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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.