

Reorganisation of States

1. Post-Partition Challenge:

- Nation-building continued after partition and integration of Princely States.
- Internal boundaries of Indian states needed redefinition.
- Aim: Reflect linguistic and cultural plurality without harming national unity.

2. Colonial State Boundaries:

- Based on administrative convenience.
- Aligned with British annexations or princely territories.

3. Pre-Independence Stand:

- National movement rejected colonial divisions as artificial.
- Linguistic principle was accepted for state formation.
- Congress (Nagpur session, 1920) reorganized itself on linguistic lines.