




Formation Day

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Why in News

Seven Indian states — Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka and Kerala -- observed their foundation day on 1st November.

- **The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act of 2014** bifurcated the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh into two separate states, namely, **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**.
- In **2000**, **Chhattisgarh** was created out of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- In **1966**, the State of **Punjab** was bifurcated to create **Haryana**.
- **Kerala and Karnataka** were formed under the **States Reorganisation Act, 1956**.

Constitutional Provision

- **Article 3** authorises the Parliament to:
 - Form a new state by separation of territory from any state or by uniting two or more states or parts of states or by uniting any territory to a part of any state.
 - Increase the area of any state,
 - Diminish the area of any state,
 - Alter the boundaries of any state,
 - Alter the name of any state.
- However, Article 3 lays down two **conditions**:
 - The Bill can be introduced in the Parliament only with the prior recommendation of the President;
 - Before recommending the bill, the President has to refer the same to the state legislature concerned for expressing its views within a specified period.

The President (or Parliament) is **not bound by the views of the state legislature** and may either accept or reject them, even if the views are received in time.

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