President's Rule

Why in news?

President rule is likely to be in Manipur, since Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur has resigned from the post.

- The President's Rule is crucial for maintaining the federal structure of the Indian polity and ensuring that governance remains stable even in crises.
- **Article 355** – Imposes a duty on the centre to ensure that the government of every state is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
- **Articles 355 to 357 in Part XVIII** – Along with Article 365 in Part XIX of the Indian Constitution, pertain to the President's Rule.
- Grounds of imposition – ***Article 356*** empowers the President to issue a proclamation if he is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the government of a state cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
- ***Article 365*** says that whenever a state fails to comply with or to give effect to any direction from the centre, the president rule can be imposed.
- **Parliamentary approval** – A proclamation imposing president's rule must be approved by both the houses of parliament ***within two months*** from the date of its issue.
- However, if the proclamation of President's rule is issued at a time when the Lok Sabha has been dissolved or the dissolution of the Lok Sabha takes place during the period of *two months without approving the proclamation*.
    - Then the proclamation survives until *30 days* from the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after its reconstitution, provided that the Rajya Sabha approves it in the meantime.
- **Scope of judicial review** – 44th Amendment Act of 1978 implying that the satisfaction of the President is not beyond judicial review.

Reference

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