# Dr Dhal Singh Bisen sworn in as the 9th Governor of Uttarakhand at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun (19 Oct 2026)

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## News

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Governors for six States on 12 Oct 2026. Accordingly, Dr Dhal Singh Bisen was sworn in as the 9th Governor of Uttarakhand at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun on 19 Oct 2026 (Monday). Acting Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court Manoj Kumar Tiwari administered the oath; Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan read out the warrant of appointment; CM Pushkar Singh Dhami was present. He succeeds Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd), Governor since September 2021.

## Key facts

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| **Oath** | 19 Oct 2026 – Lok Bhavan, Dehradun; 9th Governor |
| **Appointment** | 12 Oct 2026 – by the President (six Governor appointments) |
| **Predecessor** | Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd), since 2021 |
| **Profile** | Born 1952, Seoni district, MP; physician, farmer; 4-time MP MLA; former MP Minister; 17th Lok Sabha MP (Balaghat, 2019–24) |
| **Uttarakhand** | Formed 9 Nov 2000; capital Dehradun; summer capital Gairsain; High Court Nainital |

## Background

- Constitution: a Governor for each State (Art 153; the 7th Amendment, 1956 allows one person for two or more States). The State's executive power vests in the Governor (Art 154). The President appoints the Governor by warrant under hand and seal (Art 155).
- Tenure and qualifications: holds office during the pleasure of the President, normally 5 years (Art 156). Must be a citizen of India and 35 years of age (Art 157). Acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers headed by the CM, except in discretionary matters (Art 163).
- Uttarakhand: created as 'Uttaranchal' on 9 November 2000 under the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000; renamed 'Uttarakhand' in January 2007. First Governor: Surjit Singh Barnala. Dehradun is the capital; Gairsain (Bhararisain) in Chamoli district was declared summer capital in 2020. In Dec 2025 the Raj Bhavans at Dehradun and Nainital were renamed 'Lok Bhavan'.

**Tamil Nadu link:** in the same 12 Oct 2026 list, Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar – who had held additional charge of Tamil Nadu since March 2026 – was appointed full-time Governor of Tamil Nadu; he assumed charge at Lok Bhavan, Chennai on 15 Oct 2026. Om Prakash Mathur was appointed to Kerala.


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