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Jammu University and Airport to be Renamed

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Key Points

- **Resolutions have been passed to** rename the Jammu Airport and the Jammu University after Hindu Dogra monarchs Maharaja Hari Singh and Maharaja Gulab Singh, respectively.
- **Maharaja Gulab Singh** founded the **Dogra dynasty** and **became the first monarch of J&K in 1846.**
- **Maharaja Hari Singh**
 - Maharaja Hari Singh was the **last Dogra monarch**, who **acceded to India in 1947.**
 - Soon after the accession, **an interim state government** was instituted by a **proclamation made by the Maharaja on March 5, 1948.**

The Instrument of Accession

- The Instrument of Accession (IoA) is a legal document executed by Maharaja Hari Singh, the then ruler of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir, on **October 26, 1947**, declaring that the state accedes to India.
- The IoA gave India's Parliament the power to legislate in respect of J&K **only on the matters of defence, external affairs and communications.**
- Apart from defence, communications and external affairs, the IoA mentions **ancillary subjects that include elections to the dominion legislature.**

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