Survey of India Standardises Names of 28 Geographical Features in Ladakh

The Central Government and Ladakh UT administration standardised names of 28 geographical places on the official Survey of India map.

It is an official cartographic standardisation of landforms and water bodies in Ladakh to ensure uniform public and administrative recognition.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Government of India**, in consultation with Ladakh UT administration, standardised **28 geographical places** on official maps.
- The mapping exercise was conducted through the **Survey of India** (SoI), the national survey and mapping agency.
- The standardised features comprise **11 peaks**, **5 mountains**, 6 land areas, and 1 valley.
- The list also includes **2 glaciers**, **2 mountain passes**, 1 river, 1 lake, and 1 water body.
- This standardisation aims to remove spelling ambiguities and ensure accurate **geographical records** for national defense and public use.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Survey of India (SoI) is India's oldest engineering department, established in **1767** under the **Ministry of Science and Technology**.

Ladakh was established as a Union Territory without legislature on **October 31, 2019** under the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**.

Siachen Glacier, located in the **Karakoram Range** of eastern Ladakh, is known as the world's highest battlefield.

Khardung La and **Chang La** are major strategic high-altitude mountain passes located in the Ladakh region.

Pangong Tso is an endorheic lake in the Himalayas situated at an elevation of **4,225 metres**, shared between India and China.

The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India commenced in **1802** from **Madras** under **William Lambton** and George Everest.

Indus River enters India in the Ladakh region at **Demchok** before flowing through Leh.

REVISION FLASHCARD

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Syllabus Relevance: Important for Geography questions regarding Ladakh passes, lakes, Survey of India, and physical features of Northern mountains.

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