



Reorganisation of States in India

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The States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1953, recommended the formation of 16 States and 3 UTs. However, under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, 14 states and 6 Union Territories (UTs) were formed. Today, India comprises 28 states and 8 UTs.

1950 States classified into **4 categories**
- **Part A, B, C and D** (1st 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

7th 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** (36th 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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