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WHY IN NEWS

N. Rangasamy of the **All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)** was sworn in as **Chief Minister of Puducherry** for a **record fifth term** on **May 13, 2026**, administered by **Lt. Governor K. Kailashnathan**. The NDA coalition (AINRC-BJP) won **18 of 30 assembly seats** (majority mark: 16) in the 2026 Puducherry Assembly elections, retaining power from the 2021 alliance.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
2026 Assembly elections (April-May)	NDA (AINRC-BJP) wins 18/30 seats
May 13, 2026	N. Rangasamy sworn in as CM for 5th term
Lt. Governor	K. Kailashnathan administers oath
Cabinet	Malladi Krishna Rao (AINRC); A. Namassivayam (BJP); others

N. RANGASAMY – POLITICAL PROFILE

TERM	PERIOD	PARTY
1st	2001-2006	Indian National Congress
2nd	2006-2008	Indian National Congress
3rd	2011-2016	AINRC (after founding own party)
4th	2021-2026	NDA-AINRC alliance
5th	2026-	NDA-AINRC alliance

Rangasamy founded the **All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)** in **2011** after splitting from the Indian National Congress. The AINRC has been in alliance with the BJP since 2016.

PUDUCHERRY – CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS

Article 239A – Special Provision for Puducherry

Article 239A of the Constitution (inserted by the **14th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1962**) empowers Parliament to create a legislature and a council of ministers for **Puducherry**, giving it a quasi-state status while remaining a Union Territory.

Union Territories with Legislature

UT	CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION	REMARKS
Puducherry	Article 239A	Legislature + CoM; Lt. Governor has enhanced role
Delhi (NCT)	Article 239AA	Legislature + CoM; but Centre has overriding power on certain entries; GNCT Amendment Act 2021 strengthened Lt. Governor's role
Jammu & Kashmir	Article 239AA (inserted by 104th CA 2019)	Legislature + CoM; formerly a full state; bifurcated 2019 into J&K UT + Ladakh UT

Role of the Lt. Governor in Puducherry

- The **Lt. Governor in Puducherry** is the administrator appointed by the President under **Article 239**
- Unlike a Governor of a State (who must act on the advice of the Council of Ministers under Article 163), the Puducherry Lt. Governor can reserve Bills for the President's consideration
- Lt. Governor has wider discretionary powers than a Governor – can act on their own judgment in specified matters
- Bills passed by the Puducherry Assembly can be **reserved by the Lt. Governor** for President's assent

Puducherry Assembly – Composition

- **Total seats: 33** (30 elected + 3 nominated by the Centre)
- **Majority mark (on elected seats): 16**
- NDA's 18 elected seats gives it a working majority

PUDUCHERRY'S UNIQUE GEOGRAPHY

Puducherry is a **non-contiguous UT** – it has **4 legislative districts (communes)**, each an **enclave within a different Indian state**:

COMMUNE	ENCLAVE IN
Puducherry	Tamil Nadu
Karaikal	Tamil Nadu
Mahe	Kerala
Yanam	Andhra Pradesh

This makes Puducherry one of the most geographically unusual administrative units in India. The UT capital is **Puducherry town**.

CENTRE-UT CONFLICT – GOVERNANCE TENSIONS

Puducherry has a history of friction between the Lt. Governor and elected governments:

- 2021-2026:** V. Narayanasamy's Congress government collapsed in February 2021 (just before scheduled elections) over a no-confidence vote – some attributed to Centre's use of Lt. Governor powers
- Delhi parallel:** The Centre-AAP government dispute over the NCT of Delhi (resolved partly by the **GNCT Amendment Act 2021** and the subsequent **Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Act 2023**) has parallels with Puducherry's Lt. Governor dynamics

UPSC RELEVANCE

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- Constitutional status of Union Territories; Article 239, 239A, 239AA
- Centre-State (Centre-UT) relations; role of Lt. Governor
- Federalism; special provisions for UTs with legislature

Mains Angles

- Discuss the constitutional position of Union Territories with Legislature in India. How does the role of the Lt. Governor in Puducherry differ from that of a Governor in a State?

- 2 Puducherry's non-contiguous geography across four states presents unique governance challenges. Examine.
- 3 The recurring tension between elected governments and the Lt. Governor in UTs with legislature raises questions about federal balance. Analyze using recent examples.

Administration of Union Territories by the President through an Administrator (Lt. Governor or Chief Commissioner).

*Inserted by the **14th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1962**; Parliament may create legislature and council of ministers for Puducherry.*

*Inserted by the **69th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991**; special provisions for the National Capital Territory of Delhi (legislature, CoM, but Centre retains specified powers).*

*Created by the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019** (effective October 31, 2019) after abrogation of Article 370 by **Constitutional Order 272 (2019)**; initially UT with legislature for J&K and UT without legislature for Ladakh.*

*All India N.R. Congress; founded by N. Rangasamy in **2011**; NR stands for "N. Rangasamy" (the founder's initials).*

30 elected + 3 nominated = 33 total; majority on 30 elected seats = 16.

*Puducherry was a French settlement from 1674; transferred to India in **1954** (de facto); formally merged by the **14th Amendment, 1962**; French is still an official language alongside Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and English.*

Lt. Governor of Puducherry; administered oath to Rangasamy on May 13, 2026.

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