

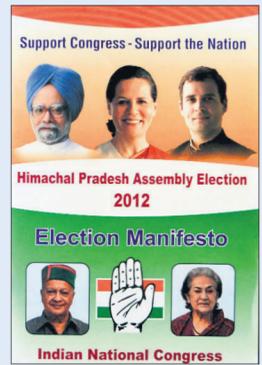
Himachal Votes 2012



Himachal Pradesh Congress president Virbhadra Singh being honoured by supporters. A Tribune file photo

CONGRESS MANIFESTO PROMISES

- Rs 1,000 per month to Class XII pass-outs and graduate unemployed youth
- Will allow FDI in retail
- Minimum daily wage to be ₹200 per month, and social security pension ₹600 per month.
- To set up corporation with investment of ₹500 crore to tackle unemployment; 1 lakh jobs annually
- Free laptops to meritorious students
- To set up mass communication university and centre of excellence for innovation and pre-training institute for recruitment to Army
- 7,500 km of new roads to connect villages and extend national highways



Profiles of the main candidates in all 68 constituencies listed alphabetically along with the EC number. The list continues on pages 3 and 4.

<p>ANNI (SC) 25 Voters: 72,045; MLA: Kishorilal(BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Khub Ram (53) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 11 lakh First timer, banking on Congress cadre.</p> <p>Kishorilal (42) BJP Postgraduate JBT teacher, won on BJP ticket in 2007; has no political background.</p> <p>Nand Lal (39) HLP Graduate Assets: Rs 3.4 lakh A first timer.</p>	<p>BHARMOUR (ST) 02 Voters: 63,582; MLA: Tulsi Ram (BJP; denied ticket this time)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Thakur Singh Bharmouri (65) Congress BA Assets: Rs 1.25 crore Lost last election by 16 votes.</p> <p>Jia Lal (48) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 54 lakh A fresh face</p>	<p>CHOPAL 60 Voters: 65,579; MLA: Subhash Manglait (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Subhash Manglait (40) Congress Doctorate Assets: Rs 7,22,55,363 Won as Independent in 2003; on Congress ticket in 2007</p> <p>Seema (41) BJP Graduate Assets: Rs 1,30,65,000 Advocate and fresh entrant into politics</p> <p>Balbir Singh Verma (41) Independent 10+2 Assets: Rs 41,20,37,000 Influential builder, righthand man of Theog MLA</p>	<p>DHARAMSALA 18 Voters: 63,776; MLA: Kishan Kapoor (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Kishan Kapoor (61) BJP Intermediate Assets worth: Rs 2.71 crore Minister for Industries. Four-time MLA, is relying on 'gaddi' vote bank.</p> <p>Sudhir Sharma (40) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 70 lakh Banking on anti-incumbency factor</p> <p>Kamla Patial (49) Independent Under-matric Assets: Rs 10 lakh Has capacity to turn it into triangular contest.</p>
<p>ARKI 50 Voters: 78,869; MLA: Govind Ram Sharma (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Sanjay Awasthy (47) Congress BA Assets: Rs 1.23 crore Block Congress Committee president contesting first election.</p> <p>Govind Ram Sharma (57) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 46.6 lakh Sitting MLA who won this seat for the first time in 2007.</p>	<p>BHATTIYAT 05 Voters: 64,836; MLA: Kuldeep Singh Pathania (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Kuldip Singh Pathania (55) Congress LLB Assets: Rs 50 lakh Had benefited due to BJP rebel in last Assembly poll</p> <p>Bikram Singh Jaryal (51) BJP BA Assets: Rs 53 lakh</p>	<p>CHURAH (SC) 01 Voters: 61,080; MLA: Surinder Baradwaj (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Surinder Bhardwaj (64) Congress B.Tech Assets: Rs 40 lakh Sitting MLA, facing anti-incumbency factor</p> <p>Hans Raj (29) BJP Graduate Assets: Rs 10 lakh A young face put up by BJP</p>	<p>DOON 52 Voters: 52,942; MLA: Vinod Chandel (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Ramkumar Chowdhary (43) Congress BA Assets: Rs 36 crore Son of four-time Doon MLA Lajja Ram, former zila parishad chairman</p> <p>Vinod Chandel (62) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 4.1 crore Sitting MLA, wife of former MLA Ram Pratap Chandel.</p>
<p>BAIJNATH (SC) 20 Voters: 75,153; MLA: Sudhir Sharma (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Mulk Raj Premi (42) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 6.95 lakh Contesting Assembly polls for the first time.</p> <p>Kishori Lal (65) Congress Under-matriculate Assets: Rs 74.34 lakh Has been panchayat pradhan for nearly 20 years.</p>	<p>BHORANJ (SC) 36 Voters: 71,412; MLA: Ishwar Dass Dhiman (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Ishwar Dass Dhiman (77) BJP MA Assets: Rs 32,83,007 Education minister</p> <p>Ramesh Chand (48) Congress BHMS Assets: Rs 27 lakh New entrant in fray; not contested any election.</p>	<p>DALHOUSIE 04 Voters: 60,728; MLA: Renu Chadha (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Renu Chadha (63) BJP BA Assets: Rs 2 crore</p> <p>Asha Kumari (57) Congress BA Assets: Rs 1.5 crore In the Assembly polls of 1998, 2003 and 2007, Renu Chadha and Asha Kumari separated by just 1 to 2% votes.</p>	<p>FATEHPUR 08 Voters: 72,589; MLA: Sujjan Singh Pathania (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Sujjan Singh Pathania (71) Congress BA Assets: Rs 1 crore Rebel factor may work in favour of Congress</p> <p>Baldev Thakur (43) BJP 10+2 Assets: Rs 23 lakh</p> <p>Sudha Sushant (52) Independent Phd Assets: Rs 95 lakh BJP rebel and wife of Rajan Sushant, BJP MP from Kangra</p>
<p>BALH (SC) 34 Voters: 64,222; MLA: Parkash Chaudhary(Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Parkash Chaudhary(50) Congress Postgraduate Assets: Rs 1.04 crore Won on HVC ticket (1998) and Cong ticket (2007). Lost to BJP man in 2003.</p> <p>Inder Gandhi (50) BJP Surveyor (IPH) Assets: Rs 25 lakh Sangh activist and first timer.</p>	<p>BILASPUR 48 Voters: 71,049; MLA: Vacant after JP Nadda (BJP) got elected to Rajya Sabha</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Suresh Chandel (52 years) BJP MA Assets: Rs 1.65 crore Three-time MP from Hamirpur; name figured in cash-for-query sting operation in Parliament.</p> <p>Bumber Thakur (43) Congress BA,LLB Assets: Rs 1.02 crore Lost last Assembly polls, was zila parishad member.</p>	<p>DARANG 30 Voters: 71,587; MLA: Kaul Singh Thakur (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Kaul Singh Thakur (67) Congress Lawyer Assets: Rs 3.36 crore Six-time MLA, Cabinet minister and has been winning since 1993.</p> <p>Jawaharlal Thakur (58) BJP Under-matric Assets: Rs 2.06 crore Fought two elections on HVC (1998) and BJP (2007) ticket, lost both.</p>	<p>GAGRET 42 Voters: 69,274; MLA: Balbir Chaudhary (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Rakesh Kalra (44) Congress BA Assets: Rs 6,30,42,000 Sitting MLA from Chintpurni</p> <p>Sushil Kalra (42) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 1 lakh New entrant; grassroots BJP activist</p>
<p>BANJAR 24 Voters: 60,076 ; MLA: Khimi Ram (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Karan Singh (55) Congress Graduate Assets: Rs 38 lakh Two-time BJP MLA; lost on BJP, BSP ticket from Kullu Sadar.</p> <p>Khimi Ram (63) BJP Graduate Assets: Rs 6.63 crore JBT teacher, won on BJP ticket twice; is forest minister and ex-Speaker.</p>	<p>CHAMBA 03 Voters: 67,478; MLA: BK Chauhan (BJP))</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>BK Chauhan (65) BJP Postgraduate Assets: Rs 37 lakh Sitting MLA, retired IAS officer</p> <p>Pawan Nayyar (60) Congress BA Assets: Rs 1.5 crore Contractor by profession</p>	<p>DEHRA 10 Voters: 70,337; MLA: Newly carved constituency</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Ravinder Singh Ravi (57) BJP BA Assets: Rs 1 crore Irrigation Minister, won Assembly polls in 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2007.</p> <p>Rajinder Singh Rana (58) Congress BA Assets: Rs 4.56 crore Retired Brigadier and former Chairman of Soinik Welfare Board.</p> <p>Yog Raj (71) Independent BA Assets: Rs 63.72 lakh Sitting MLA from Pragpur; contesting as Independent after Cong denied ticket; has won elections four times.</p>	<p>GHUMARWIN 47 Voters: 74,856; MLA: Rajesh Dharmani (Cong)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Rajinder Garg (47) BJP Postgraduate Assets: Rs 89.77 lakh A new face in the constituency.</p> <p>Rajesh Dharmani (40) Congress B.Tech, MBA Assets: Rs 80.14 lakh Won for the first time in the 2007 elections; sitting MLA.</p>
<p>BARSAR 39 Voters: 75,582; MLA: Baldev Sharma (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>ID Lakhanpal (50) Congress BA Assets: Rs 30 lakh Congress Sewa Dal state chief.</p> <p>Baldev Sharma (53) BJP Under-matric Assets: Rs 36,600</p>	<p>CHINTPURNI (SC) 41 Voters: 71,294; MLA: Balbir Singh (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Balbir Singh (49) BJP BA Assets: Rs 53,32,971 Sitting MLA</p> <p>Kuldeep Kumar (62) Congress BA Assets: Rs 76,10,100 Former industries minister</p>	<p>DHARAMPUR 32 Voters: 66,858; MLA: Mahender Singh Thakur (BJP)</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>Chander Shekhar (39) Congress Postgraduate Assets: Rs 17.5 lakh Sevadai worker; fought first election in 2007, but lost.</p> <p>Mahender Singh Thakur (61) BJP Matriculate Assets: Rs 1.19 crore Changed five parties; fought six times; former Transport and PWD Minister.</p>	<p>HAMIRPUR 38 Voters: 66,025</p> <p>MAIN CONTESTANTS</p> <p>PK Dhmal (68) BJP MA,LLB Assets: Rs 1,65,16,800 Himachal Chief Minister</p> <p>Narender Thakur (54) Congress LLB Assets: Rs 1,50,1000 Son of BJP stalwart Jagdev Chand Thakur. Contested two Assembly and Lok Sabha election, lost all.</p>