

## UNIT-2

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### The president of India :-

\* The president of India is the head of the country and the highest constitutional authority. The president is the nominal head while the actual power lies with the prime minister and the council of ministers.

### Election of the president :-

\* Elected by an electoral college consisting of members of both houses of parliament and elected members of state legislative assemblies.

### Terms and Qualification :-

- \* The president is elected for 5 years but can be re-elected.
- \* A citizen of India
- \* At least 35 years old
- \* Qualified to be a Lok Sabha member

### Powers of the president :-

- \* Executive powers
- \* Legislative powers
- \* Emergency powers
- \* Judicial powers

## The vice president of India :-

\* The vice president is the second highest constitutional post in India.

### Election And Term :-

- \* Elected by members of both houses of parliament
- \* Serves a 5-year term but can be re-elected

### Qualification :-

- \* Citizen of India
- \* At least 35 yrs old
- \* Qualified to be member of Rajya Sabha

### Roles and duties :-

- \* Ex-officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha (Upper house)
- \* Acts as president when the president is unable to perform duties due to absence illness (or) vacancy in the office
- \* Performs ceremonial and legislative duties when required.
- \* The vice president mainly play a parliamentary role unlike the president who has a wider constitutional role



The prime minister of India :-

\* The prime minister is the real head of the Indian government - All executive powers are actually exercised by the PM and the council of ministers

Appointment and roles :-

\* Appointment by the president

\* The PM must have the support of the majority in the Lok Sabha

\* usually the leader of the party with the most seats in Lok Sabha becomes the PM

Powers and functions :-

\* leads the government

\* advise the president

\* between the president the cabinet

\* Represents India

\* The PM plays a central role in the functioning of the government. The leadership affects the entire policy making and administration of the country

## Central Council of Minister

\* The central council of ministers assists the prime minister in running the government. It is informed under Article 74 and 75 of the constitution.

### Structure of the Council :

1. Cabinet Ministers
2. Ministers of State
3. Minister of state (Independent charge)

### Role and Responsibilities :-

- \* They implement laws and policies
- \* Manage their respective ministries
- \* Help in decision - making during cabinet meetings
- \* Attend parliament session and answer question

\* The council works under the leadership of the prime minister. All ministers must agree with the decisions of the cabinet this is called collective responsibility.