

# The President & The Vice President

## The President

- **Head of the Indian Union** and **Supreme Commander** of the armed forces.

## Qualifications

1. Citizen of India
2. 35+ years of age
3. Eligible for Lok Sabha elections
4. No office of profit under the government

## Election Process

- **Indirectly elected** by the Electoral College:
  - Elected members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies.
  - Nominated members are excluded.
- **Single Transferable Vote System**: Candidates are ranked by preference. A majority is required for election.

## Term and Removal

- **Term**: 5 years, can hold office until a successor is elected.
- **Resignation**: Submitted to the Vice President.
- **Impeachment**: Requires a 14-day notice and a two-thirds majority in both Houses after investigation.

## Powers and Functions

- **Executive**: Appoints the Prime Minister, judges, governors, and key officials. Issues President's Rule in states if needed.
- **Diplomatic**: Represent India in international affairs, sign treaties, and appoint ambassadors.
- **Legislative**: Addresses Parliament, summons and prorogues sessions, dissolve Lok Sabha, and promulgates ordinances.
- **Financial**: Money bills introduced with his approval; oversees the annual budget.
- **Military**: Supreme Commander; appoints chiefs of armed forces.
- **Judicial**: Grants pardons and reprieves.

## Emergency Powers

1. **National Emergency**: Declared during war or rebellion, suspends certain fundamental rights.
2. **State Emergency (President's Rule)**: Declared if state machinery fails; Parliament assumes control.

3. **Financial Emergency:** Declared during financial instability; controls state finances and reduces salaries.
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## The Vice President

- **Ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha**

### Qualifications

1. Citizen of India
2. 35+ years of age
3. Eligible for Rajya Sabha elections
4. No office of profit under the government

### Election Process

- Elected by members of both Houses of Parliament using a **single transferable vote system**.

### Term and Removal

- **Term:** 5 years
- **Resignation:** Submitted to the President.
- **Removal:** Requires impeachment for constitutional violations.

### Powers and Functions

- **Chairman of Rajya Sabha:** Regulates debates and proceedings, and maintains order.
- **Acts as President** in case of:
  - Death, resignation, impeachment, or incapacity of the President until a new President is elected.