



Smt. Droupadi Murmu

Visitor

Profile of the President

Smt. Droupadi Murmu was sworn in as the 15th President of India on July 25, 2022. Prior to this, she served as the 9th Governor of the state of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

Early Life and Education

Smt. Droupadi Murmu was born on June 20, 1958, to a Santhal tribal family in Uparbeda in the remote Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. Her educational journey began at Uparbeda Primary School. Through her determination and passion for learning, she went on to study in Bhubaneswar from class-VIII onwards. She became the first girl in her village to pass the matriculation examination and to earn a degree, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics in 1979 from Ramadevi Women's College, Bhubaneswar.

Her early life was shaped by struggles, perseverance, and the strong moral values instilled by her family. She overcame social and financial challenges to become an inspiration for many in her community. These formative years laid the foundation for her later achievements in public service and leadership.

Professional Career

From 1979 to 1983, Smt. Murmu served as a Junior Assistant in the Irrigation and Power Department, Government of Odisha. Her passion for education and learning led her also to serve as an honorary teacher at Sri Aurobindo Integral Education & Research Centre, Rairangpur, from 1994 to 1997.

To this day, Smt. Murmu remains a vocal advocate for the transformative role that education plays in lives of women and girls from marginalised communities, often citing her own lived experience as an example.

Public Life

Smt. Droupadi Murmu, a leader deeply rooted in grassroots democracy, has served across all three tiers of governance with an unwavering commitment to inclusivity, responsiveness, and the upliftment of the marginalized.

Previous Posts Held by the Hon'ble President are as under:-

- Elected as Councillor of Rairangpur Notified Area Council in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha (1997) and subsequently became Vice Chairperson of Rairangpur NAC.
- Served two terms as Member of Legislative Assembly of Odisha (2000-2009) from Rairangpur Assembly Constituency.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge), Department of Commerce and Transport (March 2000-August 2002).
- Minister of State (Independent Charge), Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development (August 2002-May 2004).
- Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Department of Home, Government of Odisha.
- Member of various House Committees and Standing Committees of the Odisha Legislative Assembly, viz. House Committee on Railways, House Committee on Women and Child Welfare, Subject Committee on Panchayati Raj, Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, House Committee on Forest Protection, House Committee on Sarba Sikshya Abhiya, House Committee on Women and Child Welfare.
- Received the Pandit Nilkanth Das – Best Legislator Award (2007) by the Odisha Legislative Assembly.
- BJP National Vice-President, ST Morcha and State President, BJP ST Morcha of Odisha
- BJP District President of Mayurbhanj twice

Smt. Murmu was appointed the Governor of Jharkhand on 18 May 2015 and served the longest tenure as the Governor of Jharkhand (6 years 55 days). She was the first tribal woman Governor of a State with a significant tribal population, and received widespread appreciation for her statesmanship and adherence to democratic ethos. She introduced reforms in examination and recruitment processes of the State Universities. During her tenure as Governor, she also focused on improving quality of education in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, and undertook various measures to promote girls' education.

In all her roles in public service, Smt Murmu introduced innovative initiatives and people-oriented measures. Uplifting the most neglected sections of society; gender justice; accessibility and efficiency of public services; sustainable environmental management and stewardship, and an inclusive, empathetic and transparent approach to governance remained the hallmarks of her vision of public service.