

The State Government

Chapter 19: The State Government · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Governor is the constitutional head of a state, appointed by the President, performing largely ceremonial functions similar to the President's role.

The Chief Minister, as head of the state government, leads the state Council of Ministers and makes key decisions on state governance.

State legislatures, which can have one or two houses, make laws on subjects within the state's jurisdiction under the Constitution.

State governments manage areas like police, public health, agriculture, and local governance within their respective states.

Quick Revision Notes

- Governor: constitutional head of state.
- Appointed by President, ceremonial functions.
- Chief Minister: head of state government.
- Leads state Council of Ministers.
- State legislatures: one or two houses.
- They make laws on state subjects.
- State governments manage police, health, agriculture.
- Also manage local governance.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research your state's Governor and Chief Minister.
- 2 Discuss the role of the Chief Minister.
- 3 Research your state legislature's structure.
- 4 Discuss areas managed by state governments.
- 5 Compare the Governor's role to the President's.
- 6 Explain the state government's structure.