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Recently, **President Droupadi Murmu** appointed the veteran **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)** leader **Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde** as the new **governor** of Rajasthan.

Key Points

- The Governor's appointment, his powers and everything related to the office of Governor have been discussed under **Article 153 to Article 162 of the Indian Constitution**.
- The role of the Governor is quite similar to that of the President of India. The Governor performs the same duties as the President, but for the State.
 - The **Governor stands as executive head of a State** and the working remains the same as of the office of President of India.
 - Under the Constitution of India, the governing machinery is the same as that of the Central Government.
- It is stated that **the Governor has a dual role**.
 - He is the **constitutional head of the state**, bound by the **advice of his council of ministers**.
 - He functions as a **vital link between the Union Government and the State Government**.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

- **About:**
 - RSS is a **Hindu nationalist volunteer organisation founded in 1925 in Nagpur by Dr. K.B. Hedgewar** in response to perceived threats to Hindu culture and society, particularly during British colonial rule.
 - It aims to **promote the idea of Hindutva**, which emphasises Hindu cultural and national identity.
 - **Pre-Independence Era:**
 - The organization played a significant role in social and cultural mobilisation among Hindus. It focused on community service, education, and the promotion of Hindu values.
 - **Post-Independence:**
 - After India's independence in 1947, the RSS faced scrutiny, especially after the **assassination of Mahatma Gandhi by Nathuram Godse in 1948**. The organisation was **banned** for a short period but was later reinstated.
 - **Ideology:**
 - The central ideology of the RSS, **articulated by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**, promotes the idea that India is fundamentally a **Hindu nation**.
 - The RSS emphasises the **importance of Indian culture and heritage**, aiming to unite people under a common national identity.
 - The organization engages in various **social service activities**, including education, health care, and disaster relief, promoting the idea of "Seva" (service) among its members.
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