



Ashim Kumar Ghosh Appointed Governor of Haryana

Why in News?

The [President](#) appointed **Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh** as the new [Governor](#) of Haryana.

- **Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju** was also appointed as the **Governor of Goa**, and **Kavinder Gupta** as the [Lieutenant Governor](#) of Ladakh.

Key Points

- **Constitutional Functions of the Governor:**
 - **Executive Head of the State:** The Governor serves as the chief executive head of the state, functioning as a nominal authority while also **acting as an agent of the central government**.
 - As per **Article 154**, all executive actions of the state government are carried out in the Governor's name, and under **Article 166**, rules for the transaction of business are formulated by the Governor.
 - Additionally, the Governor appoints the [Chief Minister](#) and, on their advice, the Council of Ministers.
 - **Legislative Role and Assent to Bills:** As the constitutional link between the state legislature and the Union, the Governor summons, prorogues, and dissolves the state assembly under **Article 174**.
 - A Bill must receive the **Governor's assent to become law**, similar to the President at the Union level, or it may be reserved for the President's consideration under Article 200.
 - The Governor plays a crucial role in the state's financial governance, as no Money Bill can be introduced in the assembly without their recommendation under **Article 207**.
 - They also ensure **state finances comply with constitutional and fiscal responsibilities**.
 - **Discretionary Powers and Role in Hung Assemblies:** The Governor exercises discretionary powers in certain situations, such as **recommending President's Rule under Article 356** or inviting a party to form the government in case of a hung assembly.
 - They also **decide on matters where the Constitution grants them discretion**, independent of the Council of Ministers' advice.
 - **Role in Appointments and Administration:** The Governor appoints key functionaries, including the [Advocate General](#), and members of the [State Public Service Commission](#) under **Articles 165 and 316**.
 - They **appoint Vice-Chancellors of state universities**, which has been a contentious issue in recent years.
 - This function ensures the smooth administration of the state, but must be exercised in consultation with the state government.
 - **Role in Implementing President's Rule:** Under **Article 356**, if the Governor believes that the constitutional machinery in a state has failed, they can recommend President's Rule.
 - **Judicial Powers:** The Governor of an Indian state holds pardoning powers under Article

161 of the Constitution, allowing them to grant **pardons, reprieves, respites, or remissions of punishment for offenses against state laws.**

- However, this power is limited compared to the President's authority in cases of pardoning, as the **Governor cannot pardon death sentences or court-martial cases.**
- **Special Responsibilities for Scheduled Areas and Tribal Welfare:** In the states of **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram**, the Governor has special powers over Scheduled Areas.
 - These states are administered as **Autonomous Districts** under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.
 - They can intervene in tribal administration to protect indigenous rights and promote welfare policies.

Governors of Haryana

Governors of Haryana	Tenure
Dharam Vira	1st November 1966 - 14th September 1967
Birendra Naryan Chakravarty	15th September 1967 - 26th March 1976
Justice Ranjit Singh Narula	27th March 1976 - 13th August 1976
Jai Sukhalal Hathi	14th August 1976 - 23rd September 1977
Sardar Harcharn Singh Brar	24th September 1977 - 9th December 1979
Justice Surjit Singh Sandhawalia	10th December 1979 - 27th February 1980
Ganpatrao Devaji Tapase	28th February 1980 - 13th June 1984
Sayed Muzaffar Husain Burney	14th June 1984 - 21st February 1988
Hari Anand Barari	22nd February 1988 - 6th February 1990
Dhanik Lal Mandal	7th February 1990 - 13th June 1995
Mahabir Prasad	14th June 1995 - 18th June 2000
Babu Parmanand	19th June 2000 - 1st July 2004
Om Prakash Verma	2nd July 2004 - 7th July 2004
Dr. Akhlaq-UR- Rahman Kidwai	7th July, 2004 - 27th July, 2009
Shri Jagannath Pahadia	27th July, 2009 - 26th July, 2014
Kaptan Singh Solanki	27th July, 2014 - 24th August 2018
Satyadev Narayan Arya	25th August, 2018 - 07th July 2021
Bandaru Dattatraya	7th July 2021 - July 2025
Ashim Kumar Ghosh	July 2025- Present

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