

Q2. Ending Jammu & Kashmir's special status in the Indian Union under article 370 is a landmark and bold decision. Comment? (150 words)

Ans. On 5 August 2019, the Govt of India revoked the special status, of limited autonomy, granted under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution to Jammu and Kashmir - a region administered by India as a state which consists of the larger part of Kashmir which has been the subject of dispute among India, Pakistan and China since 1947.

Key changes after removal of 370

- Now Jammu & Kashmir is a Union Territory
- People from anywhere in India will be able to buy a property.
- Now any citizen of the country can settle in J&K.
- No restriction on filing RTI.
- Only the National flag will be there
- No separate constitution. Law & order will be under centre govt.
- Ladakh will be a separate Union Territory without a legislature

ENDING ARTICLE 370 IS A LANDMARK AND BOLD DECISION AS -

- There has been a miscarriage of Article 370 by the politicians of J&K, especially in the real estate field.
- All Kashmir valley based parties are opposed to any tinkering with 370. Some politicians also asked their party workers to get ready for a big fight.

In spite of all this, PM Modi's bold and courageous decision, revoked Article 370 from J&K. Govt argued that it needed to be scrapped to integrate Kashmir and put it on the same footing as the rest of India. According to Govt, 370 is a roadblock in the development of J&K.

CONCLUSION - Due to Govt's bold decision, people of J&K will get the benefits when new investments in terms of Industries and Educational institutes will come into the state. Soon, J&K will enjoy corruption-free policies and will get the benefits of all central Govt policies.