



# Bengal Partition

## Why in News

Recently, the **West Bengal Heritage Commission** has proposed to set up a museum dedicated to the Bengal partition that took place during the bifurcation of the country in 1947.

## Key Points

- The museum will focus on the historical facts and the consequences of the Partition of Bengal.
- The museum is proposed to be housed in the **Alipore Jail** that is a **heritage building**.
- The Partition of India in 1947 that led to the **creation of Pakistan** involved the division of **Bengal and Punjab provinces** based on district-wise Hindu or Muslim majorities.
  - It not only led to **violence** but also marked one of the largest **mass migration** in human history.
  - After the Partition, Bengal was bifurcated into **East Bengal and West Bengal**.
  - East Bengal became a part of Pakistan and was renamed as **East Pakistan in 1956**. It later became an independent nation of Bangladesh after the **Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971**.
- In the proposed museum, documents, articles, documentaries, and films on the Partition will be highlighted.

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