



Foreign Ambassadors in Srinagar

Why in News

Twenty-five foreign Ambassadors visited Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to assess the situation in the region nearly six months after the Central government [revoked Article 370](#).

- They asked for suggestions from locals including few politicians, elected grass-roots representatives, editors and traders on the measures for moving ahead.
- Around 100 local delegates formed separate groups and met the envoys.
 - These delegates also met the [Members of the European Parliament in October 2019](#).
- The Ministry of External Affairs has said that there would be more such visits as the situation in J&K further normalises.

Significance

- It assumes significance because of the U.S. President's upcoming visit to India and the [European Union's \(EU\)](#) plan to discuss the [Citizenship Amendment Act \(CAA\)](#) and reading down of Article 370 in the European Parliament in March 2020.
- The visit marks an important step by the government after it faced huge criticism in the EU and in the US over scrapping Article 370.
- The visit gives a better understanding of the cultural and religious diversity of the state apart from giving a clear view of the development and governance priorities of the region.

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