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Official Language Status by State (Source: The Hindu)

- **Article 345 (Part XVII) of the Indian Constitution deals with the power of a State to adopt one or more languages used in the State or Hindi for the official purposes of the State.**
 - The legislature of a State may, by law, adopt any one or more of the languages in use in the State, or Hindi, as the official language(s) for all or any of its official purposes.
 - The language chosen by a State does not have to be listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; it simply needs to be a language in use within that State (or Hindi).
 - Until the State Legislature enacts a law stating otherwise, English continues to be used for all State official purposes for which it was being used before the commencement of the Constitution.
 - Article 345 operates subject to provisions governing inter-State and Union-State communications (Article 346) and the President's power to recognize a language spoken by a substantial section of a State's population (Article 347).
- **Recent Update:** Tulu became the official language of Karnataka.

2 East Sea (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location:** The East Sea (known internationally and predominantly as the Sea of Japan) is a marginal sea of the western Pacific Ocean located in East Asia.
- **Borders:** It is bordered by the Japanese archipelago (Honshu, Hokkaido, and Kyushu) and Sakhalin Island, the Korean Peninsula and the Russian mainland (Primorsky Krai).
- **Connections:** It connects to neighboring seas and the Pacific Ocean via several narrow straits, including the Korea Strait, Tsugaru Strait, La Pérouse (Sōya) Strait, and the Strait of Tartary.
- **Major Ocean Basin:** Japan Basin, Yamato Basin, and Tsushima Basin.





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3 Recent Military Exercises in News (Source: The Hindu)

Exercise	Features
Exercise Veer Guardian 2026	• Countries: Bilateral air combat exercise between the India and Japan • Host: Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026	• Countries: Bilateral army exercise between India and USA • Host: Auli, Uttarakhand
Exercise SLINEX-26	• Countries: Bilateral navy exercise between India and Sri Lanka • Host: Visakhapatnam