

# 14th Vice President of India

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**In news-** Jagdeep Dhankhar was recently sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India.

## **About Vice Presidents of India-**

- The vice president of India is the **deputy to the head of state of the Republic of India.**
- The office of vice president is the **second-highest constitutional office** after the president and ranks second in the order of precedence and first in the line of succession to the presidency.
- The vice president is also a **member of the Parliament of India as the ex officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha.**
- **Article 66** of the Constitution of India states the manner of election of the vice president.
- The vice president **is elected indirectly by members of an electoral college** consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament and not the members of state legislative assembly by the **system of proportional representation using single transferable votes** and the voting is conducted by Election Commission of India via **secret ballot.**
- Once elected the vice president continues in office for a **five-year term**, but can continue in office irrespective of the expiry of the term, until a successor assumes office.
- He/She can be removed by a resolution passed by an effective majority in the Rajya Sabha.
- He/She is responsible for the protection of the rights and privileges of the members of the Council of States.
- He/She also **decides whether a bill introduced in the Rajya Sabha is a financial bill or not.**
- The vice president **also acts as the chancellor of the central universities of India.**

## Do you know?

- **There have been 13 vice presidents since the inception of the post in 1950.**
- **The first vice president of India, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, took oath at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 13 May 1952. He later served as the president.
- Out of 13 vice presidents, six of them later went on to become the president. They are Dr S Radhakrishnan, Dr Zakir Hussain, V V Giri, Ramaswami Venkataraman, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma and K R Narayanan.
- Following the death of Zakir Husain in 1969, V. V. Giri resigned from the post of vice president to contest the presidential election and got elected.
- **Krishna Kant** has been the **only one to die during his tenure.**
- On 11 August 2017, **Venkaiah Naidu** was sworn in as the 13th vice president of India. He is also the **first vice-president to be born after Independent India was formed.**
- In August 2022, Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice President of India, securing 74.36 per cent – the **highest ever votes received in the last six vice presidential elections held since 1997.**