



# Prafull Bharat: New Advocate General of Chhattisgarh

## Why in News?

According to the sources, the Chhattisgarh government has appointed **Prafull Bharat** as the **new Advocate General (AG) of Chhattisgarh**.

## Key Points

- He served as the **Additional Advocate General of Chhattisgarh from 2014 to 2018**.
- With an extensive legal career, Bharat has been practicing at the **High Court of Chhattisgarh since November 2000, specializing in Civil, Constitutional, Arbitration, and Criminal matters**.
- His legal expertise also extends to his **tenure at the High Court of Madhya Pradesh from 1995 to 2000** and the **District Court in Jagdalpur, Bastar from 1992 to 1995**.
- **Bharat succeeds Satish Chandra Verma**, who quit as AG after the new government assumed office after the recent assembly elections.

## Advocate General of State

- The Advocate General of state is **responsible for advising the State Government on legal matters referred to him by the Governor**.
- This is a **Constitutional post** and authority duly **appointed under Article 165** of the Constitution of India. **He/She acts as the highest law officer in the State.**
  - Under Article 165 of the Constitution of India **the Governor of each State shall appoint a person who is qualified to be appointed as a Judge of a High Court to be Advocate General for the State.**

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