

The President and Vice-President

Chapter 18: The President and Vice-President · Topic 1

Key Concept

The President is elected indirectly by an electoral college consisting of elected members of Parliament and state legislatures.

While largely ceremonial, the President has important functions, like appointing the Prime Minister and giving assent to bills before they become law.

The Vice-President serves as ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and would assume the President's role if the President becomes unable to serve.

Understanding these roles helps us see the constitutional checks and ceremonial functions within India's parliamentary democracy.

Quick Revision Notes

- The President is elected indirectly by an electoral college.
- This includes MPs and state legislature members.
- The President's role is largely ceremonial.
- The President appoints the Prime Minister.
- The President gives assent to bills.
- The Vice-President chairs the Rajya Sabha.
- The Vice-President succeeds the President if needed.
- These roles show constitutional checks and ceremony.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research how the President is elected.
- 2 Discuss the President's ceremonial and formal functions.
- 3 Explain the Vice-President's role.
- 4 Research what happens if the President cannot serve.
- 5 Discuss why the President's role is largely ceremonial.
- 6 Research the current President and Vice-President of India.