

# Himachal Pradesh Formation



## Initial Formation

Himachal Pradesh was formed on April 15, 1948, as a province.

*a centrally administered  
Chief Commissioner Province*

It was created by merging 30 princely states.

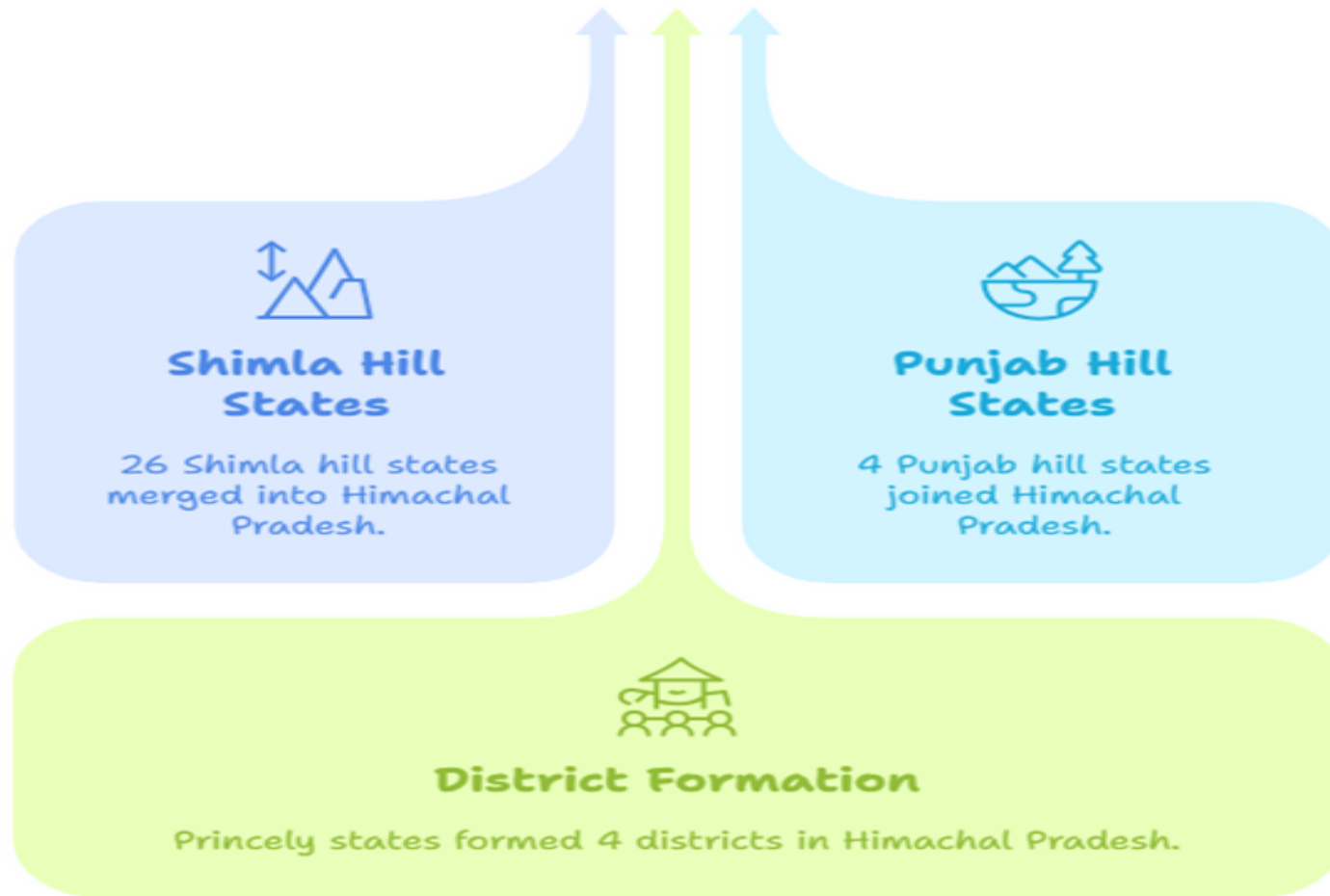
## Merger of States



*26 Shimla Hill States  
& 4 Punjab Hill States*

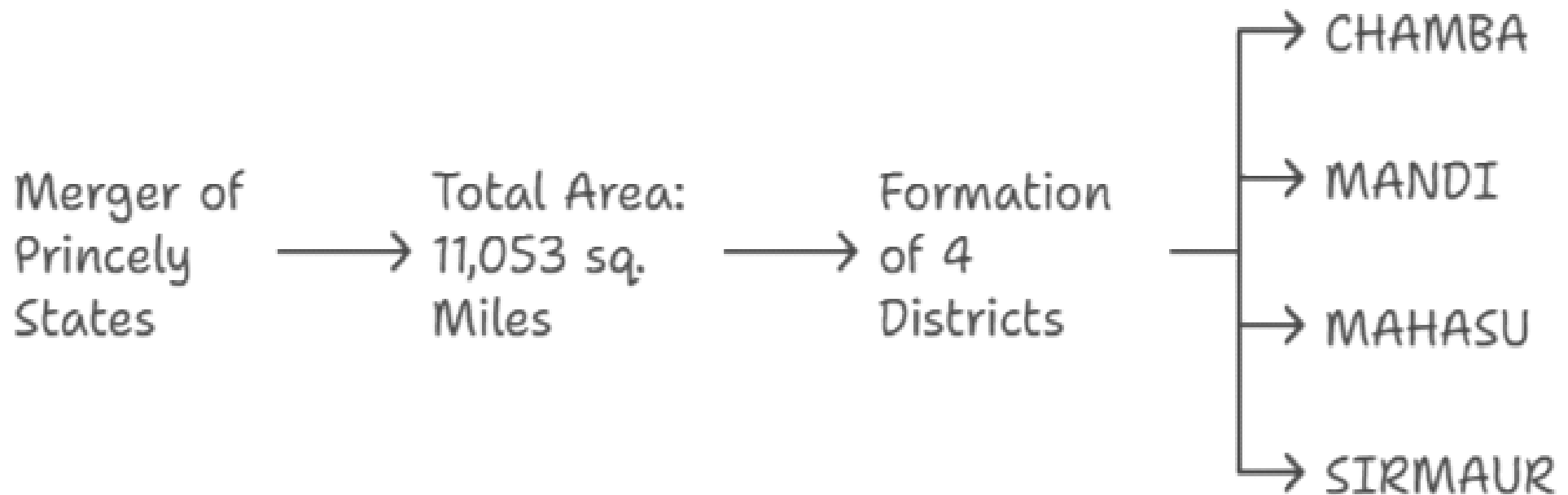
*(Chamba, Mandi, Suket, Sirmour)*

## Uniting Princely States



“Chamba, Mandi, Mahasu & Sirmour”

## Formation of Himachal Pradesh Districts



Building of British India  
Foreign office.

## Formation of Himachal Pradesh as a State



### Headquarters Location

The headquarters was initially located in Shimla.



### Fire Incident

The headquarters building was destroyed by fire in 1957.

5 May 1957



### Administrative Structure

The territory was administered by a Chief Commissioner and deputy.



### First Chief Commissioner

N.C. Mehta was the first Chief Commissioner of HP.



### Deputy Chief Commissioner

E. Penderal Moon served as the deputy and later as the second Chief Commissioner.



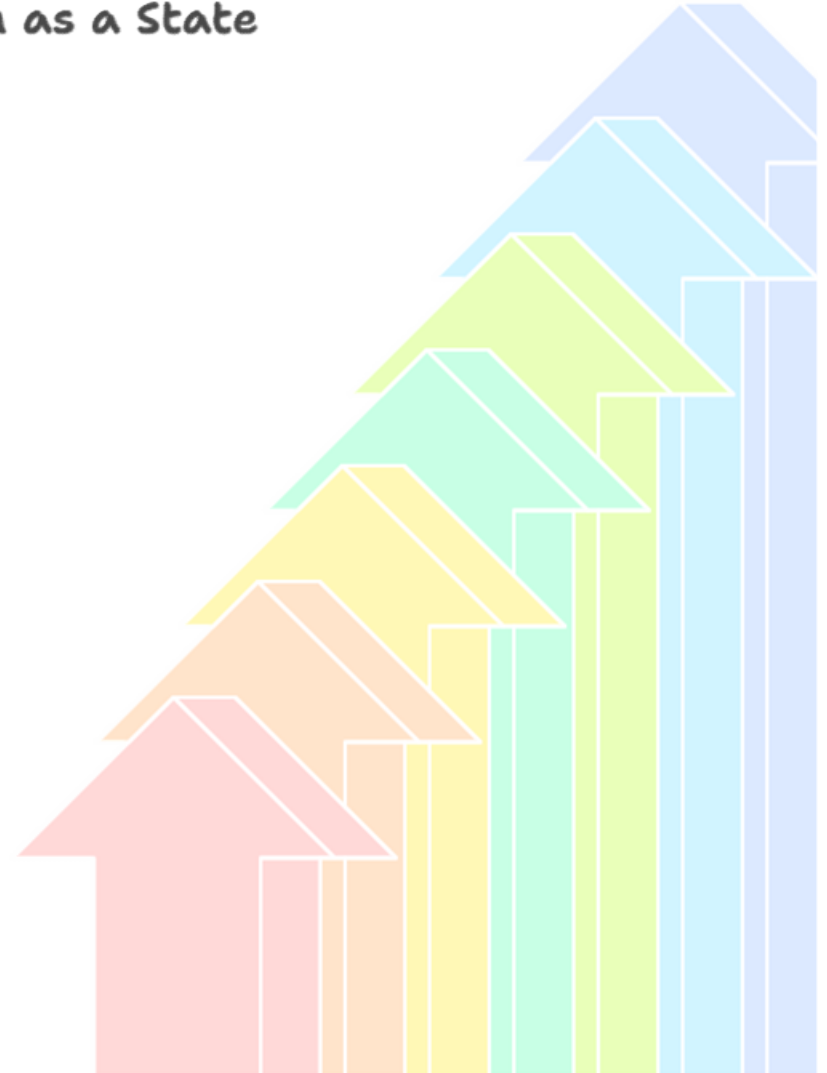
### Last Chief Commissioner

Bhagwan Sahai was the last Chief Commissioner before statehood.

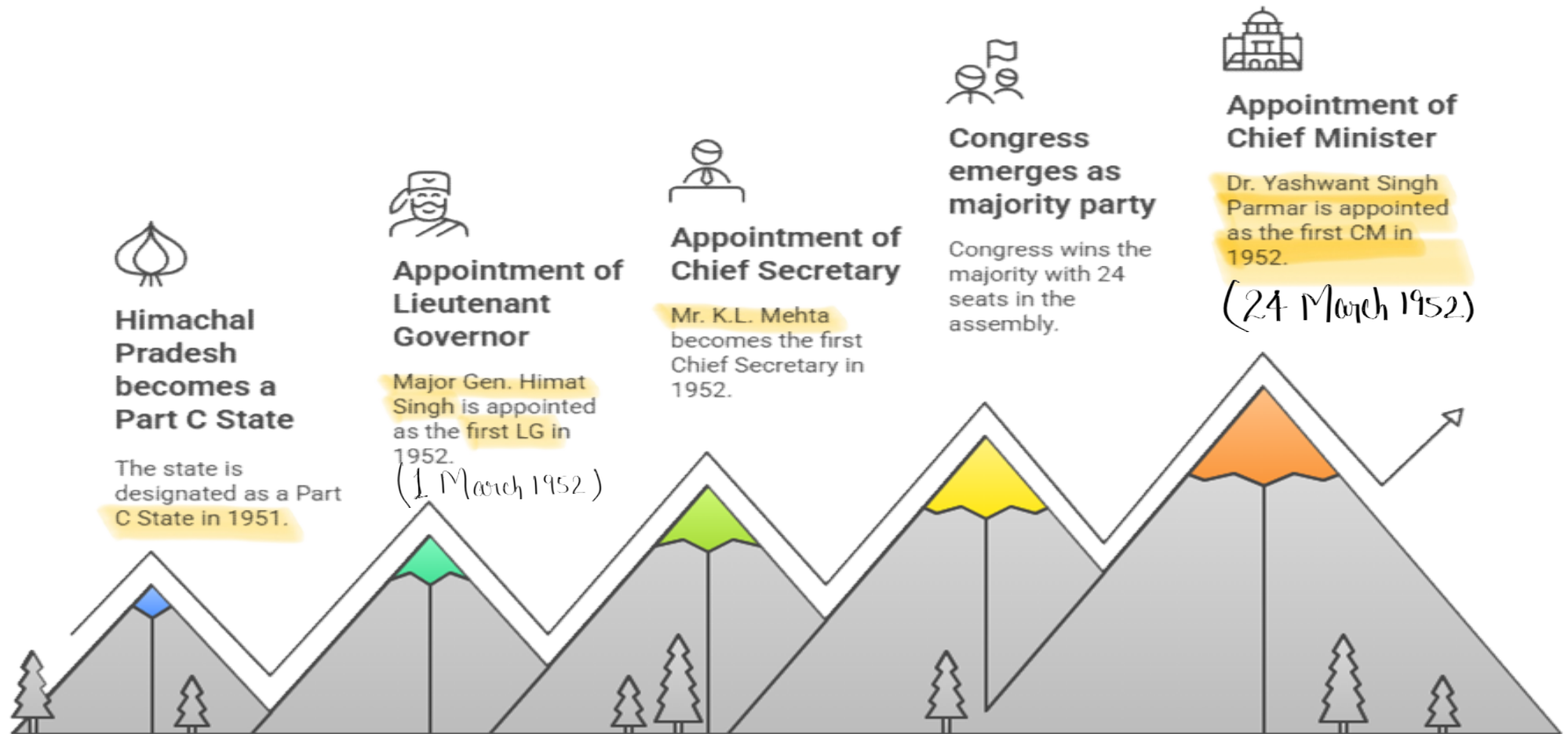


### Secretariat Name

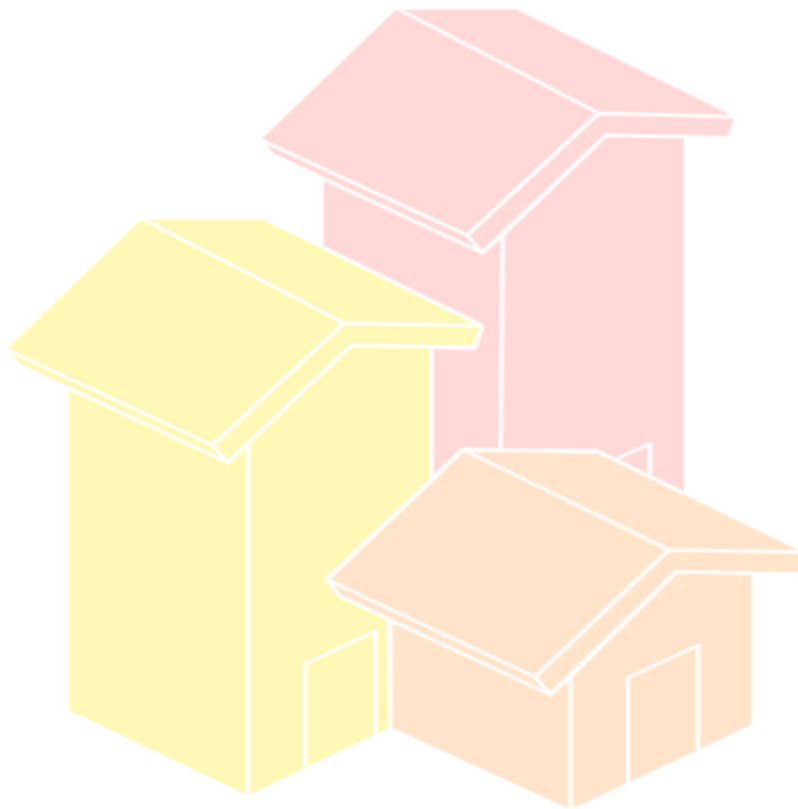
The secretariat was known as "Himachal Dham."



## Formation of Himachal Pradesh as a State



## Himachal Pradesh changes



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### Bilaspur Merger

Bilaspur was merged with Himachal Pradesh, becoming the 5th district. (July 1954)

2

### Area Increase

The total area of Himachal Pradesh increased to 28237 Km<sup>2</sup>.

3

### Assembly Seats

Legislative assembly seats increased from 36 to 41.

## Formation of Himachal Pradesh as a Union Territory



### Fazal Ali Commission Recommendation

The commission suggested merging HP with Punjab, but the chairman disagreed.



### HP Becomes Union Territory

HP was declared a Union Territory on November 1, 1956.



### Appointment of Lt. Governor

Bajrang Bahadur Singh was appointed as the first Lt. Governor.



### Abolition of Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly was abolished under the Union Territories Act.



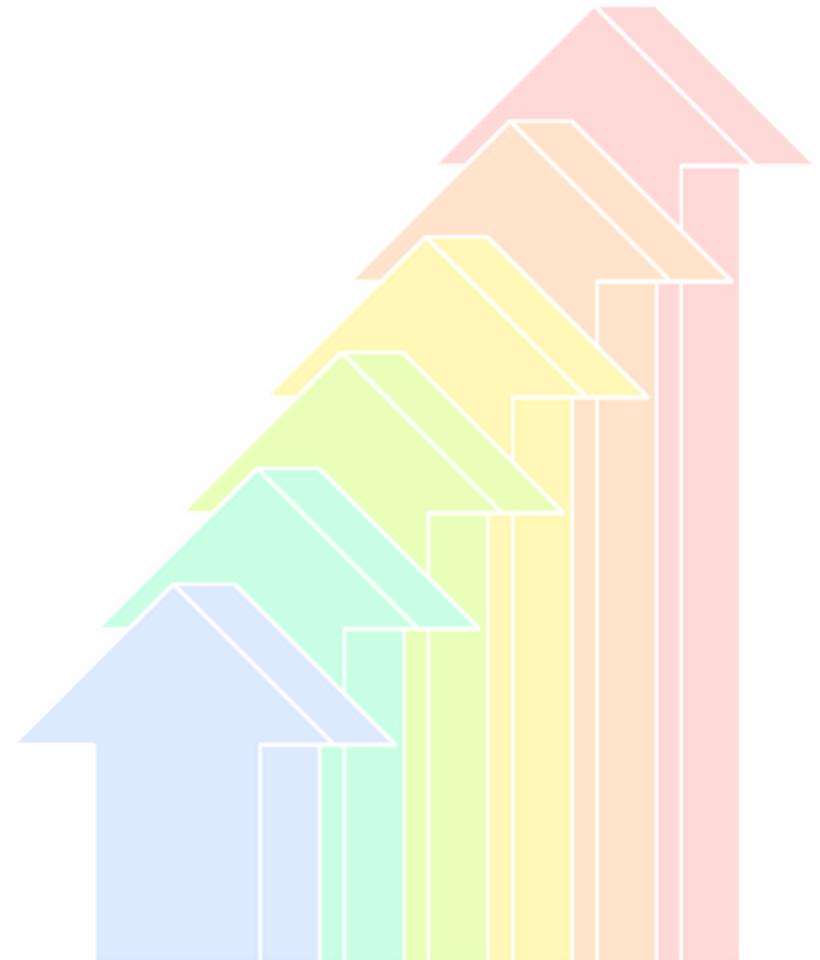
### Formation of Territorial Council

A 41-member Territorial Council was established in December 1956.

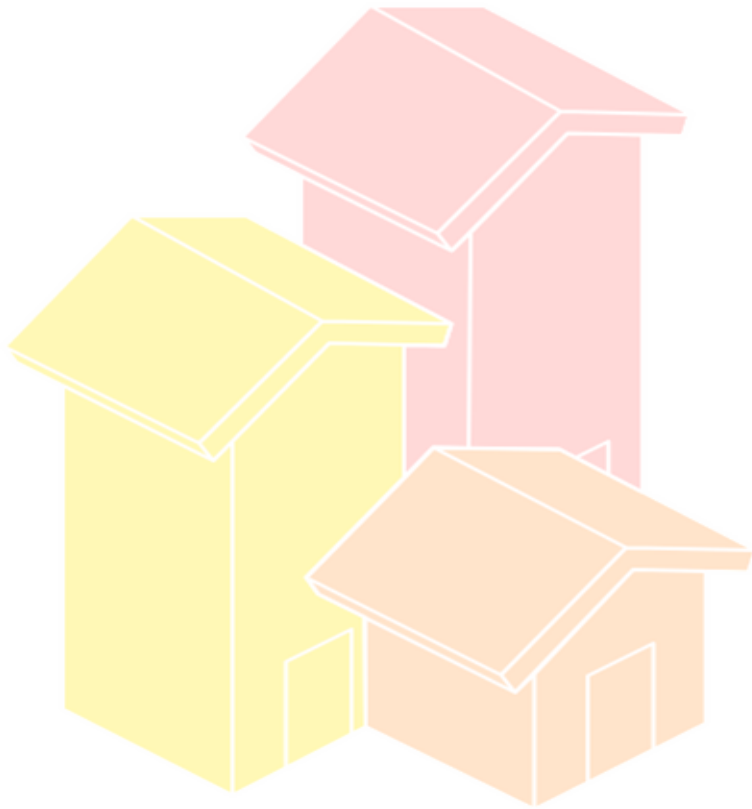


### Appointment of Council Chairman

Thakur Karam Singh was appointed as the Chairman of the Territorial Council.



## Himachal Pradesh Districts



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### Formation of Kinnaur

Kinnaur was created from Chinni tehsil on May 1, 1960.

2

### Old Himachal Districts

Bilaspur, Chamba, Mandi, Mahasu, Sirmaur and Kinnaur are considered Old Himachal.

3

### Legislative Assembly

HP Territorial Council became Legislative Assembly in 1963.



## Formation of Himachal Pradesh

(1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1966)



### Reorganization of Punjab Hill Areas

The Punjab Hill areas were reorganized to form Haryana and merge districts into HP.

Merger of 4  
more distts,

Kullu, Kangra,  
Lahaul Spiti, Shimla



### Increase in Total Area

The total area of Himachal Pradesh increased to 55,673 Km<sup>2</sup>.  
(present)



### Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar as CM

Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar became the Chief Minister for the third time.



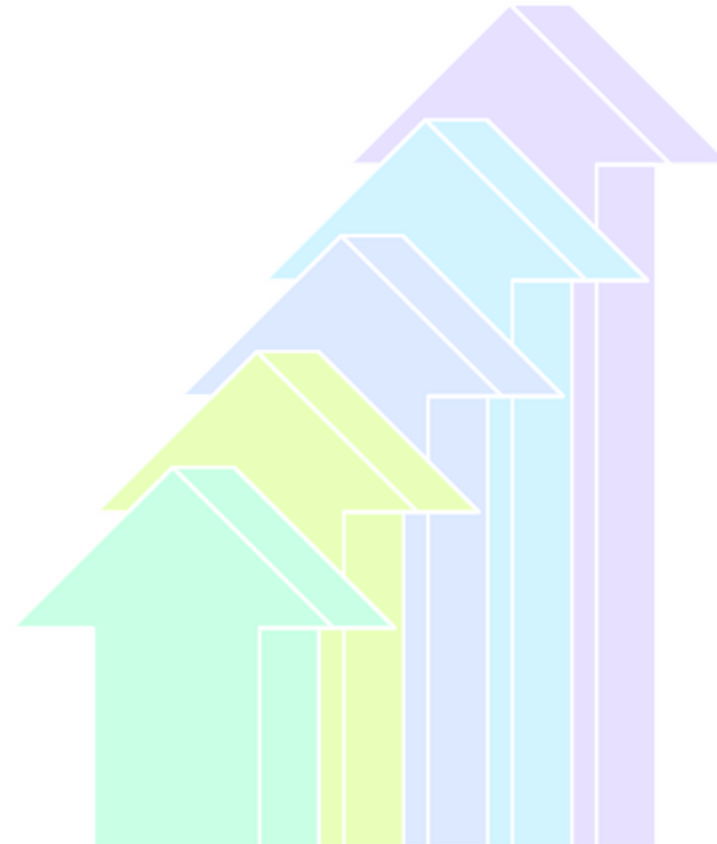
### Expansion of Legislative Assembly

The strength of the legislative assembly was raised to 63 members.



### 1967 Elections

Elections were held in 1967, with Congress emerging as the leading party.



# Himachal Pradesh Statehood



## Union Territory

Himachal before statehood

## Parliament Approval

Bill passed for statehood

18 Dec. 1970

## Inauguration

Gandhi inaugurates Himachal Pradesh

25 Jan 1971

## Statehood Achieved

Himachal becomes 18th state

## Formation of New Himachal Districts



### Carving out Hamirpur and Una (1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1972)

Hamirpur and Una districts are created from Kangra.



### Reorganizing Shimla and Mahasu

Shimla and Mahasu are reorganized into Shimla and Solan.



### Identifying New Himachal

The newly formed districts are recognized as 'New Himachal'.



### 1 Raising District Count to 12

The total number of districts is increased to 12.  
*present distts*

