

Renaming of Places and Rivers in Northern India Proposed by Dr. Amartya Kumar Bhattacharya

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I propose that names of certain places and rivers in northern India be changed.

First of all, in view of the fact that West Bengal has a large population and a high population density, West Bengal should be split into two states of roughly equal population. The eastern part should be renamed Vanga and the western part should be renamed Anga.

As far as possible, the names prevailing in northern India in ancient times should be followed. Accordingly,

Tamluk should be changed to Tamralipti;

Patna should be changed to Pataliputra;

Rajgir should be changed to Rajagriha;

Uttar Pradesh should be changed to Koshala;

Uttarakhand should be changed to Himavant;

Ujjain should be changed to Ujjayini;

Ajmer should be changed to Ajayameru;

Haryana should be changed to Kurusthana;

Chambal should be changed to Champavati;

Betwa should be changed to Betravati;

Odisha should be changed to Kalinga;

Bihar, north of the Ganga, should be subtitled Vaishali;

Bihar, south of the Ganga, should be subtitled Magadha;

Gujarat should be renamed Surashtra;

eastern Maharashtra should be subtitled Vidarbha and western, that is coastal, Maharashtra should be subtitled Aparantaka.

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