

Appointment of VC

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Why in News?

Recently, the Supreme Court overturned the Madras High Court stay on Tamil Nadu's Vice Chancellor appointment laws, directing a fresh hearing within a reasonable time for the state.

- A vice chancellor (VC) is the ***chief executive and academic head of a university.***
- **Qualifications** - Distinguished academic or professional with demonstrated leadership and administrative capabilities.
- **Minimum 10 years of experience** in one of the following,
 - Professor in a Higher Education Institution (HEI).
 - Senior-level in reputed research/academic or administrative organizations.
 - Senior-level in industry, public administration, public policy, or PSUs.
- **Selection Process** - Advertised in all-India newspapers; applications may come via nomination or talent search.
- A ***search cum Selection Committee constituted by the Chancellor/Visitor (President).***
- **Search cum Selection Committee - Chairperson** - A nominee of the Visitor (President for Central Universities) or Chancellor (Governor for State Universities) leads the committee.
- **Members** - A nominee of the UGC chairman.
- A nominee of the apex body of the university, such as Syndicate/ Senate/Executive Council/Board of Management.
- The committee must include eminent persons not connected to the university; it recommends a panel of 3-5 names.
- Mandatory for all universities under Central, Provincial, or State Acts.
- **Appointment Process - State Universities** - Appointed by the Chancellor (Governor) in consultation with the State Government.
- **Central Universities** - Appointed by the Visitor (President).
- **Tenure** -
 - **Central Universities** - 5 years or until age 70.
 - **State Universities** - 3 years or until age 70.
- Eligible for a second term.
- First VC term determined by Chancellor/Visitor.
- **Salary - State Universities** - Pay and allowances are determined by the State Government.

- **Central Universities** - Pay and allowances are decided by the Visitor (President) in consultation with the Central Government.
- **Vacancy & Resignation - Permanent vacancy** - Permanent vacancy is filled by the Chancellor or Visitor, with interim arrangements made.
- **Temporary vacancy** - Reported by Registrar to Chancellor or Visitor, and stop-gap arrangement advised by Government
- **Resignation** - VC *may resign with 60 days' notice*, and the effective date will be determined by the Chancellor or Visitor.
- **Role** - Principal academic, administrative, and executive officer.
- Overall supervision and control over University affairs.
- Can take immediate action in urgent matters and report to the relevant Authority, Board, or Chancellor.
- Can require Authorities to review actions or orders and refer to the Board or the Chancellor if unresolved.

References

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