

List of presidents of India



Dr. Rajendra Prasad (3 December 1884 – 28 February 1963) :

Dr. Rajendra Prasad was an Indian politician, lawyer, Indian independence activist, journalist and scholar, who served as the first President of India from 1950 to 1962. He joined the Indian National Congress during Indian independence.



Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (5 September 1888 – 17 April 1975) :

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Om originally Radhakrishnaiah, was an Indian philosopher and politician. He served as the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. He was also the first Vice President of India from 1952 to 1962. He was India's second ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1949 to 1952.



Dr. Zakir Hussain (8 February 1897 – 3 May 1969) :

Zakir Hussain Khan was an Indian educationist and politician who served as the third President of India from 13 May 1967 until his death on 3 May 1969. He served as its Vice-Chancellor from 1926 to 1948. He was against the policy of separate electorates for Muslims, and in 1946 the Muslim League, led by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, vetoed a proposal by the Indian National Congress to include Hussain in India's interim government.



Varahagiri Venkata Giri (10 August 1894 – 24 June 1980) :

Varahagiri Venkata Giri was an Indian politician and activist who served as the fourth president of India from 24 August 1969 to 24 August 1974. He also third vice president of India from 13 May 1967 to 3 May 1969. He is the first president to be elected as an independent candidate. He was succeeded by Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed as president in 1974. After the end of his full term, Giri was honoured by the Government of India with the Bharat Ratna in 1975. Giri died on 24 June 1980.



Mohammad Hidayatullah (17 December 1905 – 18 September 1992) :

Mohammad Hidayatullah OBE was the 11th Chief Justice of India serving from 25 February 1968 to 16 December 1970, and the sixth vice president of India, serving from 31 August 1979 to 30 August 1984. He had also served as the acting president of India from 20 July 1969 to 24 August 1969 and from 6 October 1982 to 31 October 1982 and from 25 July 1983 to 25 July 1983 and from 25 July 1984 to 25 July 1984. He is regarded as an eminent jurist, scholar, educationist, author and linguist.



Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed (13 May 1905 – 11 February 1977) :

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was an Indian lawyer and politician who served as the fifth President of India from 1974 to 1977. Beginning a long association with the Indian National Congress in the 1930s, Ahmed was Finance Minister of Assam in the Gopinath Bordoloi ministry in 1939 and again under Bimala Prasad Chaliha from 1957 to 1966. He was made a cabinet minister by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1966 and was in charge of ministries including power, irrigation, industry and agriculture until 1974, when he was elected President of India.



Basappa Danappa Jatti (10 September 1912 – 7 June 2002) :

Basappa Danappa Jatti was the fifth Vice President of India, serving from 1974 to 1979. He was the acting President of India from 11 February to 25 July 1977. He also served as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. In a tumultuous political career spanning five decades, Jatti rose from a municipal councilor to the second highest office in India.



Neelam Sanjiva Reddy (19 May 1913 – 1 June 1996) :

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy was an Indian politician who served as the sixth president of India, serving from 1977 to 1982. Beginning a long political career with the Indian National Congress Party in the independence movement, he went on to hold several key offices in independent India — as Deputy Chief minister of Andhra state and the first Chief Minister of United Andhra Pradesh, a two-time Speaker of the Lok Sabha and a Union Minister— before becoming the Indian president.



Giani Zail Singh (5 May 1916 – 25 December 1994) :


Giani Zail Singh was an Indian politician from Punjab who served as the seventh president of India from 1982 to 1987. He was the first Sikh to become president. His political activism in the Praja Mandal, an organization allied with the Indian National Congress, saw him sentenced to solitary confinement between 1938 and 1943. He led the flag satyagraha and formed a parallel government in Faridkot State which were called off only after the intervention of Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel. The stints in jail inspired him to change his name to Zail Singh.



Ramaswamy Venkataraman (4 December 1910 – 27 January 2009) :


Ramaswamy Venkataraman was an Indian lawyer, Indian independence activist and politician who served as a Union Minister and as the eighth president of India. He was elected as the seventh vice president of India and in 1987, he became the eighth President of India and served from 1987 to 1992. He was appointed as the member of the Constituent Assembly and the provisional cabinet. He was elected to the Lok Sabha four times and served as Union Finance Minister and Defence Minister. In 1984, He also served as a State minister under K. Kamaraj and M. Bhaktavatsalam.

Shankar Dayal Sharma (August 1918 – 26 December 1999) :




Shankar Dayal Sharma was an Indian lawyer and politician from the state of Madhya Pradesh who served as the ninth president of India, from 1992 to 1997. A member of the Indian National Congress party, Sharma was Chief Minister (1952–1956) of Bhopal State and served as a Cabinet Minister (1956–1971) in the government of Madhya Pradesh holding several portfolios. Twice elected to the Lok Sabha, Sharma served as Governor of Andhra Pradesh (1984-1985), Punjab (1985-1986) and Maharashtra (1986-1987) before being elected unopposed as the eighth Vice President of India in 1987.

Kocheril Raman Narayanan (27 October 1920 – 9 November 2005) :




Kocheril Raman Narayanan was an Indian statesman, diplomat, academic, and politician who served as the ninth vice president of India from 1992 to 1997 and tenth president of India from 1997 to 2002. He served as ambassador to Japan, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Turkey, China and the United States and was referred to by Nehru as "the best diplomat of the country". Elected as vice president in 1992, Narayanan went on to become president in 1997. He was the first person from the Dalit community to hold either post.

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam (15 October 1931 – 27 July 2015) :




Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesman who served as the 11th president of India from 2002 to 2007. Kalam was elected as the 11th president of India in 2002 with the support of both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the then-opposition Indian National Congress. Widely referred to as the "People's President", he returned to his civilian life of education, writing and public service after a single term.

Prathibha Devisingh Patil (born 19 December 1934) :



Prathibha Devisingh Patil is an Indian politician and lawyer who served as the 12th president of India spanning from 2007 to 2012. She is the first woman to become the president of India. A member of the Indian National Congress, she previously served as the Governor of Rajasthan from 2004 to 2007, and was a member of Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996.

Pranab Mukherjee (11 December 1935 – 31 August 2020) :



Pranab Mukherjee was an Indian politician and statesman who served as the 13th president of India from 2012 until 2017. In a political career spanning five decades, Mukherjee was a senior leader in the Indian National Congress and occupied several ministerial portfolios in the Government of India. Prior to his election as President, Mukherjee was Union Finance Minister from 2009 to 2012. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 2019, by his successor as president, Ram Nath Kovind.

Ram Nath Kovind (born 1 October 1945) :

Ram Nath Kovind is an Indian politician and lawyer who served as the 14th president of India from 2017 to 2022. He is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Prior to his presidency, he served as the 26th Governor of Bihar from 2015 to 2017. He also served as a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1994 to 2006. Before entering politics, he was a lawyer for 16 years and practiced in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court of India until 1993.

Droupadi Murmu (born 20 June 1958) :

Droupadi Murmu is an Indian politician and former teacher who is serving as the 15th and current President of India since 2022. She is the first person belonging to the tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the office. She is also the youngest person to occupy the post and the first President born in Independent India. She has also served as the 9th Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021. She has also previously served as a member of the Odisha Legislative Assembly from Rairangpur Assembly constituency from 2000 to 2009 and Minister of State (Independent Charge), Government of Odisha from 2000 to 2004.

Sr. No.	Name	Starting date	Ending date	Profiles
1	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	26 th Jan, 1950	13 th May, 1962	He was the first President of republic of India.
2	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	13 th May, 1962	13 th May, 1967	He was the 2nd President of India.
3	Dr. Zakir Hussain	13 th May, 1967	3 rd May, 1969	He was the 3rd President of India.
4	Varahagiri Venkata Giri	3 rd May, 1969	20 th July, 1969	He was acting President because of Hussain's death.
5	Mohammad Hidayatullah	20 th July, 1969	24 th August, 1969	He was acting President till Giri's presidency.
6	Varahagiri Venkata Giri	24 th August, 1969	24 th August, 1974	He was the 4th President of India.
7	Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed	24 th August, 1974	11 th February, 1977	He was the 5th President of India.
8	Basappa Danappa Jatti	11 th February, 1977	25 th July, 1977	He was a chief minister of the Mysore but got elected as President, After the death of Ahmed.
9	Neelam Sanjiva Reddy	25 th July, 1977	25 th July, 1982	Reddy was the 6th President of India unopposed.
10	Giani Zail Singh	25 th July, 1982	25 th July, 1987	He was the 7th President of India and was also a member of the Congress party.
11	Ramaswamy Venkataraman	25 th July, 1987	25 th July, 1992	He was the 8th President of India. He was also a lawyer and a professional politician.

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12	Shankar Dayal Sharma	25 th July, 1992	25 th July, 1997	He was the 9th President of India, and he was also a member of the National Congress party of India.
13	Kocheril Raman Narayanan	25 th July, 1997	25 th July, 2002	He was the 10th President of India and the best diplomat in India.
14	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	25 th July, 2002	25 th July, 2007	He was the 11th President of India, and he was a great scientist. He worked in ISRO and DRDO organizations.
15	Pratibha Patil	25 th July, 2007	25 th July, 2012	She was the 12th President of India, and she was the first woman to Be President.
16	Pranab Mukherjee	25 th July, 2012	25 th July, 2017	He was the 13th President of India, and he was also a senior leader of the National Congress party.
17	Shri Ram Nath Kovind	25 th July, 2017	21 st July, 2022	He is the 14th President of India, and he is also ex-governor Of Bihar.
18	Droupadi Murmu	21st July, 2022	Working	She is the 15th President of India and was a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party

