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Examine how the separation of powers is practised in India compared to the rigid presidential model of the United States of America. In this context, compare the actual authority of the Indian Prime Minister with that of the President of the USA.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · GS II · 15 marks · Separation of Powers

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Separation of powers between various organs; dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.

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Article 75 of the Constitution of India

Provides that the Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President and the Council of Ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the People.

Article II of the United States Constitution

Vests the executive power of the United States in a President, establishing a singular and independent executive branch.

Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973)

Established the Basic Structure doctrine, affirming the judiciary's power to review amendments that alter foundational principles like the separation of powers.

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