Himachal Pradesh High Court

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	
3	2	49	Ajay Mohan Goel	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	12.04.2016	10.01.2031	
4	3	50	Sandeep Sharma	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	12.04.2016	19.07.2030	
5	4	183	Jyotsna Rewal Dua (Smt.)	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	30.05.2019	24.05.2031	
6	6	407	Sushil Kukreja	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	16.08.2022	13.04.2029	
7	7	408	Virender Singh	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	16.08.2022	13.11.2028	
8	8	508	Ranjan Sharma	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	31.07.2023	20.08.2030	
9	9	509	Bipin Chander Negi	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	31.07.2023	19.07.2030	
10	10	510	Rakesh Kainthla	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	31.07.2023	22.05.2030	
11	11	730	Jiya Lal Bhardwaj	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	06.10.2025	19.08.2031	
12	12	731	Romesh Verma	Bar	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	06.10.2025	06.05.2036	
13	13	794	Chirag Bhanu Singh	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	30.08.2026	17.12.2032	
14	14	795	Bhupesh Sharma Addl.	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	30.08.2026	31.12.2029	Addl. Judge
15	15	796	Yogesh Jaswal Addl.	Service	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	30.08.2026	01.03.2029	Addl. Judge

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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
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

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Chief Justices (0)

None at present.

Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court (0)

None sitting in this workbook.