

India divides Jammu and Kashmir state

India has formally split up the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two new federally-administered territories, as part of a sweeping move to tighten its grip over the restive region

Division follows legislation approved by India's Parliament on August 5, which revoked Kashmir's special status



NEW TERRITORIES

1. Jammu and Kashmir

Area: **42,000 sq km**
Population: **12.3 million***

Comprises two regions – Muslim-majority **Kashmir Valley** and Hindu-majority **Jammu**

2. Ladakh

Area: **59,000 sq km**
Population: **274,289**

Two regions – **Kargil** and **Leh** – inhabited with almost equal numbers of Muslims and Buddhists