**Governors Of India Codebook 1.0**

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# 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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# Table 1: Variable names, type, and labels

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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. |

# Table 2: Data Sources

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| **No.** | **State/UT** | **Source** |
| 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](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](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> |

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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.

# 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.