



## Statehood Day of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh

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President Droupadi Murmu greeted **Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram on Statehood Day** (20th February).

- **Mizoram:** It was originally known as the **Lushai Hills** district of Assam and was renamed **Mizo Hills** in 1954. The Mautam famine of **1959** led to the rise of the **Mizo National Front (MNF)**, which sought to establish a **sovereign nation for the Mizo people**.
  - This movement culminated in an armed uprising in 1966, particularly after **Nagaland gained statehood in 1963**.
  - Mizoram became a **Union Territory in 1972** after an accord with MNF moderates and gained **statehood on 20th February 1987** following the **Mizoram Peace Accord (1986)** with the Central government.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Formerly the **North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA)**, Arunachal Pradesh became a **Union Territory in 1972** and gained **statehood on 20th February 1987**, under the Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986. Its capital, **Itanagar**, is named after the **14th-century Ita Fort**.

# REORGANISATION OF STATES IN INDIA

The States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1956 suggested the formation of 14 States and 6 UTs. At present, India comprises 28 states and 8 UTs.

1950

States classified into 4 categories

- Part A, B, C and D (1<sup>st</sup> Schedule)

- **Part A** - Ruled by **Governor** with **elected State Legislature**
  - ◇ **Andhra Pradesh** (first state on linguistic lines) - 1953
- **Part B** - Former **Princely States**
- **Part C** - Former **Chief Commissioners' Provinces**, some **Princely states**
- **Part D** - Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## 7<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment (1956) -

- Distinction between Part-A and Part-B states done away
- Part-C states were abolished
- Made total no. of (erstwhile) states - 14 and UTs - 6

## Reorganisation/Creation of States/UTs after 1956

### States Carved Out of Other States

- ↳ **Gujarat and Maharashtra** from Bombay (Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960)
- ↳ **Nagaland** from Assam (State of Nagaland Act, 1962)
- ↳ **Haryana** from Punjab (Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966)
- ↳ **Meghalaya** from Assam (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ↳ **Chhattisgarh** from MP (Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Uttarakhand** from UP (Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Jharkhand** from Bihar (Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000)
- ↳ **Telangana** from Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014)

### States Formed by Granting Statehood

- ↳ **Himachal Pradesh** (State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970)
- ↳ **Manipur and Tripura** (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)
- ↳ **Sikkim** (36<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment (1975))
- ↳ **Mizoram** (State of Mizoram Act, 1986)
- ↳ **Arunachal Pradesh** (State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986)
- ↳ **Goa** (Goa, Daman, and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1987)

### Formation of UTs

- ↳ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep - 1956
- ↳ Puducherry - 1962
- ↳ Chandigarh - 1966
- ↳ J&K and Ladakh - 2019
- ↳ Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu - 2020



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