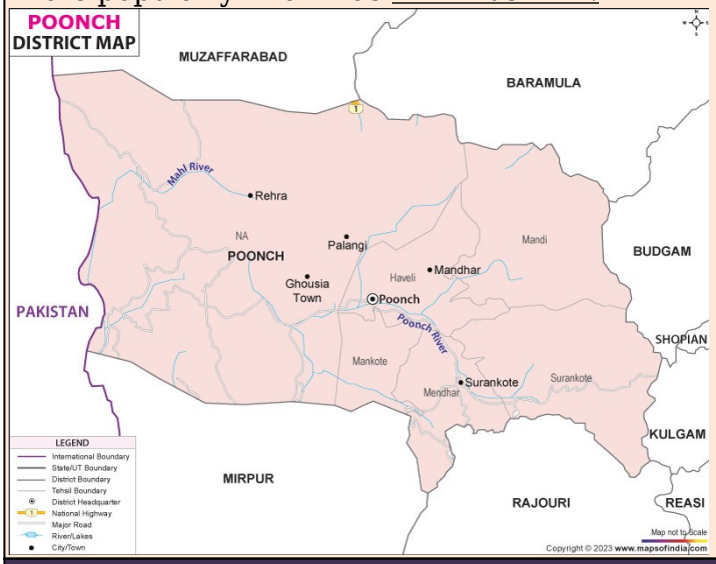
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Geography

Poonch District

• It is a border district of J &K situated on the Line of Control (LoC).
• **Located in** – West of State bordering Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.
• **Major part** – Occupied by *Pakistan* which is a part of Azad Kashmir territory.
• **Separated from** – Kashmir Valley by gigantic Pir Panjal range.
• **Trade** – Poonch holds a prominent place on the world map for trade along the LoC, particularly at the Chakka-Da-Bagh crossing.
• It is popularly known as *Mini Kashmir.*



Polity & Governance

Launched 41 new books under PM YUVA 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors)

• **Launched in** – *2022*.
• **Initiated by –** Ministry of Education.
• **Part of** – India@75 Project (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).
• **Theme** – Democracy (institutions, events, people, constitutional values – past, present, future).
• **Aim** – An *author mentorship programme to train young and budding authors* (below 30 years of age) to promote reading, writing & book culture in the country and Indian writings globally.
• **National Book Trust -** It will be translated into other Indian languages ensuring the exchange of culture and literature, thereby promoting **'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.**

Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)
• **Launched in** – *1983*.
• **Initiated by –** Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
• **Umbrella scheme** – Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanraks Han Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).
• **Aim** – To procure perishable agricultural product like tomatoes, onions, potatoes & fruits, where the MSP does not apply.
• **Procurement limit of crops –** Increased from the existing *20%-25%.*

Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
• **Launched in** – *2003*.
• **Initiated by –** Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
• **PMEGP** – It is a major *credit-linked subsidy programme*.
• **Aims** – To Generate jobs by creating micro-enterprises in both rural and urban areas and connect traditional artisans with unemployed youth for local self-employment.
• **Timeline** – *5 years* (2021-2026).

DND 3.0 (Do Not Disturb) App
• **Launched by –** Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
• **Updated Features** – An intelligent *spam detection engine* (for SMS only) to assist the subscriber in reporting.
• **Key Features**
  - Crowdsourcing data to quickly detect unregistered telemarketers.
  - Updates on actions taken regarding complaints within the App.
  - Improved interface and setup for user convenience.

National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF)
• **Established on** – *1965*.
• **Nodal Agency**- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
• **Registered under** – Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002.
• **NCCF** – It is an *apex organization* for the Consumer Cooperatives.
• **Functions –** The organization aims to enhance the consumer cooperative movement.

Security

Aero India 2025
• **Organized by:**
  - Ministry of Defence
  - Defence Exhibition Organisation.
  - Department of Defence Production.
• **Theme –** The Runway to a Billion Opportunities
• **Aero India** – It is a *biennial air show and aviation exhibition* held in Bengaluru.
• **Venue** - Yelahanka Air Force Station.
• It is India's premier aerospace and defence exhibition where global aero vendors and the Indian Air Force (IAF) thrill the spectators with back-to-back aerobatic flying displays.

Manthan 2025
• **Part of** – Aero India 2025, Bengaluru.
• **Organized by:**
  - Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO)
  - Department of Defence Production.
• **Manthan** – It is a flagship *annual defence innovation event*.

Science

CE20 Cryogenic Engine

• **Developed by** – Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre of ISRO.
• **CE20** – It is an indigenous cryogenic engine powering the upper stage of LVM3 (3 stage medium-lift launch vehicle).
• With a multi-element igniter under vacuum conditions, which simulates the engine ignition in the vacuum condition of space.
• **ISRO Test** – It also conducts *successful sea level hot test* of this engine, which paving the way for future missions.

Miscellaneous

World Radio Day

• It is celebrated on the *13th of February* each year.
• **Theme of 2025 –** Radio and Climate Change.
• **Aim** – To raise awareness about the importance of radio in all its forms, particularly in rural and underserved areas.
• **Celebrated** – To acknowledge and celebrate the significance of radio in shaping society and culture globally.
• **Recognize –** The importance of radio in promoting information, education, and entertainment across diverse communities.

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