



# Uttarakhand High Court gets First Woman Chief Justice

## Why in News?

On 4th February, **Justice Ritu Bahri** was sworn in as the **first woman Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court**.

## Key Points

- The Uttarakhand **Governor**, Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh, administered the oath of office to Justice Bahri.
  - **Prior to her appointment** as the Chief Justice of Uttarakhand, Justice Bahri served as a judge in the **Punjab and Haryana High Court from 2010**.
- She is **specialised in civil, constitutional, taxation, labor, and service matters**.
- During her 24-year legal practice, she also served as **Assistant Advocate General, Deputy Advocate General**, and **Senior Deputy Advocate General** for the State of Haryana.

## Advocate General

- **Article 165 of Chapter 2 (The Executive) in Part VI (The States)** of the Constitution of India provides for the office of the Advocate General for the States.
- He is **appointed by the Governor of the State**, who must be a person **qualified to be appointed a judge of a High Court**.
- The Advocate General is **entitled to appear before any court of law within the State** in the performance of his official duties.
- The Advocate General has the **right to speak and to take part in the proceedings of both the Houses of the State legislature**.

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