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## Battle of Gallipoli

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### Why in News

India has objected to Turkey President's comparison of the Kashmir situation to the Battle of Çanakkale/Gallipoli of **World War I (1914-18)**. He has compared the struggle of Kashmiris with that of Turkey during World War I.

Earlier in September, 2019 Turkey had raised the Kashmir issue in the United Nations General Assembly.



### Key Points

- **Gallipoli Campaign (1915-16):** The Battle of Gallipoli or the **Dardanelles Campaign** was an unsuccessful attempt by the Allied Powers to **control the sea route from Europe to Russia** during World War I.
- The campaign began with a **failed naval attack by British and French** ships on the **Dardanelles Straits** (connecting the **Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea** and the **Mediterranean Sea**) involving British and French troops as well as **divisions of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC)**. ANZAC corps was created early in World War I (1914-18).

- **Failure:** Lack of sufficient intelligence and knowledge of the terrain, along with a fierce Turkish resistance (Ottoman army), hampered the success of the invasion.
- **Result:** It is considered to be one of the bloodiest battles of World War I leading to the death of tens of thousands of soldiers on both sides.
- **Legacy of the Battle :** The Battle resulted in the downfall of Winston Churchill and the **emergence of the Turkish military hero, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.**
  - The event is today one of the central pillars of the **modern Turkish identity.**
  - The campaign is also seen to have **seeded Australian and New Zealand national consciousness.**
  - The date of the Gallipoli landings i.e **April 25, 1915** is observed by **Australia and New Zealand** as **ANZAC Day**, the day of national remembrance for the war dead.

## **World War I**

- **World War I** was fought between the **Allied Powers** and the **Central Powers.**
- **Allied Powers:** The main members **were France, Russia, and Britain.** The **United States** joined the Allies after 1917.
- **Central Powers:** The main members **were Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria.**

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