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Himachal Pradesh: From a Mountain Kingdom to a Modern Wonder

What is the news?

• Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu conveyed his Statehood Day wishes to the people of Himachal Pradesh during the 54th celebration in Dharampur of Mandi district.

A Trip Through Progress and History

Today, on this 25th of January, Himachal Pradesh, the "Land of the Snows," marks its 54th year of statehood. Today is both a time to enjoy the present and a time to learn about its long history, hard battles, and amazing accomplishments.

Going from a royal past to a mountain state:

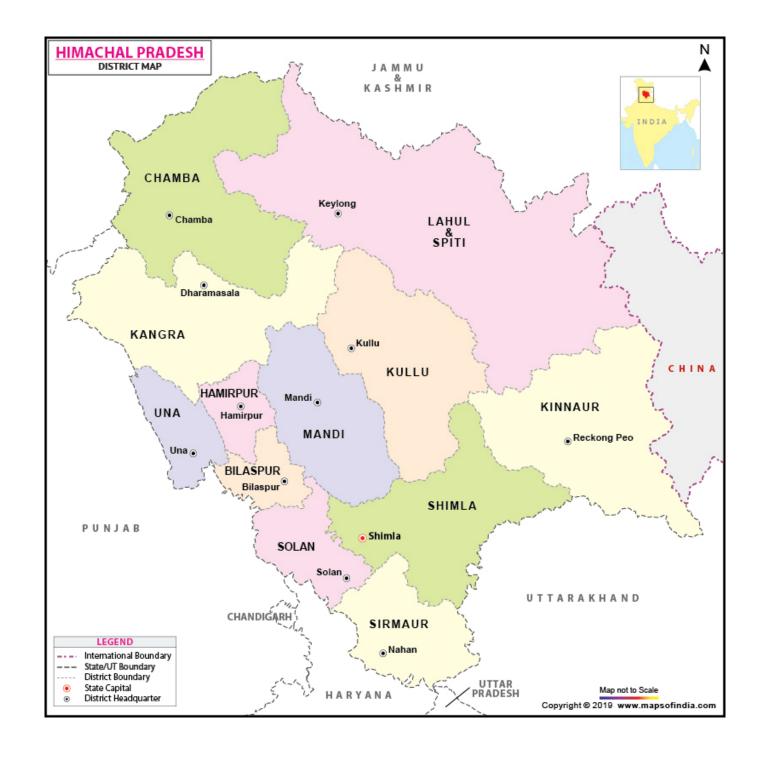
• The state of Himachal Pradesh wasn't always one big unit. It used to be made up of many small princely states, each with its own customs and culture. The Mandi, Kullu, Chamba, and Shimla Hill States were some of the most important countries. The Himalayas kept an eye on these countries and helped them grow, creating a strong bond with nature and a strong will.

The Dream of Statehood:

• In the early 1900s, the first steps toward unity were taken. In 1928, the Himachal Pradesh Praja Mandal was created out of the need for a shared identity and a place to grow. This group led the drive for statehood. It had problems and setbacks, but it never lost sight of its goal.

The Formation of Himachal Pradesh:

 Himachal Pradesh, formerly part of Punjab, faced socioeconomic and political difficulties.



Let's look more closely at the unique history of Himachal Pradesh's rise to become a state:

How the Chief Commissioner's Province Was Made?

• After India got its independence on April 15, 1948, the Chief Commissioner's province of Himachal Pradesh was created to show the new way the region's government was set up.

Part C, State and Union Territory Phase:

- The day Himachal Pradesh became a Part C state was January 26, 1950.
- Himachal Pradesh and Bilaspur joined together on July 1, 1954.
- The state of Himachal Pradesh became a Union Territory on November 1, 1956.
- On November 1, 1966, Kangra and most of the other hilly parts of Punjab were joined with Himachal Pradesh. However, it was still considered a Union Territory.

Statehood Act of 1970:

In the late 1960s, the push for full statehood gathered speed. So, in 1970, the Indian Parliament passed the State of Himachal Pradesh Act. This important legal step made it possible for the state to become a full-fledged state.

Coming into being as the 18th state:

• Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state of the Indian Union when the State of Himachal Pradesh Act went into force in January 1971.

The start of a new era:



• Himachal Pradesh was finally born on this day in 1971. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signed the State of Himachal Pradesh Act after Parliament asked her to. This gave the united entity the long-awaited title. As the first Chief Minister, Dr. Y.S. Parmar was given the huge job of building a state from scratch. He was a creative leader.

From Simple Beginnings to Great Heights:

■ A smart leader and the spirit of the people, on the other hand, made it impossible to stop. True to its name, Himachal Pradesh grew like a flower in the Himalayas. As a result, farming got better, schooling became more important, and tourism grew. This turned sleepy villages into lively towns.

The Crown Jewel of India:

• Himachal Pradesh is now a great example of how determined people can be and how powerful group dreams can be. It's more than just a state; it's a body of beautiful nature, a lot of culture diversity, and economic growth. Himachal Pradesh has a wide range of experiences that can't be found anywhere else. It has everything from apple orchards to snow-capped peaks, from old temples to modern colleges.

A Look Ahead:

• Himachal Pradesh is now 55 years old, but the problems still exist. A lot of people are worried about climate change, protecting the earth, and making sure that everyone can benefit from growth. But the people of Himachal Pradesh have a strong spirit, they love their land deeply, and they are dedicated to progress. This makes us believe that

- the state will continue to soar, reaching new levels of wealth and sustainability.
- Let us honor the state's proud history on Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day, enjoy its lively present, and work together to make the future better for this "Land of the Snows." May its mountains always reverberate with the sounds of hope, progress, and the strong will of its people.

What's the difference between Himachal Day and Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day?

• It's important to know the difference between Himachal Day and Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day because both honor different parts of the state's character. However, they commemorate specific milestones with different historical significance:

Himachal Day is on April 15th.

- Marks the establishment of Himachal Pradesh as a Union Territory: On this day in 1948, Himachal Pradesh gained an official administrative identity within independent India, unifying various hill regions under a single administration.
- Focuses on the state's cultural heritage: Celebrations typically involve showcasing traditional folk dances, music, attire, and

cuisines, highlighting the diverse cultural mosaic of Himachal Pradesh.

Today, January 25, is Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day.

- Commemorates the state's transition from Union Territory to full-fledged State: This date, in 1971, marks the culmination of long-standing aspirations for greater autonomy and recognition as a distinct political entity.
- Focuses on the political and managerial successes: Today is a celebration of the success that has been made since becoming a state in areas like building up infrastructure, improving government, and becoming economically independent.

To sum up:

- Himachal Day is a celebration of how Himachal Pradesh came to be and its culture.
- Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day is a celebration of the state's government independence and becoming a full-fledged state.
- People in Himachal Pradesh recognize both days as historical events that are worth celebrating and thinking about as they mark the state's progress.



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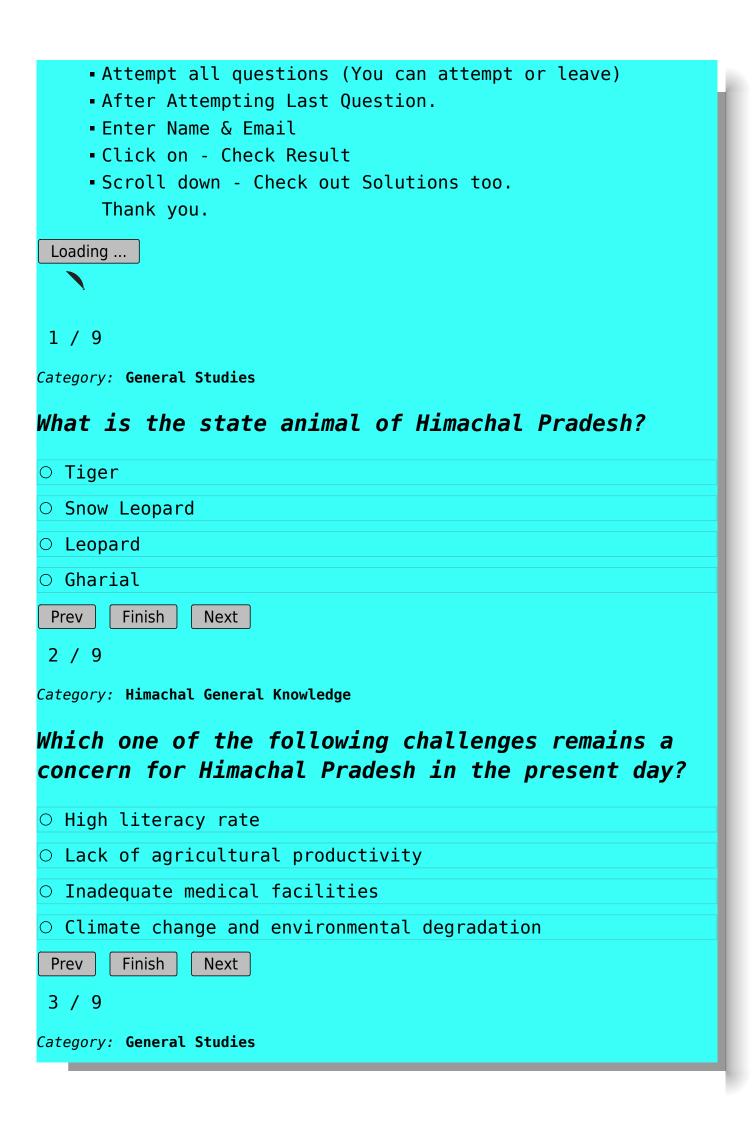
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Mains Questions:



Question 1:

"From Princely Past to Mountain Marvel": Analyze the historical journey of Himachal Pradesh, highlighting the significance of its statehood and its current challenges. (250 words)

Model Answer:

- Himachal Pradesh, adorned by the Himalayas, began as a tapestry of independent princely states. The yearning for unity led to the formation of the Himachal Pradesh Praja Mandal and culminated in statehood on 25th January 1971. This marked a transformative era, shifting focus from individual kingdoms to collective development.
- Statehood unlocked immense potential. Education

flourished, agriculture thrived, and tourism blossomed. Modern infrastructure replaced rugged pathways, and rural villages transformed into vibrant towns. Himachal Pradesh became a showcase of environmental preservation, sustainable practices, and cultural richness.

- However, challenges persist. Climate change threatens its fragile ecosystem, necessitating robust conservation efforts. Equitable development needs attention, ensuring progress reaches all corners of the state. Balancing tourism with environmental protection remains crucial.
- Himachal Pradesh, at 54, stands tall as a testament to unity, resilience, and progress. Understanding its historical journey is key to navigating its present challenges and ensuring a future that honors its natural beauty and empowers its people.

Question 2:

Critically assess the role of Himachal Pradesh in contributing to India's national goals, particularly in the areas of environment, sustainable development, and cultural preservation. (250 words)

Model Answer:

• Himachal Pradesh plays a crucial role in India's

national aspirations. Nestled in the Himalayas, it is a guardian of ecological balance, safeguarding water resources and biodiversity. Its pristine forests act as carbon sinks, combating climate change and influencing national efforts towards achieving net-zero emissions.

- The state champions sustainable development. Its focus on organic farming, eco-tourism, and renewable energy empowers communities while minimizing environmental impact. This model serves as a blueprint for replicating sustainable practices across India.
- Himachal Pradesh is a treasure trove of cultural heritage. Its diverse communities, ancient temples, and rich folk traditions contribute to India's cultural tapestry. The state actively preserves this heritage, fostering a sense of national identity and promoting cultural exchange.
- In conclusion, Himachal Pradesh goes beyond its scenic beauty. It actively contributes to India's environmental goals, promotes sustainable development, and preserves its vibrant cultural heritage. The state serves as a model for India's future, reminding us of the delicate balance between progress and environmental responsibility.
- These are just two examples, you can create more questions based on other aspects of the editorial or different historical points. Remember to focus on clear thesis statements, supporting arguments, and analytical thinking.

Remember, these are just two examples of Himachal HPAS Mains questions inspired by the current news regarding the Hattees. Feel free to modify and adapt them further to fit your specific needs and writing style. Good luck with your

preparation!



Relevance to the Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains syllabus under the following topics:



Himachal HPAS Prelims:

• History, geography, political, art & culture and socio-economic development in reference to Himachal Pradesh: This section explicitly mentions relevant aspects like the state's historical journey, political evolution, socio-economic changes, and cultural significance. Understanding the key milestones like princely states, Praja Mandal movement, and statehood would be beneficial.

• Current events of national and international importance: While the Statehood Day itself might not be explicitly mentioned, the editorial touches upon contemporary challenges like climate change and sustainable development, which are considered current events with national significance.

Himachal HPAS Mains:

• General Studies Paper: This paper covers aspects like history, polity, economy, and social issues. The editorial encompasses elements of all these, including the historical background of Himachal Pradesh, its political journey, achievements in sectors like education and tourism, and challenges surrounding development and environment. Analyzing these various facets in the context of the state could be valuable for the Mains exam.



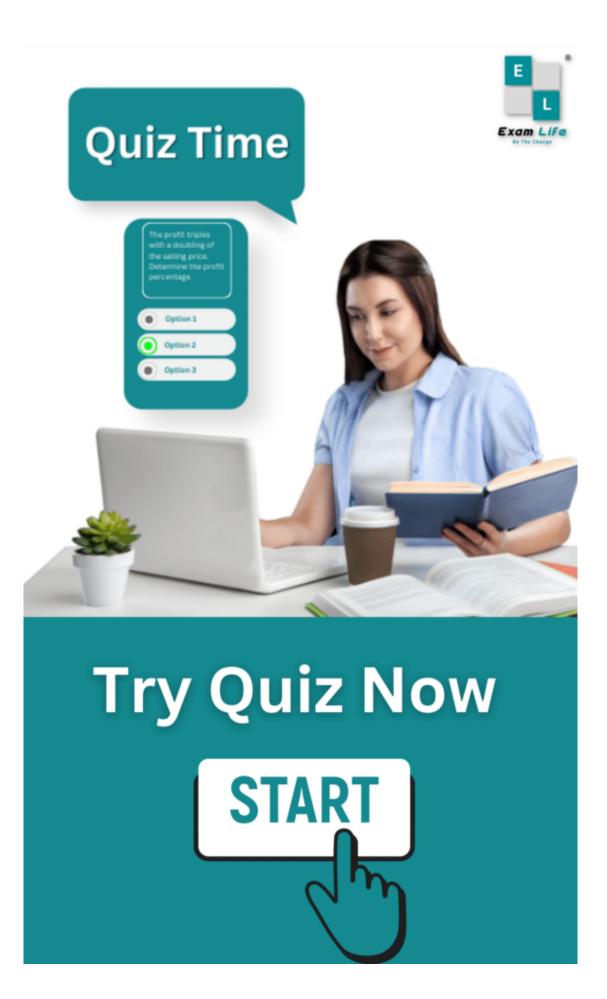
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