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### The Union and Its Territory

- Article 1 says, India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States.
- India has opted for the Federal form of Government due to its large size and socio-cultural diversities, but the word 'Federation' does not find mention in the Constitution.
- The term 'Union' was suggested by Dr BR. Ambedkar, which indicates two things, first, Indian Union is not a result of agreement of independent and sovereign states, and second, the Units/States do not have right to secede from the Union.
- Union of India includes only the States which share federal powers with the Centre.
- India is an indestructible Union of destructible States.
- The Drafting Committee thought that it was better to make it clear at the outset, rather than leave it to speculation.
- The expression 'Union of India' needs to be distinguished from the expression 'Territory of India'
- While the Union of India includes only the States which share federal powers with the Centre, Territory of India includes the entire territory over which the sovereignty of the country is exercised.
- Apart from the States, the territory of the country includes the Union Territories and other territories acquired by India.

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