



# Why we need Governors

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Role clarity of governor and chief minister on recent supreme court judgement on Delhi issue

- Governors and, for that matter, the President of India are vital, not because they can hold up or hold back anything — indeed, they should not and cannot — but because they can and should exert the moral voltage, the sense of the rightness and wrongness of things that would underscore the republican credence and democratic credentials of elected governments.
- Chief Ministers and Prime Ministers head the government. Governors and Presidents head the state. Governments govern, states sustain.
- And in a democratic republic, the people power both. They do so, wanting the Chief Minister to act conscientiously and the Governor to act constitutionally, to ensure self-government is good government; swa-raj is also su-raj.
- Chief Minister actuates a popular mandate, the Governor exercises that “all-pervasive moral influence”, both together providing the people in their jurisdiction the assurance that they are in secure and mutually composed, not conflicted, hands.

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