

'President Of Bharat' On G20 Invite Triggers Row

History Of The Nation's Names

Why In The News?

- A Shift From "India" To "Bharat" On President Draupadi Murmu's **G20 Invitations To Foreign Leaders** Triggered A Huge Row, With The Opposition Accusing The Ruling BJP Of **Rebranding The Nation** Over Political One-upmanship.
- For The First Time, Official Invites To Heads Of State For A Dinner On September 9 In Delhi Are From The "**President Of Bharat**" Instead Of The Traditional "**President Of India**".

DESIGNATIONS IN G20 DINNER INVITE BY PRESIDENT, GOVT NOTE ON PM'S INDONESIA VISIT

President of Bharat, Prime Minister of Bharat now official, Govt says India name change talk a rumour

Shows mindset if anyone objects to Bharat, says Union Minister Thakur

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BARELY TWO weeks before Parliament meets for a special session, the agenda of which is still under wraps, a political row erupted Tuesday over the name of the country after the government sent out a G20 Summit dinner invitation in the name of the "President of Bharat", and not the President of India.

As the Opposition attacked the ruling BJP, a government booklet on the Prime Minister's visit to Indonesia for the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit referred to Narendra Modi as the "Prime Minister of Bharat".

It was tweeted by BJP spokesperson Sanjay Prasad who too mentioned "Prime Minister



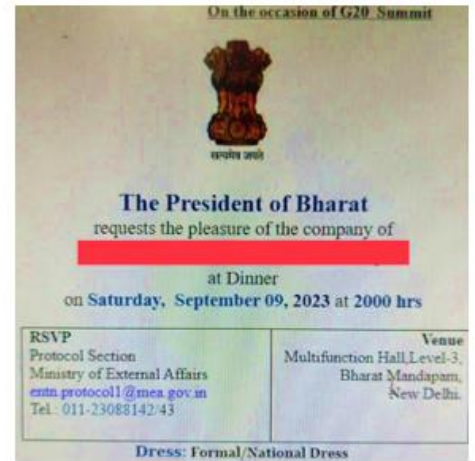
President Draupadi Murmu, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan with M Bhaskar, one of the recipients of the National Award for teachers, in New Delhi Tuesday. *ans Aan Anay*

Out to divide, BJP rattled by INDIA: Opp: Sonia writing to PM on session

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AS THE government sent out a dinner invitation for the G20 Summit in the name of the "President of Bharat", and not President of India, a political row erupted Tuesday with members of the Opposition INDIA bloc -- from the Congress to TMC, DMK to AAP -- alleging it was an attempt by the "ruffian" BJP to "divide people", "distort history" and linked to the formation of their alliance.

Later in the day, the Congress Parliamentary Party asked its



Speculation Of An Official Change

- There Is Speculation Of An Official Change In The Name Of The Country From India To Bharat, Even Though **Article 1 Of The Constitution** Uses The Two Names Interchangeably: "**India, That Is Bharat, Shall Be A Union Of States.**" Even RBI & Railways Already Have Hindi Variants With "**Bharatiya**" In Them.
- In June 2020, The **Supreme Court Had Dismissed A PIL** Seeking To **Remove "India"** From The Constitution And **Retain Only Bharat** In Order To "Ensure The Citizens Of This Country...get Over The Colonial Past" Saying: "India Is Already Called Bharat In The Constitution Itself."



Origin Of The Name 'Bharat'

- The Roots Of **"Bharat", "Bharata", Or "Bharatavarsha"** Are Traced Back To Puranic Literature, And To The Epic Mahabharata. The Puranas Describe Bharata As The **Land Between The "Sea In The South And The Abode Of Snow In The North"**.
- Bharata In The Sense Of A **Religious And Socio-cultural Entity, Rather Than A Political Or Geographical One**. Bharata Is Also The **Name Of The Ancient King Of Legend Who Was The Ancestor Of The Rig Vedic Tribe Of The Bharatas, And By Extension, The Progenitor Of All Peoples Of The Subcontinent**.



From Where Does Word 'India' & 'Hindustan' Come?

- The Name **Hindustan** Is Thought To Have Derived From '**Hindu**', The Persian Cognate Form Of The Sanskrit '**Sindhu**' (**Indus**), Which Came Into Currency With The **Achaemenid Persian Conquest** Of The Indus Valley Around 6th Century BC.
- The Greeks, Who Had Acquired Knowledge Of 'Hind' From The Achaemenids, Transliterated The Name As '**Indus**'. By The Time, The Macedonian King **Alexander Invaded India** In The 3rd Century BC, 'India' Had Come To Be Identified With The Region Beyond The Indus.



- By The Time Of The **Early Mughals** (16th Century), The Name 'Hindustan' Was Used To Describe The **Entire Indo-Gangetic Plain**. From The Late 18th Century Onwards, **British** Maps Increasingly Began To Use The Name '**India**', And '**Hindustan**' Started To Lose Its Association With All Of South Asia.



'Bharat' And 'India' In The Constitution

- In His Monumental '**Discovery Of India**', Nehru Referred To "**India**", "**Bharata**" And "**Hindustan**": "Often, As I Wandered From Meeting To Meeting, I Spoke To My Audiences Of This India Of Ours, Of Hindustan And Of Bharata, The Old Sanskrit Name Derived From The Mythical Founders Of The Race."
- But When The Question Of Naming India In The Constitution Arose, '**Hindustan**' Was **Dropped**, And Both 'Bharat' And 'India' Were Retained. During The Constituent Assembly Debates The "**Name And Territory Of The Union**" Was Taken Up For Discussion On **September 17, 1949**.
- Right From The Time The First Article Was Read Out As "**India, That Is Bharat, Shall Be A Union Of States**", A Division Arose Among The Members. There Were Quite A Few Members Who Were Against The Use Of The Name 'India', Which They Saw As Being A Reminder Of The Colonial Past.

