

Uttar Pradesh to Commemorate Partition Horrors

Why in News?

According to the sources, The **Uttar Pradesh** government is preparing to observe <u>Partition Horrors</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u> on **14th August, 2024.**

Key Points

- In order to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the partition of India, it has been decided to commemorate the 'Partition Horrors Memorial Day'.
- It serves as a powerful reminder to eliminate discrimination, animosity, and ill will, while also inspiring unity, social harmony, and the empowerment of humanity.
- On this occasion, the state government will organize various events and programs across the 75 districts of the state.
 - Films and documentaries related to the 'Partition' will be screened in schools, colleges, and universities, as well as at the exhibition site.
 - Students of various educational institutions will be taken on a tour of these exhibitions and they should be made aware of this historical event.

Partition of India

- The Partition of India in 1947 was a pivotal moment in South Asian history, leading to the division of British India into two independent countries: India and Pakistan.
 - This separation was based on religious distinctions, with India emerging as a predominantly Hindu nation and Pakistan being established as a separate homeland for Muslims.
- The partition was a response to **escalating religious tensions** and the demands for distinct nations.
- The process was characterized by widespread violence and mass migrations, as millions of people moved between the two newly formed nations.
- The partition triggered one of the largest and most tragic human migrations in history, accompanied by communal riots and interreligious conflict.
 - The legacy of the partition continues to influence the region, with ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, especially over the contested region of Kashmir.

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