Governors Of India Codebook 1.0

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1. Introduction

This dataset contains information on the Governors, Lieutenant Governors and Administrators of States and Union Territories of India. The data has been carefully extracted and verified from official government websites which documents their names and tenure dates. Where official government sources proved insufficient, data was extracted from credible and verifiable news sources published by reputed and trustworthy media organisations.

We table it in an orderly manner, to systematically place the information under variables such as name of the candidates, gender, state/UT, start date of appointment, end date of appointment, days in office, delay in appointment and designation. Moreover, it has mentioned various acting/additional charge governors between the terms. The data also mentions the sources of information for each instance captured, so that users can verify the same.

We have provided the documentation process in the following sections which lists the various sources and how they were used to populate the data. Moreover, we have also listed detailed exceptions that we came across while populating and checking the dataset, clarifying the assumptions we have made.

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3. Table 1: Variable names, type, and labels

No.	Variable Name	Variable Type	Variable Description
1	state_ut	string	Name of the state or the union territory (UT). 1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2. Andhra Pradesh 3. Arunachal Pradesh 4. Assam 5. Bihar 6. Chandigarh 7. Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu 8. Delhi 9. Goa 10. Gujarat 11. Haryana 12. Himachal Pradesh 13. Jammu & Kashmir 14. Jharkhand 15. Karnataka 16. Kerala 17. Ladakh 18. Lakshadweep 19. Madhya Pradesh 20. Maharashtra 21. Manipur 22. Meghalaya 23. Mizoram 24. Nagaland 25. Odisha 26. Puducherry 27. Punjab 28. Rajasthan 29. Sikkim 30. Tamil Nadu 31. Telangana 32. Tripura 33. Uttar Pradesh 34. Uttarakhand 35. West Bengal Please note that Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu are mentioned as a single UT reflecting the merging of two separate constituencies "Dadra & Nagar Haveli" and "Daman & Diu" on 26/01/2020. Although these were officially two separate UTs before this, the same person has always taken charge as the "Administrator" for both UTs.
2	Sequence_No	float	Chronological indicator of respective official's tenure. This is unique for each row of a state in the dataset.

3	ID	numeric	This is a unique identifier for an official across tenures.
4	title_begin	string	Title or form of address preceding the official's name in the source.
5	name	string	Name of the official.
6	title_end	string	Title or form of address following the official's name in the source.
7	gender	string	Gender of the official. This has been mapped using the honorifics (SHRI/SMT etc) where not found in the source.
8	start_date	date	Date of notification of beginning of appointment. The format is: dd/mm/yyyy
9	end_date	date	Date of notification of end of appointment. The format is: dd/mm/yyyy
10	designation	string	Name of the official position. The official position is "Administrator" for Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep. The official position is "Lieutenant Governor" for Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Puducherry, Ladakh (after 31/10/2019), Jammu & Kashmir (after 07/08/2020), Himachal Pradesh (until 24/01/1971). The official position is "Governor" in all remaining cases/states.
11	days_in_off	numeric	Duration of holding the office, in days. For the current official, it is calculated till 29/06/2021.
12	delay_apt	numeric	Duration from the end date of the previous office holder to the start date of the next appointed official. This is NA for the first row of each state.
13	acting	logical	Indicates whether the official was an acting governor.
14	source	string	Semi-colon separated list of sources used to fill in the data and/or cross-verify and fill gaps.

4. Table 2: Data Sources

State/UT	Source

No.		
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	https://www.india.gov.in/my-government/whos-who/lt-governors-administrators
2	Andhra Pradesh	https://www.ap.gov.in/?page_id=241
3	Arunachal Pradesh	http://arunachalgovernor.gov.in/html/pastgovernors.htm
4	Assam	http://assamassembly.gov.in/governor-list.html
5	Bihar	http://www.governor.bih.nic.in/formergovernor.html
6	Chandigarh	http://chandigarh.gov.in/admn_old_admrs.htm
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	https://www.daman.nic.in/websites/Administrator/documents/Administrator-List-Update.pdf
8	Delhi	https://lg.delhi.gov.in/former-lieutenant-governor
9	Goa	https://www.rajbhavan.goa.gov.in/former-governor-generals
10	Gujarat	https://rajbhavan.gujarat.gov.in/honorable-governors/past-governors.aspx
11	Haryana	http://haryanarajbhavan.gov.in/former-governors-0
12	Himachal Pradesh	https://himachalrajbhavan.nic.in/past_governors.html
13	Jammu and Kashmir	http://jkrajbhawan.nic.in/previous-governors.html
14	Jharkhand	http://rajbhavanjharkhand.nic.in/former_governor.html
15	Karnataka	http://rajbhavan.kar.nic.in/ http://kla.kar.nic.in/prevgovernor.htm
16	Kerala	https://www.rajbhavan.kerala.gov.in/index.php/succession-list-of-governors
17	Ladakh	https://ladakh.nic.in/whos-who/
18	Lakshadweep	https://web.archive.org/web/20180325073258/http://lakshadweep.nic.in:80/formeradministrators.html
19	Madhya Pradesh	http://governor.mp.gov.in/guv_list_all.aspx
20	Maharashtra	https://rajbhavan-maharashtra.gov.in/en/previous-governors/
21	Manipur	https://rajbhavanmanipur.nic.in/pastgovernors.html
22	Meghalaya	http://meggovernor.gov.in/past_gov.html
23	Mizoram	https://rajbhavan.mizoram.gov.in/page/former-governors
24	Nagaland	https://rajbhavan.nagaland.gov.in/test/
25	Odisha	https://www.rajbhavanodisha.gov.in/view/formerGovernors.php

26	Puducherry	https://rajnivas.py.gov.in/previous_governors.html
27	Punjab	https://web.archive.org/web/20191017055237/http://punjabrajbhavan.gov.in/home/formerGovernors
28	Rajasthan	https://rajbhawan.rajasthan.gov.in/content/rajbhawan/en/formergovernors/listformergovernors.html
29	Sikkim	http://www.rajbhavansikkim.gov.in/FormerGovernors
30	Tamil Nadu	https://www.tnrajbhavan.gov.in/PastGovernors.htm
31	Telangana	https://governor.telangana.gov.in/former_governors.html
32	Tripura	https://rajbhavan.tripura.gov.in/incumbents
33	Uttar Pradesh	http://upgovernor.gov.in/en/page/former-governors
34	Uttarakhand	https://governoruk.gov.in/pages/display/87-former-governors
35	West Bengal	http://rajbhavankolkata.nic.in/html/pastgov1912_new.html

5. Documentation Process

For the data, the data sources were the official government websites of the states and union territories with domain names *gov* and *nic*. These were

For some states, the acting governors were not mentioned on the state websites, and data for them was extracted from secondary official sources. These sources are logged in the "source" column for each row.

Some states had acting governors' tenures overlapping with the tenures of the governors on leave, while other states had these tenures separately noted. For consistency, the governors' tenures were accordingly disaggregated around the respective acting governors' tenures.

Each governor has also been assigned a unique person identifier (*ID*) using our tool, Surf. This helps track individuals who may have been governors across states for different tenures, or held additional charge for another state, and so on.

6. Exceptions

Missing Data

For the following duration, data is missing as it could not be found through official sources.
1. Dadra & Nagar haveli & Daman & Diu - no data before 16/03/1992
2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands - no data before 08/10/2017

For the following states, data on acting governors is missing as it could not be found through official sources.
1. Maharashtra
2. Haryana
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Uttarakhand

These cases may need to be resolved by exploring other sources.

Discrepancies

The office of the Administrator of Chandigarh is usually taken up by the same person who takes the office of the Governor of Punjab. However, the Chandigarh Government website does not mention "AKHLAQUR RAHMAN KIDWAI" who was the acting Governor of Punjab between 03/11/2004 and 16/11/2004 as Administrator of Chandigarh for that duration, indicating that the office was still held by "O.P. VERMA".

The **delay_apt** is significantly high in some cases, indicating an unlikely duration of the office being vacant. It is likely that these vacancies were occupied by acting governors whose tenure has not been recorded on the respective government websites. The cases are as follows.

state_ut	Sequence_No	name	start_date	end_date	delay_apt
Assam	30	JAGDISH MUKHI	10/10/2017	Current	11
Maharashtra	3	HARE KRISHNA MAHTAB	14/03/1955	14/10/1956	99
Maharashtra	4	SRI PRAKASA	10/12/1956	16/04/1962	57
Maharashtra	6	VIJAYALAKSHMI PANDIT	28/11/1962	18/10/1964	53
Maharashtra	7	P. V. CHERIAN	14/11/1964	08/11/1969	27
Maharashtra	8	ALI YAVAR JUNG	26/02/1970	11/12/1976	110
Maharashtra	9	SADIQ ALI	30/04/1977	02/11/1980	140
Maharashtra	12	KONA PRABHAKARA RAO	31/05/1985	02/04/1986	45
Maharashtra	14	BRAHMANANDA REDDY	12/02/1988	18/01/1990	163
Maharashtra	15	C. SUBRAMANIAM	05/02/1990	09/01/1993	18
Maharashtra	17	MOHAMMED FAZAL	10/10/2002	05/12/2004	89
Maharashtra	19	S. C. JAMIR	19/07/2008	21/01/2010	133
Mizoram	15	KRISHANT KANT PAUL	16/09/2014	08/01/2015	19

Tripura	16	SRI TATHAGATA ROY	20/05/2015	25/08/2018	8
Meghalaya	4	BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH	16/04/1984	10/05/1989	19
Sikkim	17	SHRINIWAS PATIL	20/07/2013	25/08/2018	20
Delhi	21	ANIL BAIJAL	31/12/2016	Current	9
Chandigarh	11	B. K. N. CHHIBBER	18/09/1994	27/11/1999	71
Lakshadweep	7	W. SHAIZA	22/05/1973	21/06/1975	22
Lakshadweep	19	RAJEEV TALWAR	01/08/1996	01/06/1999	48
Lakshadweep	28	SATYA GOPAL	27/05/2009	12/07/2009	11
Lakshadweep	30	AMARNATH	11/07/2011	02/11/2012	26

In the case of Maharashtra, the gaps are due to missing acting governors. For other states, the gaps are unexplained as of now.