

Amit Shah Moves Kerala Name Change Bill in Lok Sabha

Union Home Minister Amit Shah moved the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha.

A bill introduced in Parliament to officially alter the name of the state of 'Kerala' to 'Keralam' under Article 3 of the Constitution.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** moved the **Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026** for consideration and passing in the **Lok Sabha**.
- The bill seeks to rename the state of Kerala as '**Keralam**' in the **First Schedule** of the Constitution.
- The **National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026** was also set for consideration during the Monsoon Session.
- The name change process follows a **resolution** passed unanimously by the **Kerala State Legislative Assembly** requesting the Centre to rename the state.
- Reports of various **Parliamentary Standing Committees** were presented on **Day 17** of the Monsoon Session.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 3 of the Indian Constitution empowers **Parliament** to form new States and alter areas, boundaries, or names of existing States.

A bill for altering a state's name can be introduced in Parliament only on the prior **recommendation** of the **President**.

Before recommending the bill, the **President** must refer it to the concerned **State Legislature** for expressing its views within a specified period.

Parliament is not **bound** by the views expressed by the State Legislature regarding state name alteration or **bound** any changes.

A bill for state name alteration under **Article 3** requires a **Simple Majority** in both Houses of Parliament to be enacted.

First Schedule of the Indian Constitution specifies the list of **States and Union Territories** along with their territorial extent.

Article 4 clarifies that laws made under Article 3 for altering state names are not considered Constitutional Amendments under **Article 368**.

National Cooperative Development Corporation (**NCDC**) was established as a statutory corporation under an Act of Parliament in **1963**.

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Article 3 empowers Parliament to alter state names by a simple majority upon Presidential recommendation.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for TNPSC Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 exams under Unit 5 (Polity - Article 3, Union & Territories, Parliamentary Procedures).

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