

Hemant Soren to Take Oath as Jharkhand CM | Jharkhand | 25 Nov 2024

Why in News?

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren will take oath as the <u>new Chief Minister of</u> Jharkhand on 28th November 2024.

Key Points

- Governor's Decision:
 - The **Governor** accepted Hemant Soren's resignation and appointed him as the nominated Chief Minister, asking him to continue until the new government is formed.
- Governor's Role (Now LG)
 - Under <u>Article 164</u>, the Governor plays a key role in inviting the leader of the majority party or coalition to form the government.
 - The governor ensures the formation of a government that enjoys majority support in the legislature.
- Oath of Office
 - As per Article 164(3), the Governor of a state must administer the oaths of office and secrecy to a Minister before they take office.
 - The oath signifies allegiance to the Constitution and the discharge of duties in accordance with the law.

Appointment of Chief Minister

- Article 164 of the Constitution envisages that the Chief Minister shall be appointed by the governor.
 - A leader of the party that has got the majority share of votes in the assembly elections, is appointed as the Chief Minister of the state.
 - The Governor is the nominal executive authority, but real executive authority rests with the Chief Minister.
 - However, the discretionary powers enjoyed by the governor reduces to some extent the power, authority, influence, prestige and role of the Chief Minister in the state administration.
- A person who is not a member of the state legislature can be appointed as Chief Minister for six months, within which time, he should be elected to the state legislature, failing which he ceases to be the Chief Minister.

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