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India Exercises 'Right of Reply' at UN to Counter Pakistan on Kashmir

India exercised its Right of Reply at the United Nations General Assembly to reject Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif's remarks on Jammu and Kashmir.

The 'Right of Reply' is a procedural right under the UN General Assembly rules allowing member states to respond to statements made by other delegations.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- India exercised its **Right of Reply** at the **United Nations General Assembly** to counter false narratives raised by Pakistan.
- Indian representative Ms. Gahlot asserted that the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** is an **integral and inalienable part** of India.
- The response came after Pakistan PM **Shehbaz Sharif** raised the Kashmir issue and referred to US President **Donald Trump**'s intervention in the 2025 conflict.
- India described Pakistan as a **puppet regime** and warned that state-sponsored **terrorism** will face consequences.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The 'Right of Reply' is governed by **Rule 73** of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**).

Under **Article 1** of the Indian **Constitution**, India is a Union of States, and its territory includes the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The **Simla Agreement of 1972**, signed by **Indira Gandhi** and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, mandates that all India-Pakistan disputes must be resolved bilaterally.

The **Lahore Declaration of 1999**, signed by **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** and Nawaz Sharif, reaffirmed the commitment to resolve all issues bilaterally, including Jammu and Kashmir.

The United Nations was established on **October 24, 1945**, and India is one of its **founding members**.

The UN General Assembly (**UNGA**) is the main deliberative organ of the UN, where all **193 member states** have equal representation.

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Rule 73 of the UN General Assembly rules of procedure governs the 'Right of Reply' for member states.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 5 (Polity - International Relations) and Unit 2 (Current Events - India & World).

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