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The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir is the chief executive of north western Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. Before 30th of March 1965, when an amendment to the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir came into effect, the office was known as Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shiekh Mohd. Abdulla was the first Prime Minister of the state of Jammu and Kashmir after its accession to India in 1947 and was later jailed and exiled. He was dismissed from the position of Prime Ministership on 8th August 1953 and Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad was appointed as the new Prime Minister. The expressions ‘Sadar-i-Riyasat’ and ‘Prime Minister’ were replaced with the terms ‘Governor’ and ‘Chief Minister’ in 1965. Sheikh Abdullah again became the Chief Minister of the state following the 1974 Indira-Sheikh accord and remained in the top slot till his death on 8th of September 1982.

Before this, the state selected its own Wazir-e-Azam (prime minister) and Sadar-e-Riyasat (president of state). However, in 1965, the state constitution was amended, and the offices of prime minister and president were renamed as chief minister and governor respectively. These changes went into effect on 30th of March, 1965 when the ruling prime minister, Ghulam Mohammed Sadiq, was sworn in as the first chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

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