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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:

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POLITY

In news: NDA, INDIA blocs to train MPs on voting procedure for Vice-President election.

Vice President: The Vice President is the second highest constitutional office in India. He/She serves for a five-year term, but can continue to be in office, irrespective of the expiry of the term, until the successor assumes office.

Election Procedure of Vice President:

- **Nomination:** Requires 20 proposers and 20 seconders with ₹15,000 deposit and certified copy of the entry showing his name in the current electoral roll.
- **Voting:** By an Electoral College, which consists of the members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (both elected and nominated members)
- ✓ Voting is with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and the voting at such election shall be by secret ballot. (Article 66).
- ✓ The value of every vote cast in the Vice-Presidential election has the same value i.e. 1.
- **No Whip:** provisions of the Anti-Defection Law are not applicable.

Eligibility:

- Should be a citizen of India.
- Should have completed 35 years of age.
- Should be qualified for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- Should not hold any office of profit under the Union government or any state government or any local authority or any other public authority.

Electoral College:

- As per Article 66 of the Constitution of India, the Vice-President is elected by the members of the Electoral College.
- Electoral College consists of:
 - Elected members of Rajya Sabha.
 - Nominated members of Rajya Sabha.
 - Elected members of Lok Sabha.

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