



Kerala Seeks Renaming to Keralam

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Recently, the **Kerala Assembly** unanimously passed a resolution asking the Centre to rename the state as “**Keralam**” in the Constitution.

- [Article 3](#) of the Indian Constitution empowers the Centre to change the name of existing states which also needs amendment in the **name of the state listed under Article 1** of the constitution.
- **Kerala** is the **English word** for the **Malyali Keralam** and the earliest mention of the word can be found in [Emperor Ashoka's Rock Edict II](#) of 257 BCE which mentions “**Keralaputra**”.
 - **Keralaputra** in Sanskrit literally means “**son of Kerala**” which refers to the dynasty of the **Cheras**, one of the three main kingdoms of southern India (the other two dynasties being **Chola and Pandya**).
- The demand for a **united Malayalam-speaking state was first raised in the 1920s** and after independence, in 1949, the state of **Travancore-Cochin** was formed by integrating the **two Malayalam-speaking princely states of Travancore and Cochin**.
- Based on the recommendation of the [State Reorganisation Commission](#), the state of **Kerala** was finally created on a linguistic basis.

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