

Ladakh: New Districts, Tehsils, and Political Aspirations

The Centre is implementing new measures in Ladakh, including extending Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Act benefits to seven new districts and creating 17 new tehsils.

Ladakh, a Union Territory without a legislature since 2019, is undergoing administrative restructuring while facing demands for Statehood and Sixth Schedule inclusion.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Ladakh** was carved out as a **Union Territory (UT)** without a legislature from the erstwhile State of **J&K** in **2019**.
- The benefits of the **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Act** are being extended to all **seven newly created districts**.
- Additionally, **17 newly created tehsils** have been established in the **Union Territory**.
- Major socio-religious groupings, **Leh Apex Body (LAB)** and **Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA)**, have campaigned for **Statehood status**.
- These groupings also demand the inclusion of **Ladakh** in the **Sixth Schedule list** of the **Constitution**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Sixth Schedule** of the **Indian Constitution** provides for the administration of **tribal areas** in **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram**.

Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) are established under the **Sixth Schedule** to administer these **tribal areas**.

Ladakh became a **Union Territory** on **October 31, 2019**, following the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**.

The **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Act** was enacted to provide for **local self-governance** in the region.

Article 244 of the **Constitution** deals with the administration of **Scheduled Areas** and **tribal areas**.

The **J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019**, bifurcated the erstwhile state of **Jammu and Kashmir** into two **Union Territories**: **J&K** and **Ladakh**.

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Ladakh gets new districts/tehsils; demands Sixth Schedule inclusion.

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