

## INDIAN HISTORY

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### Indian History PDF

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**Indian History:** Indian History is a topic of interest to many people in India including foreigners because of the cultures and civilizations which existed in this sub-continent. History of India can be studied under political, cultural, religious or economic heads.

#### History of India

Indian History can be classified into three periods

Ancient India

Medieval India

Modern India

#### Ancient India (Pre-historic to AD 700)

- The History of India begins with the Indus Valley Civilization and the coming of the Aryans.
- These two phases are generally names has the pre-Vedic and Vedic periods.
- Ancient India can have a study under other heads like Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic period based on the type of stone/ metal tools people used.

#### Paleolithic Period (2 million BC – 10,000 BC)

- In Paleolithic, the discovery of Period Fire has taken place.
- In this period tools design is done by using limestone.

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- Important Paleolithic sites: Bhimbetka (M.P), Hunsgi, Kurnool Caves, Narmada Valley (Hathnora, M.P), Kaladgi Basin

### Mesolithic Period (10,000 BC – 8,000 BC)

- Major Climatic Change happened during this period
- Domestication of animals ie Cattle rearing started
- Microliths found at Brahmagiri (Mysore), Narmada, Vindya, Gujarat

### Neolithic Period (8000 BC – 4,000 BC)

- During this period Agriculture Started
- The discovery of Wheel has taken place in this period

#### Important Neolithic Sites:

- Burzahom(Kashmir)
- Gufkral(Kashmir)
- Mehrgarh(Pakistan)
- Chirand(Bihar)
- Daojali Hading(Tripura/Assam)
- Koldihwa(UP)
- Mahagara(UP)
- Hallur(AP)
- Paiyampalli(AP)
- Maski
- Kodekal

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### Brief history of India

#### Chalcolithic Period (4000 BC – 1,500 BC)

- This age is called as Copper Age.
- It is a part of Bronze Age.
- Indus Valley Civilization (BC 2700 – BC 1900).
- Also cultures at Brahmagiri, Navada Toli (Narmada region), Mahishadal (W.Bengal), Chirand (Ganga region)

#### Iron Age (BC 1500 – BC 200)

Vedic Period (Arrival of Aryans ie. BC 1600 – BC 600) has taken place in this period i.e Nearly 1000 years



- Jainism and Buddhism are the main religions in this period
- Mahajanapadas the major Civilization after Indus Valley is on banks of river Ganga.
- Magadha empire – Bimbisara of Haryanka Kula
- Sisunga dynasty – Kalasoka (Kakavarnin)
- Nanda empire – Mahapadma-Nanda, Dhana-Nanda
- Persian- Greek: Alexander 327 BC

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### Mauryan Empire (321-185 BC)

#### Important rules of Mauryan Empire:

- Chandra Gupta Maurya
- Bindusara
- Asoka

### Gupta Kingdom (300AD – 800AD): Classical Period

#### Important ruler of Gupta Period

Samudra Gupta (Indian Napoleon)

#### Medieval India (AD 700 – AD 1857)

Kingdoms of South India During Medieval India

- Bhamini
- Vijayanagara
- Delhi Sultanate (1206 AD – 1526 AD)

The following dynasties flourished one after the other during the Delhi Sultanate period.

- Slave Dynasty
- Kilji Dynasty
- Tuglaq Dynasty
- Sayyid Dynasty
- Lodi Dynasty



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### Mughals (AD 1526 – AD 1857)

#### Mughal Empire Family Tree



- The Mughals from Babar (1526) to Aurangzeb (1707) were more powerful and hence known as Great Mughals.
- Mughals who ruling is from 1707 to 1857 is Later Mughals.
- During this period, there was arrival of Europeans
- Marathas and Sikh are the other Kingdoms of North India.

### Modern India (AD 1857 to present)

- In 1857 the first War of Indian Independence has started
- Formation of Indian National Congress has taken place in 1885.
- In 1906 they took the formation of Muslim League.
- Non-Co-operation Movement took a start in the year 1920.
- In the year 1930, the Civil Disobedience Movement has taken place.
- Quit India Movement started in the year 1942.
- In the year 1947 Partition of India has taken place from Pakistan and India won Independence from British people.
- From 1946 to 1950 the Constitutional Development of India took place.
- During this period, there were wars between India- Pakistan, and India-China.
- Formation of Bangladesh has taken place during this period
- New Economic Policy of 1991

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- Nuclear, Space and Defense Development.
- New notes like 2000 and 200 came in to force during the period.

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