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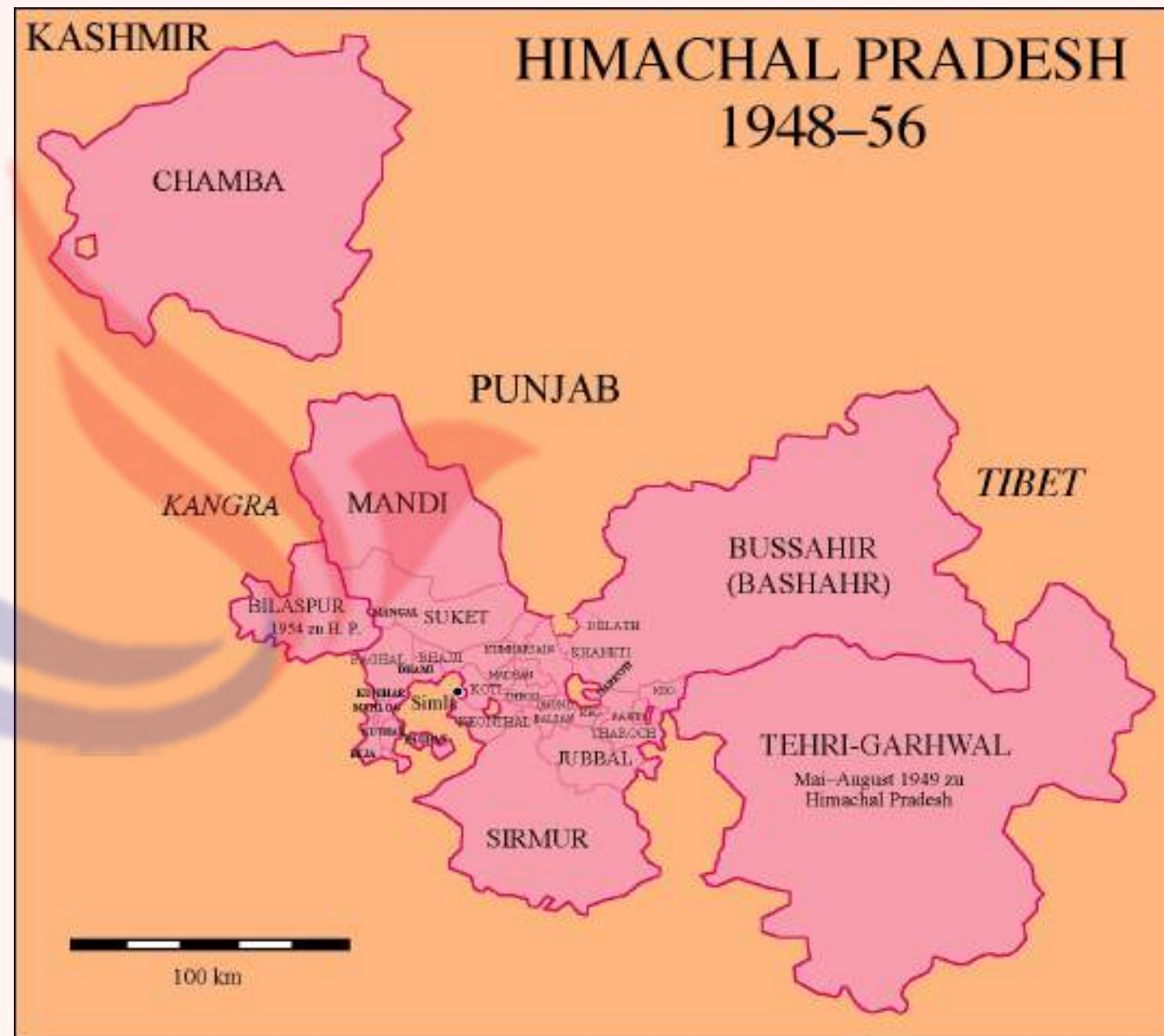


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**FORMATION OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

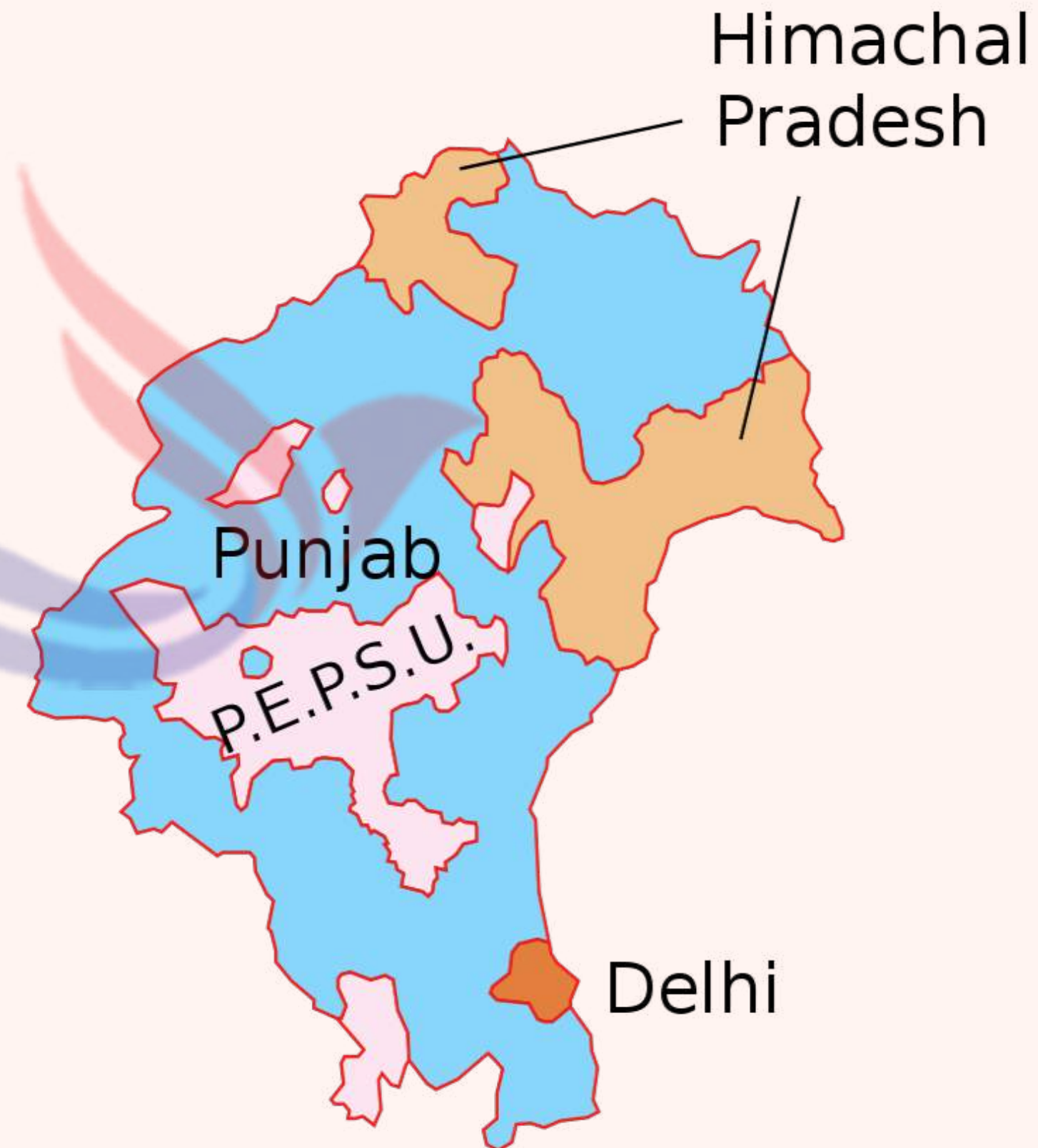
15 APRIL 1948

- In 1948 "Himalayan Prant Provisional Government" was set up, headed by **Shiva Nand Ramaul** to ensure the merger of the hill states with Indian Union.
- Himachal Pradesh in its present form came into being as a 'Chief Commissioner province' of the Indian Union on **15th April 1948** as a result of merger of 30 erstwhile princely states of Punjab and Shimla hills.
- These states were Baghat, Bhajji, Baghal, Bejar, Balsan, Bushahar, Chamba, Darkoti, Delath, Dhadi, Dhami, Ghund, Jubbal, Khaneti, Koti, Kumarsain, Kunihar, Kuthar, Mandi, Madhan, Mahlog, Mangal, Ratesh, Keonthal, Rawingarh, Sangri, Sirmaur, Suket, Tharoch and Theog.
- All these areas at that time constituted four districts viz. **Chamba, Mahasu, Mandi and Sirmaur** with an area of **27,018 sq kms**.



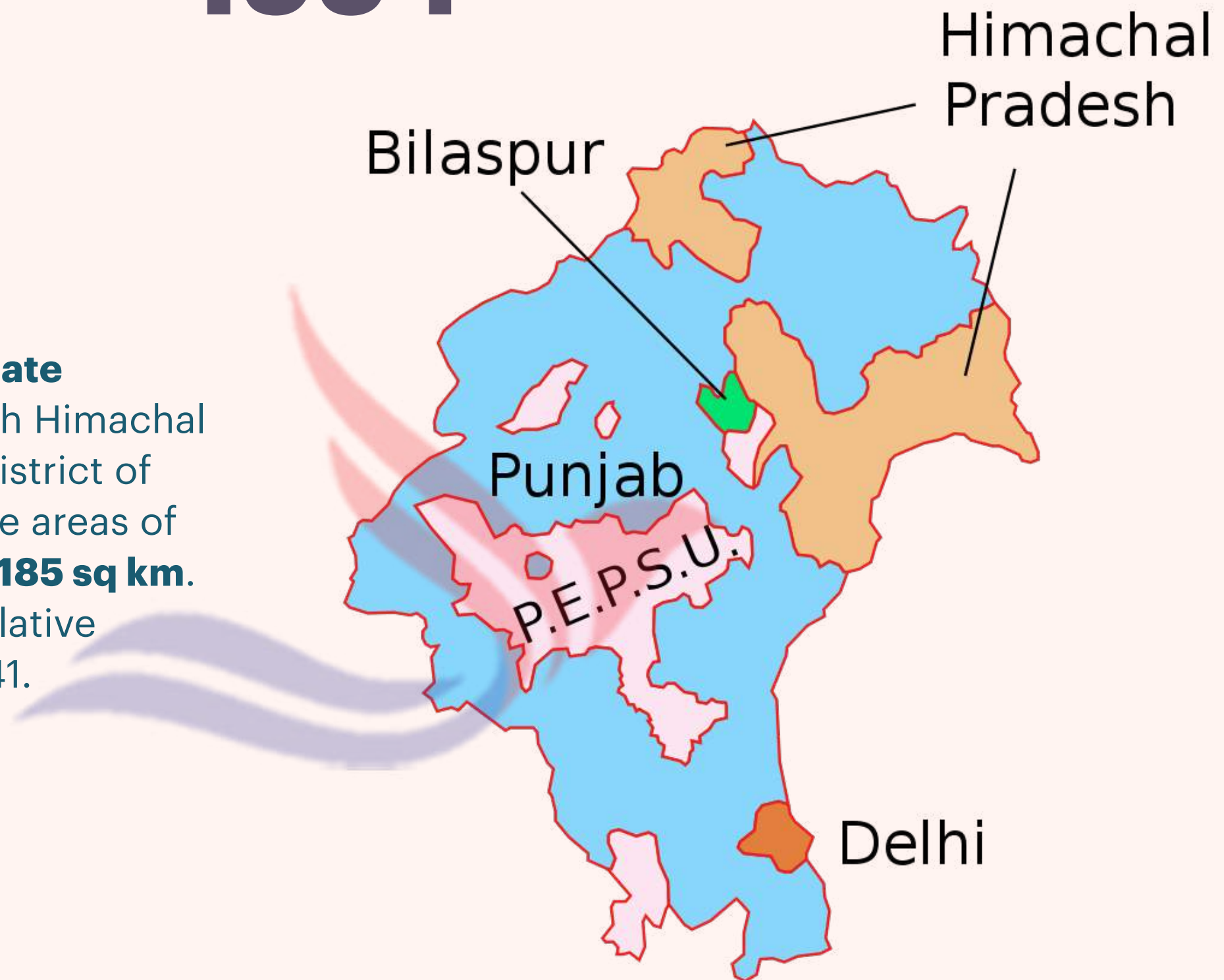
1950

- In 1950, Under Absorption of Conclave order:
- Two villages of Uttar Pradesh Sangog and **Bhandar** were included in **Jubbal** tehsil.
- **Chabrot area of PEPSU was merged in Kasumpati** Tehsil in exchange of seven villages of Kasumpi tehsil which were given to Punjab (Sanjhauli, Wanna, Bhari, Bharari, Kasumpati, Kato, Rampur).



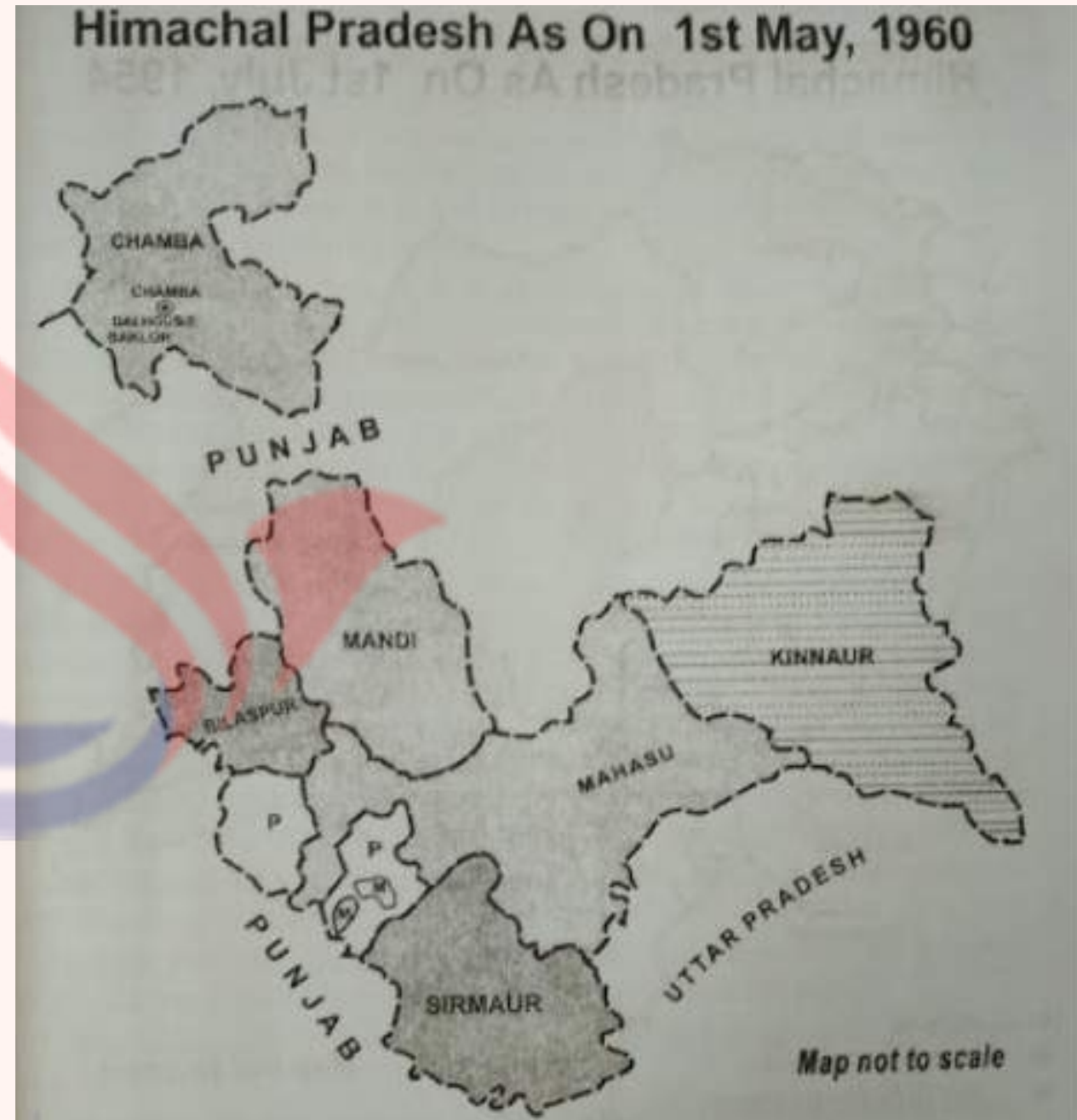
1954

- On July 1, 1954 **Part 'C' state Bilaspur** was merged with Himachal Pradesh. It became 5th district of Himachal Pradesh and the areas of the state increased to **28185 sq km**. The strength of the Legislative Assembly also raised to 41.



1960

- On 1st May 1960, **Kinnaur** was carved out of Chinni tehsil of Mahasu and 14 villages of Rampur Tehsil were also added to it.
- **Kinnaur** became 6th district of Himachal Pradesh.



1966

- On 1st November, 1966, the Punjab state was reorganised with the formation of Haryana as a separate state and merger of the then Kullu, Kangra, Shimla and some hilly areas of Hoshiarpur district and Dalhousie of Gurdaspur district into Himachal Pradesh constituting four new district viz. **Kullu, Lahaul-Spiti, Kangra and Shimla** in Himachal Pradesh and merging Dalhousie into Chamba district.
- With this addition the Himachal Pradesh constituted of ten districts, with an area of **55,673 sq. kms.** and a population of 28.12lakh according to 1961 population census.



1972

- On September 1, 1972, Hamirpur and Una districts were carved out of the Kangra District while Shimla and Mahasu were reorganized to Shimla and Solan Districts.
- Now the number of districts in H.P. raised from ten to twelve viz Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul, Spiti, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, Solan and Una.

