1968 - 22 Mar 1968	Shoshit Dal
—	President's Rule	29 Jun 1968 - 26 Feb 1969	—
8	Harihar Singh	26 Feb 1969 - 22 Jun 1969	Indian National Congress
9	Bhola Paswan Shastri	22 Jun 1969 - 4 Jul 1969	Indian National Congress
—	President's Rule	4 Jul 1969 - 16 Feb 1970	—
10	Daroga Prasad Rai	16 Feb 1970 - 22 Dec 1970	Indian National Congress
11	Karpoori Thakur	22 Dec 1970 - 2 Jun 1971	Samyukta Socialist Party
12	Bhola Paswan Shastri	2 Jun 1971 - 9 Jan 1972	Indian National Congress
—	President's Rule	9 Jan 1972 - 19 Mar 1972	—
13	Kedar Pandey	19 Mar 1972 - 2 Jul 1973	Indian National Congress
14	Abdul Gafoor	2 Jul 1973 - 11 Apr 1975	Indian National Congress
15	Jagannath Mishra	11 Apr 1975 - 30 Apr 1977	Indian National Congress
—	President's Rule	30 Apr 1977 - 24 Jun 1977	—
16	Karpoori Thakur	24 Jun 1977 - 21 Apr 1979	Janata Party
17	Ram Sundar Das	21 Apr 1979 - 17 Feb 1980	Janata Party (Secular)
—	President's Rule	17 Feb 1980 - 8 Jun 1980	—
18	Jagannath Mishra	8 Jun 1980 - 14 Aug 1983	Indian National Congress
19	Chandrashekhar Singh	14 Aug 1983 - 12 Mar 1985	Indian National Congress
20	Bindeshwari Dubey	12 Mar 1985 - 13 Feb 1988	Indian National Congress
21	Bhagwat Jha Azad	14 Feb 1988 - 10 Mar 1989	Indian National Congress
22	Satyendra Narayan Sinha	11 Mar 1989 - 6 Dec 1989	Indian National Congress
23	Jagannath Mishra	6 Dec 1989 - 10 Mar 1990	Indian National Congress
24	Lalu Prasad Yadav	10 Mar 1990 - 28 Mar 1995	Janata Dal
—	President's Rule	28 Mar 1995 - 5 Apr 1995	—
25	Lalu Prasad Yadav	5 Apr 1995 - 25 Jul 1997	Janata Dal / Rashtriya Janata Dal
26	Rabri Devi	25 Jul 1997 - 11 Feb 1999	Rashtriya Janata Dal
—	President's Rule	11 Feb 1999 - 9 Mar 1999	—
27	Rabri Devi	9 Mar 1999 - 2 Mar 2000	Rashtriya Janata Dal

28	Nitish Kumar	3 Mar 2000 - 10 Mar 2000	Samata Party
29	Rabri Devi	11 Mar 2000 - 6 Mar 2005	Rashtriya Janata Dal
—	President's Rule	7 Mar 2005 - 24 Nov 2005	—
30	Nitish Kumar	24 Nov 2005 - 17 May 2014	Janata Dal (United)
31	Jitan Ram Manjhi	20 May 2014 - 22 Feb 2015	Janata Dal (United)
32	Nitish Kumar	22 Feb 2015 - 20 Nov 2015	Janata Dal (United)
33	Nitish Kumar	20 Nov 2015 - 26 Jul 2017	Janata Dal (United) - Mahagathbandhan
34	Nitish Kumar	27 Jul 2017 - 16 Nov 2020	Janata Dal (United) - NDA
35	Nitish Kumar	16 Nov 2020 - 9 Aug 2022	Janata Dal (United) - NDA
36	Nitish Kumar	10 Aug 2022 - 28 Jan 2024	Janata Dal (United) - Mahagathbandhan
37	Nitish Kumar	28 Jan 2024 - Present	Janata Dal (United) - NDA

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