# Himachal Pradesh High Court

*Arranged by date of retirement (earliest first). Seniority numbers (AIS, PHC-S, SHC-S, Sl.) are shown for reference; the seniority-wise version is available on the same page of law-inc.in.*

**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: 15 · Sanctioned: 17 · Vacancies: 2 · Of this PHC, serving elsewhere: 1 · Of other PHCs, serving here: 1 · Chief Justices: 0 · Now in the Supreme Court: 0**

Principal seat. Shimla · Official website. https://hphighcourt.nic.in/ · Chief Justice: Hon'ble Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia [P] (Parent High Court: Punjab and Haryana)

## Sitting at this High Court (15)

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 | 1 | 2 | Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia [P] Chief Justice | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Punjab and Haryana | 30.09.2011 | 31.10.2027 | Chief Justice w.e.f. 29.12.2024 |
| 2 | 1 | 48 | Vivek Singh Thakur | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 12.04.2016 | 16.04.2028 | |
| 7 | 7 | 408 | Virender Singh | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 16.08.2022 | 13.11.2028 | |
| 15 | 15 | 796 | Yogesh Jaswal Addl. | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 30.08.2026 | 01.03.2029 | Addl. Judge |
| 6 | 6 | 407 | Sushil Kukreja | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 16.08.2022 | 13.04.2029 | |
| 14 | 14 | 795 | Bhupesh Sharma Addl. | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 30.08.2026 | 31.12.2029 | Addl. Judge |
| 10 | 10 | 510 | Rakesh Kainthla | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 31.07.2023 | 22.05.2030 | |
| 4 | 3 | 50 | Sandeep Sharma | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 12.04.2016 | 19.07.2030 | |
| 9 | 9 | 509 | Bipin Chander Negi | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 31.07.2023 | 19.07.2030 | |
| 8 | 8 | 508 | Ranjan Sharma | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 31.07.2023 | 20.08.2030 | |
| 3 | 2 | 49 | Ajay Mohan Goel | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 12.04.2016 | 10.01.2031 | |
| 5 | 4 | 183 | Jyotsna Rewal Dua (Smt.) | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 30.05.2019 | 24.05.2031 | |
| 11 | 11 | 730 | Jiya Lal Bhardwaj | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 06.10.2025 | 19.08.2031 | |
| 13 | 13 | 794 | Chirag Bhanu Singh | Service | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 30.08.2026 | 17.12.2032 | |
| 12 | 12 | 731 | Romesh Verma | Bar | Himachal Pradesh | Himachal Pradesh | 06.10.2025 | 06.05.2036 | |

*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 Himachal Pradesh High Court

*As on 22.11.2026.*

| Role | Hon'ble Justice | Retirement |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Justice | Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia [P] | 31.10.2027 |

| Role | Hon'ble Justice | Retirement |
|---|---|---|
| Member | Vivek Singh Thakur | 16.04.2028 |
| Member | Ajay Mohan Goel | 10.01.2031 |

*Projected from the present sitting list, through 22.11.2027: On 31.10.2027 the Chief Justice, Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia [P], retires.*

## Senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh 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 Vivek Singh Thakur · now - 16.04.2028
- 2* · Justice Ajay Mohan Goel · 17.04.2028 - 10.01.2031
- 3* · Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua (Smt.) · 11.01.2031 - 24.05.2031
- 4* · Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj · 25.05.2031 - 19.08.2031
- 5* · Justice Romesh Verma · 20.08.2031 - 06.05.2036

** 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 (1)

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

| SHC-S | PHC-S | AIS | Hon'ble Justice | Bar / Service | Sitting HC | PHC | Appointment | Retirement | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 5 | 184 | Anoop Chitkara | Bar | Punjab and Haryana | Himachal Pradesh | 30.05.2019 | 28.04.2028 | |

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## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia [P] | Bar | Punjab and Haryana | 1 |

*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 (0)

None sitting in this workbook.