

PRESIDENT OF INDIA

◆ **Position:**

- **Head of the State**
- **First citizen of India**
- Part of the **Parliament** (along with Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha)
- **Nominal Executive** (functions on the advice of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers)

◆ **Election:**

- **Elected indirectly by an electoral college:**
 - Elected members of both Houses of Parliament
 - Elected members of State Legislative Assemblies
- Elected for a **term of 5 years**
- Can be re-elected

◆ **Qualifications:**

- Citizen of India
- At least **35 years of age**
- Qualified to be elected as a **Lok Sabha** member
- Should not hold any office of profit

◆ **Powers & Functions:**

1. **Legislative:**

- Summons and dissolves Parliament
- Gives assent to bills
- Issues ordinances when Parliament is not in session

2. **Executive:**

- Appoints Prime Minister, Governors, Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, Election Commissioners, etc.

3. **Judicial:**

- Can grant pardons, reprieves, respites to convicts

4. **Emergency:**

- Can declare National, State, and Financial Emergencies

5. **Diplomatic:**

- Represents India in international forums
- Signs treaties (with Parliament's approval)

VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

◆ Position:

- **Second-highest constitutional authority** in India
- **Ex-officio Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha**

◆ Election:

- Elected **indirectly** by an **electoral college**:
 - Members of both Houses of Parliament (Lok Sabha + Rajya Sabha)
- Elected for a **term of 5 years**
- Can be re-elected

◆ Qualifications:

- Citizen of India
- At least **35 years of age**
- Qualified to be elected as a **Rajya Sabha** member
- Should not hold any office of profit

◆ Functions:

1. **Presides over Rajya Sabha**
 - Maintains order and discipline in the House
2. **Acts as President** in the event of:
 - Death, resignation, removal, or absence of the President (until a new President is elected)

Summary Table:

Feature	President	Vice President
Role	Head of State	Rajya Sabha Chairperson
Election by	Electoral College of MPs + MLAs	Electoral College of MPs only
Term	5 years	5 years

Feature	President	Vice President
Minimum Age	35 years	35 years
Can act as President?	—	Yes, during vacancy or absence of President
Powers	Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Emergency	Presides over Rajya Sabha, acts as President when needed