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## Competitive Exams: Governor

### Qualification

- Citizen of India
- Completed 35 yrs of age.
- Shouldn't be a member of either house of parliament or the State legislature.
- Must possess the qualification for membership of State Legislature.
- Mustn't hold any office of profit.

### Status

- Nominal executive in States.
- Normally each State has its own Governor, but under the Seventh Amendment Act 1956, the same person can be appointed as Governor of one or more States or Lt. Governor of the Union Territory.
- Appointed by the President on the recommendations of Union Council of Ministers.
- His usual term of office is 5 yrs but he holds office during the pleasure of the President. He can be asked to continue for more time until his successor takes the charge.
- Can give his resignation or can be removed earlier by the President. The legislature of a State or a High Court has no role in the removal of a Governor.
- Salary from the Consolidated Fund of the State (Rs. 36, 000 per month) and is not subject to the vote of the State Legislature. When the same person is appointed as the Governor of two or more States, the emoluments and allowances payable to him shall be allocated among the States in such proportion as determined by the President of India.
- His oath is administrated by the Chief Justice of the concerned State High Court and in his absence, the senior-most of that Court.

### Powers

- Appoints Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, Chairman & members of State Public Service Commission, Advocate General of the State and Election Commissioner of the State.
- Summons, Prorogues & dissolves the State Legislature.

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- President consults Governor while appointing Chief Justice and other judges of High Court. Appoints judges of courts below the High Court.
- Reports to the President if the State Government is not running constitutionally and recommends the President's rule (Article 356). When the President's Rule is in progress, he becomes the 'Agent of the Union Government in the State' He takes over the reigns of administration directly into his own hands and runs the State with the aid of the Civil Servants