

India revokes status of disputed Kashmir

India's Hindu nationalist-led government has revoked the decades-old autonomous status of Indian-administered Kashmir in a bid to fully integrate the Muslim-majority state with the rest of the country

Aug 5: Status of Kashmir revoked with scrapping of **Article 370**. Thousands of extra government troops descend on region, with prohibitory orders in place against public assembly. Some internet and phone services suspended in bid to limit spread of news



Article 370: Came into effect in 1949, granting special autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir state, allowing it to have its own constitution, separate flag and decision-making rights for all matters except defence, foreign affairs and communications. **Scrapping of law means entire constitution will be applicable to Indian-administered Kashmir**

Article 35A: Provision later added under Article 370 – granting special privileges to permanent residents. People from outside Kashmir banned from permanently settling, buying land, holding local government jobs and securing education scholarships. **Lifting of ban allows Indians to invest and settle in Kashmir like any other part of India**