



Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh

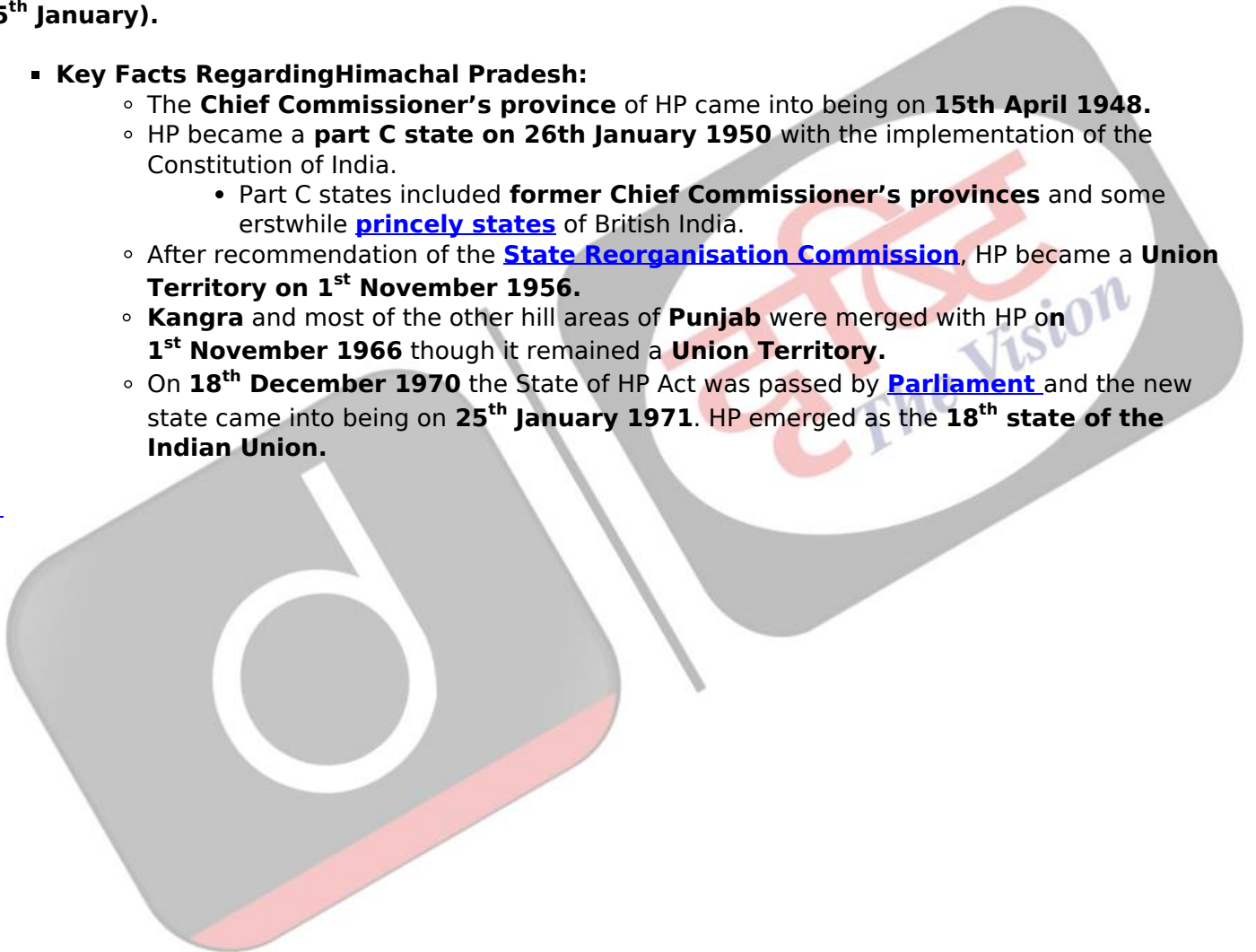
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The **Prime Minister** greeted the people of [Himachal Pradesh \(HP\)](#) on the occasion of **Statehood Day (25th January)**.

▪ Key Facts Regarding Himachal Pradesh:

- The **Chief Commissioner's province** of HP came into being on **15th April 1948**.
- HP became a **part C state on 26th January 1950** with the implementation of the Constitution of India.
 - Part C states included **former Chief Commissioner's provinces** and some erstwhile **princely states** of British India.
- After recommendation of the [State Reorganisation Commission](#), HP became a **Union Territory on 1st November 1956**.
- **Kangra** and most of the other hill areas of **Punjab** were merged with HP on **1st November 1966** though it remained a **Union Territory**.
- On **18th December 1970** the State of HP Act was passed by [Parliament](#) and the new state came into being on **25th January 1971**. HP emerged as the **18th state of the Indian Union**.

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REORGANISATION OF STATES IN INDIA

The States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1956 suggested the formation of 14 States and 6 UTs. At present, India comprises 28 states and 8 UTs.

1950 States classified into 4 categories - Part A, B, C and D (1st Schedule)

- **Part A** - Ruled by **Governor** with **elected State Legislature**
 - ◇ **Andhra Pradesh** (first state on linguistic lines) - 1953
- **Part B** - Former **Princely States**
- **Part C** - Former **Chief Commissioners' Provinces**, some **Princely states**
- **Part D** - Andaman and Nicobar Islands

7th Constitutional Amendment (1956) -

- Distinction between Part-A and Part-B states done away
- Part-C states were abolished
- Made total no. of (erstwhile) states - 14 and UTs - 6

Reorganisation/Creation of States/UTs after 1956

States Carved Out of Other States

- ➔ **Gujarat** and **Maharashtra** from Bombay (Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960)
- ➔ **Nagaland** from Assam (State of Nagaland Act, 1962)
- ➔ **Haryana** from Punjab (Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966)
- ➔ **Meghalaya** from Assam (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ➔ **Chhattisgarh** from MP (Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ➔ **Uttarakhand** from UP (Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ➔ **Jharkhand** from Bihar (Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ➔ **Telangana** from Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014)

States Formed by Granting Statehood

- ➔ **Himachal Pradesh** (State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970)
- ➔ **Manipur** and **Tripura** (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ➔ **Sikkim** (36th Constitutional Amendment (1975))
- ➔ **Mizoram** (State of Mizoram Act, 1986)
- ➔ **Arunachal Pradesh** (State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986)
- ➔ **Goa** (Goa, Daman, and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1987)

Formation of UTs

- ➔ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep - 1956
- ➔ Puducherry - 1962
- ➔ Chandigarh - 1966
- ➔ J&K and Ladakh - 2019
- ➔ Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu - 2020



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