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**News:** Jagdeep Dhankhar is new Vice President

- Jagdeep Dhankhar has been selected as the new Vice President of India succeeding Venkayyah Naidu.
- He is **the 14<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India.**

## **Vice President**

- The Vice President is the **second highest constitutional office in India.** He / She serve for a five-year term, but can continue to be in office, irrespective of the expiry of the term, until the successor assumes office.
- The Vice President may resign **his office by submitting his resignation to the President of India.** The resignation becomes effective from the day it is accepted.
- The **Vice President can be removed from office by a resolution of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), passed by a majority of its members at that time and agreed to by the House of the People (Lok Sabha).** A resolution for this purpose may be moved only after a **notice of at least a minimum of 14 days has been given of such an intention.**

- The Vice President is the **ex-officio Chairperson of the Council of States** (Rajya Sabha) and does not hold any other office of profit.

### **Eligibility**

- Should be a **citizen** of India.
- Should have completed **35 years** of age.
- Should be **qualified for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha**.
- **Should not hold any office of profit** under the Union government or any state government or any local authority or any other public authority.

### **Electoral College**

- As per **Article 66 of the Constitution of India**, the Vice-President is elected by **the members of the Electoral College**.
- Electoral College consists of **every Members of Parliament irrespective of whether they are elected or nominated**. Unlike Presidential election, **members of Legislative Assemblies are ineligible** to participate in the Election to the Vice President of India.

## Election Procedure

- As per Article 68 of the Constitution, the election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing vice-president is required to be completed before the expiration of the term.
- Article 324 of the Constitution read with the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952 and the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, vests the superintendence, direction and control of the conduct of election to the office of the Vice-President of India in the Election Commission of India.
- The notification for election shall be issued on or after the sixtieth day before the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing Vice-President.
- Since all the electors are members of both Houses of Parliament, the value of the vote of each Member of Parliament would be the same i.e.1 (one).
- The Election Commission, in consultation with the Central Government, appoints the Secretary-General of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, by rotation, as the Returning Officer.
- Accordingly, the Secretary-General, Lok Sabha was appointed as the Returning Officer for the present election to the Office of the Vice-President of India.
- The Commission also decides to appoint Assistant Returning Officers in Parliament House (this year, Lok Sabha) to assist Returning Officers.

- As per Rule 8 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, polls for the election are taken in the Parliament House.

**News:** Kondapalli Toys

- Kondapalli Toys are listed in GI Tags.

## **Kondapalli Toys**

- Kondapalli toys, **cultural icons of Andhra Pradesh**, are one of the most sold **handicrafts in India and abroad, across online, wholesale, and retail platforms.**
- The **'Tella Poniki' wood** gives the toys a unique character.
- **No other wood can be a replacement** to make these toys as **Tella Poniki is malleable and can be easily chiseled into the desired shape.**
- Kondapalli Toys have been **granted the Geographical Indications (GI) tag.**