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# New governors for 6 states and union territories appointed

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## Context:

**Om Mathur** has been appointed Governor of **Sikkim**

**Lakshman Prasad Acharya** has been appointed Governor of **Manipur**.

Former IAS officer **K. Kailashnathan** appointed as the **Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry**

Jharkhand Governor **C.P. Radhakrishnan**, who was also holding additional charge of Telangana, has been appointed Governor of **Maharashtra**.

Governor of Assam, **Gulab Chand Kataria**, will now be the new Governor of **Punjab**. He has also been appointed **Administrator** of the **Union Territory of Chandigarh**.

## Governor:

The Governor's appointment, his powers and everything related to the office of Governor have been discussed under Article 153 to Article 162 of the Indian Constitution.

## Constitutional Provisions related to Governor

The appointment and powers of government can be derived from **Part VI** of the Indian constitution.

**Article 153** says that there shall be a Governor for each State.

One person can be appointed as Governor for two or more States, provision added by the **7th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1956**.

The governor acts in '**Dual Capacity**' as the **Constitutional head** of the state and as the **representative**.

He is the part of federal system of Indian polity and acts as **a bridge between union and state governments**.

**Article 157 and Article 158** of the Constitution of India **specify eligibility requirements** for the post of governor. They are as follows:

**1A governor must:**

2Be a **citizen of India**.

3Be at least **35 years of age**.

4**Not be a member** of the either house of the **parliament** or house of the **state legislature**.

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5Not hold any **office of profit**.

The **term** of governor's office is **normally 5 years** but it can be **terminated earlier** by:

**Dismissal by the president** on the advice of the council of minister headed by the prime minister of the country. Dismissal of governors without a valid reason is not permitted. However, it is the duty of the President to dismiss a governor whose acts are upheld by courts as **unconstitutional and malafide**.

**Resignation** by the governor.