

Instrument of Accession

- The rulers of the most of the states signed a document called the 'Instrument of Accession' but accession of the Junagarh, Hyderabad, Kashmir and Manipur proved more difficult than the rest.

- After initial resistance, in September 1948, Hyderabad was merged with Indian Union, by a military operation.

- The Government of India succeeded in pressurising the Maharaja of Manipur into signing a Merger Agreement in September, 1949. The government did so without consulting the popularly elected Legislative Assembly of Manipur.