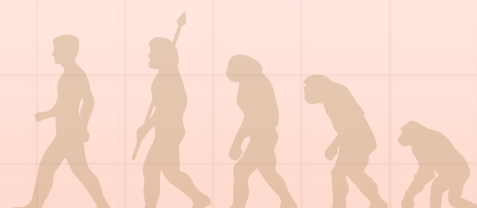
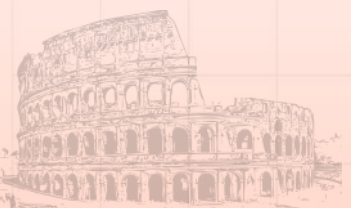




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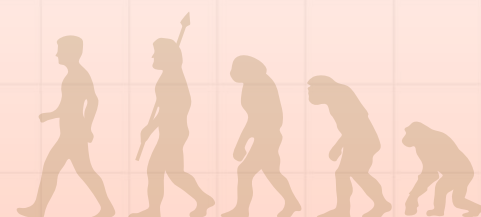
- **Prime Minister** - Real executive head of India.
- **Article 75** - Prime Minister appointed by President.
- **Selection convention** - Leader of majority party in Lok Sabha is appointed PM.
- **No clear majority** - President may appoint leader of largest party or coalition.
- **Vote of confidence** - Required when majority is uncertain.
- **Oath** - Administered by President.
- **Term** - During pleasure of President, but depends on Lok Sabha majority.
- **Head of Council of Ministers** - Prime Minister.
- **PM resignation or death** - Entire Council of Ministers collapses.
- **Article 74** - Council of Ministers aids and advises President.
- **Article 75** - Appointment, tenure, responsibility, qualification, oath and salary of ministers.
- **Article 77** - Conduct of Government business.
- **Article 78** - Duties of Prime Minister.
- **Council of Ministers categories** - Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers.

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


- **Cabinet** - Chief policy-formulating body.
- **Minister limit** - Maximum 15% of Lok Sabha strength.
- **91st Amendment Act, 2003** - Added 15% minister limit.
- **Non-MP minister** - Must become MP within 6 months.
- **Deputy Prime Minister** - Not mentioned in Constitution.
- **PMO** - Assists Prime Minister and coordinates with ministries, states and key authorities.



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