President Droupadi Murmu appoints Governors for six States

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News

On 12 Oct 2026 President Droupadi Murmu appointed Governors for six States: Tamil Nadu – R.V. Arlekar (moved from Keralam); Keralam – Om Prakash Mathur (moved from Sikkim); Odisha – Braj Mohan Ram; Karnataka – Dr Sudha Yadav; Uttarakhand – Dhal Singh Bisen; Sikkim – Dushyant Gautam. Each appointment takes effect from the date the person assumes charge.

Key facts

Tamil Nadu	R.V. Arlekar
Keralam	Om Prakash Mathur (ex-Rajya Sabha MP, Rajasthan)
Karnataka	Dr Sudha Yadav – succeeds Thaawarchand Gehlot; the State's second woman Governor
Odisha	Braj Mohan Ram – succeeds Hari Babu Kambhampati
Uttarakhand	Dhal Singh Bisen (ex-MP, Balaghat) – succeeds Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh
Sikkim	Dushyant Gautam (ex-Rajya Sabha MP)

Background

- Article 154 – the State's executive power vests in the Governor; Article 163 – a Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister aids and advises the Governor; Article 164 – the Governor appoints the

Chief Minister.

- Article 158 – the Governor may not be a member of Parliament or a State legislature or hold any office of profit. Article 161 – power to pardon. Article 200 – assent to Bills; Article 213 – ordinances.
- Sarkaria Commission (1983–88) on Centre–State relations recommended that a Governor be someone outside active politics and from outside the State. Punchhi Commission (2007).
- Karnataka's first woman Governor was V.S. Ramadevi (1999–2002), who was also India's first woman Chief Election Commissioner (1990).

Tamil Nadu link: the Rajamannar Committee (1969–71), set up by Tamil Nadu CM Karunanidhi, made recommendations on State autonomy and the Governor's office – the first State-appointed committee on Centre–State relations.

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