



Former Governor Satyapal Malik Passes Away

Why in News?

Former Governor Satyapal Malik passed away at the age of 79 **on 5th August 2025**, after battling a prolonged illness.

- He **served as the Governor of five states**, including Jammu and Kashmir, and played a pivotal role during the historic abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.



Key points

- **Early Life:** Malik was born on 24th July 1946, in Hisawada village, **Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Political Journey of Satyapal Malik:**
 - **Student Politics:** Began his political career in 1965 at Meerut College.
 - **Member of Legislative Assembly:** Elected as MLA for Baghpat in 1974.
 - **Rajya Sabha:** Entered the Rajya Sabha in 1980.
 - Rejoined the Rajya Sabha in 1984 after a brief period of change.
 - **Lok Sabha:** Elected to the Lok Sabha from Aligarh in 1989.
 - **Governor Positions:**
 - **Bihar** (2017-2018)
 - **Odisha** (Additional charge in 2018)

- **Jammu and Kashmir** (2018-2019)
- **Goa** (2019-2020)
- **Meghalaya** (2020-2022)

Governor



Governor

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **citizen of India**
- At least **35 years** of age
- Must **not be a member of (either) house** of Parliament/State Legislature
- Must not hold any **office of profit**

Appointment and Tenure (Part VI)

- Appointed by President (**Article 153**)
- One person can be appointed as Governor for **2+ States (7th Const. Amendment in 1956)**
- Holds the office at the **Pleasure of the President** (maximum **5 years**)

Powers (Part VI)

- Article 161: **Pardoning powers**
- Article 164: Power to **appoint the CM and other Ministers**
- Article 176: **Special Address** by Governor
- Article 200: Power to **(withhold) assent/reserve a bill** (Legislative Assembly)
- Article 213: Power to **promulgate Ordinances**

'Dual Capacity'

- **Constitutional head of the state** and **Representative of the Union government**

Ending Tenure before 5 Years

- **Dismissal by President** (on advice of the Council of Ministers headed by PM)
 - Dismissal of governors without a valid reason is not permitted
- On grounds of **acts upheld by courts as unconstitutional** and malafide
- **Resignation** by the governor

Responsibilities

- **Appoints** – CM, other Ministers, Advocate General of State, Members of State PSC, judges of HC and districts
- Act as **ex-officio chancellor** of state Universities

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