

GOVERNOR OF A STATE

◆ Position:

- **Constitutional Head** of the State
- Appointed by the **President of India**
- Functions like the **President at the state level**
- Acts on the advice of the **Chief Minister and Council of Ministers**

◆ Appointment & Term:

- Appointed by the **President** for a **term of 5 years**
- Can be removed earlier or may continue beyond term until successor is appointed

◆ Qualifications:

- Citizen of India
- At least **35 years old**
- Not hold any office of profit

◆ Powers and Functions:

Type	Functions
Executive	Appoints Chief Minister, Ministers, Advocate General, State Election Commissioner, etc.
Legislative	Summons and dissolves State Legislature, gives assent to bills, can send bills for President's approval
Judicial	Appoints judges of subordinate courts (in consultation with High Court)
Emergency	Can recommend President's Rule under Article 356 if there's breakdown of constitutional machinery

CHIEF MINISTER OF A STATE

◆ Position:

- **Real Executive Head** of the state government
- Leader of the **majority party or coalition** in the **Legislative Assembly**
- Exercises real power and runs the state administration

◆ Appointment:

- Appointed by the **Governor**
- Must have the support of the **majority in the Legislative Assembly**

◆ Qualifications:

- Must be a **member of the State Legislature**
- If not a member, must get elected within **6 months**

◆ Powers and Functions:

Area	Functions
Administrative	Allocates portfolios, supervises ministers, chairs cabinet meetings
Legislative	Introduces bills, ensures passage of government policies, advises Governor to summon or dissolve the assembly
Advisory	Advises the Governor on key appointments and decisions
Leadership	Leads the state in governance, policy-making, and crisis management