

# India Slams Pakistan on J&K Issue

#### Why in News?

India strongly criticized Pakistan for raising the <u>Jammu and Kashmir issue</u> at <u>the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).</u>

# **Key Points**

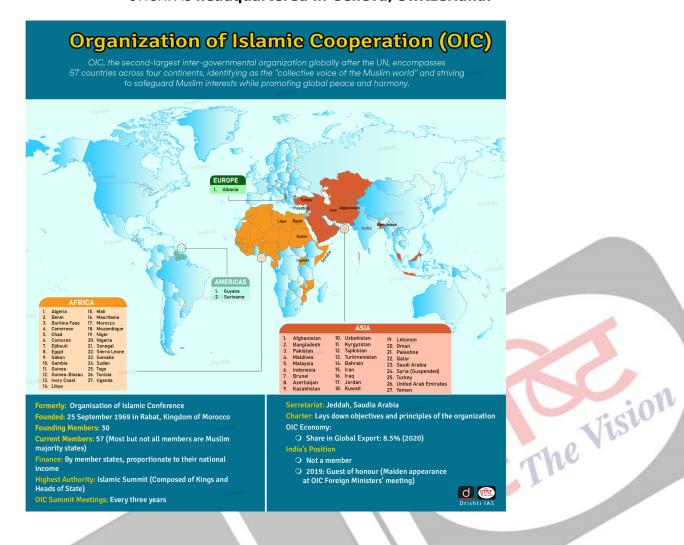
- India's Response:
  - India exercised its Right of Reply at the 58th Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on 26 February, 2025.
  - The response came after Pakistan once again raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at the multilateral forum.
- Strong Rebuttal to Pakistan's Allegations:
  - Counsellor at India's <u>Permanent Mission to the UN</u> in <u>Geneva</u>, dismissed Pakistan's claims as "baseless and malicious."
  - He criticized Pakistan's leaders for spreading "falsehoods handed down by its militaryterrorist complex."
- Criticism of Pakistan's Governance and Policies:
  - India described Pakistan as a "failed state" that thrives on instability and survives on international handouts.
  - The counsellor accused Pakistan of hypocrisy, <u>human rights abuses</u>, <u>minority</u> <u>persecution</u>, and the systematic erosion of democratic values.
  - He asserted that Pakistan harbors UN-sanctioned terrorists and lacks credibility to lecture others on human rights.
  - India accused Pakistan of misusing the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as its propaganda tool.
- Jammu and Kashmir's Development Under India:
  - The counsellor reaffirmed that Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India.
  - He highlighted the region's unprecedented political, social, and economic progress in recent years.
  - He stated that these developments reflect the people's trust in the government's commitment to normalcy and peace, despite decades of Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism.

## **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**

- About:
  - The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of <a href="https://human.rights">human rights</a> around the world.
- Formation:
  - The Council was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 2006. It replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
  - The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as the

### **Secretariat** of the Human Rights Council.

• OHCHR is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.



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