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GEOGRAPHY

UNIVERSE

- The Universe includes planets, stars, galaxies, the contents of intergalactic space, the smallest subatomic particles, and all matter and energy. Estimated age of the universe is about 13.82 billion years. The study of universe is known as **Cosmology**.
- **The Big Bang theory** is the most accepted explanation about the origin of universe. As per this theory, all matter was condensed into one point. Later this point exploded and started expanding and thus we have the present universe.

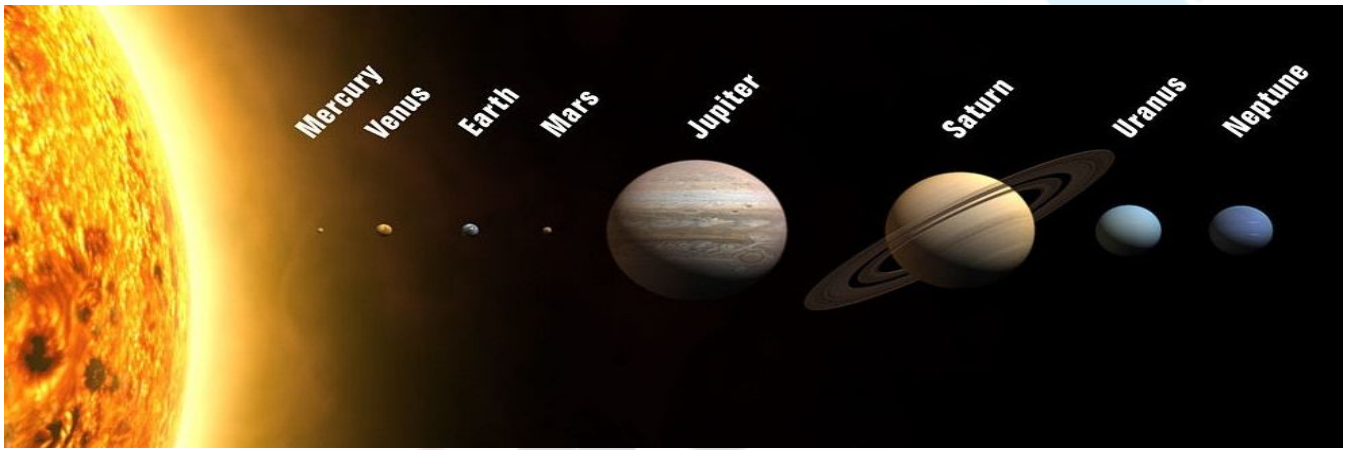
Galaxy:-

A galaxy is a huge system of billions of stars, and clouds of dust and gases. There are millions of such galaxies that make the Universe.

- Our solar system is a part of a galaxy called **Milky Way** or **Akash Ganga**

Solar system

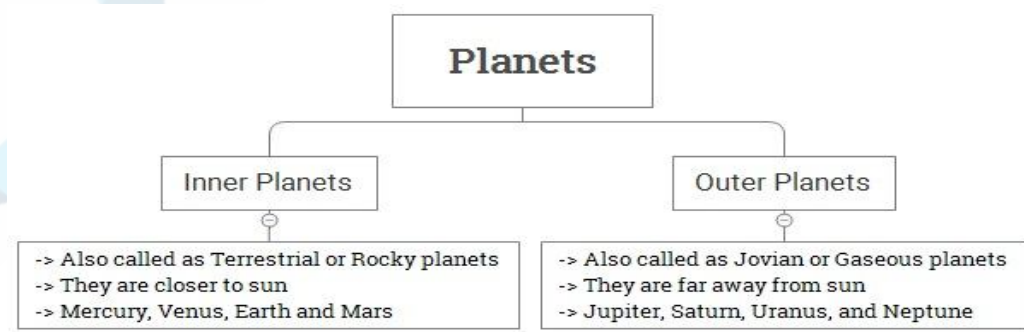
The sun, the eight planets along with their respective satellites, the asteroids and meteoroids, the comets, the interplanetary dust and the electrically charged gases called plasma, together make up the solar system.



The Sun: The Sun is at the centre of the solar system and it is the nearest star to the sun.

- One **Astronomical Unit** (The average distance between the Sun and the Earth) = 150 million km
- Nuclear Fusion reaction is going on inside the Sun. In this process, two hydrogen atoms combine to form a helium atom. The energy released during this process is emitted and the solar energy which reaches our planet is part of that energy.
- Time taken by sunlight to reach the Earth = 8 min and 20 sec.

Planets: All the 8 planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) of the solar system move around the sun in a fixed path. These paths are also called as **orbits**



Mercury

- Also known as swiftest planet
- Nearest planet to Sun
- Smallest planet
- It has no atmosphere
- It doesn't have any moon

Venus

- Also known as **evening** or **morning** star
- It is also called **Earth's twin**
- Hottest planet, because of the presence of carbon dioxide in its atmosphere
- Nearest planet to earth

Mars

- Also known as **Red planet**
- It has two moons, **Phobos** and **Deimos**

Jupiter

- Biggest planet
- It has fastest rotational velocity
- Its satellite, **Ganymede** is the largest and heaviest of all satellites in the solar system

Saturn

- It is surrounded by a set of seven rings which are made up of primordial dust and ice particles
- Its planet **Titan**, is the only satellite in solar system with an Earth like atmosphere

Uranus

- Also known as **Green planet**

Neptune

- Coldest planet
- Farthest planet from sun

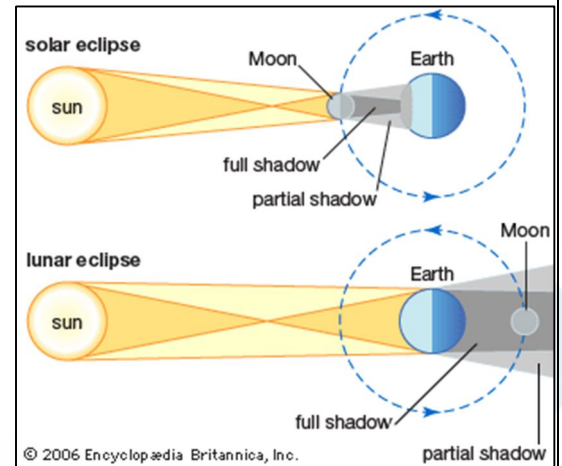
Earth: Conditions favourable for life are probably found only on the earth.

- Two-third of earth's surface is covered by water and hence it appears blue from outer space. That is why earth is also known as **Blue planet**.
- **Moon** is the only natural satellite.
- Earth is slightly flattened at the poles and hence its shape is also described as **Geoid**.

Earth's statistics	
Age	About 4.5 billion years
Distance from sun	150 million km
Water Area	71% of total surface area
Rotational time period	23 hrs 56 min 4 sec
Revolutionary time period	365 days 5hr
Equinox (Dates when days & nights are equal)	March 21 (Vernal equinox) September 23 (Autumnal equinox)
Summer solstice (Longest day in northern hemisphere)	21st June
Winter solstice (Longest day in southern hemisphere)	22nd December
Tilt of Earth's imaginary axis	23.5°
Escape velocity (It is the minimum speed needed for an object to "break free" from the gravitational attraction of earth)	11.2 km/s

Moon: It is earth's only natural satellite.

- **Neil Armstrong** and **Edwin Adrin** were the first human being to set foot on the moon's surface in 1969. And the landing spot was later called "**The Sea of Tranquility**"
- **Lunar Eclipse:** Takes place when moon passes through the shadow of the Earth, i.e. the earth is in between moon and sun. A partial eclipse occurs when only a part of the moon passes through the shadow
- **Solar Eclipse:** This eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and the earth, and the moon fully or partially blocks the Sun.
- **Blue Moon:** It is a rare celestial phenomenon marked by the occurrence of the second full moon within one month.
- Since moon's rotational and revolutional time periods are same, we see only one side of moon always.



Asteroids: Apart from the stars, planets, and satellites, there are numerous tiny bodies which also move around the sun. These bodies are called asteroids. They are found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. Largest asteroid is **Ceres**.

Meteoroids: They are the small pieces of rocks which move around the sun.

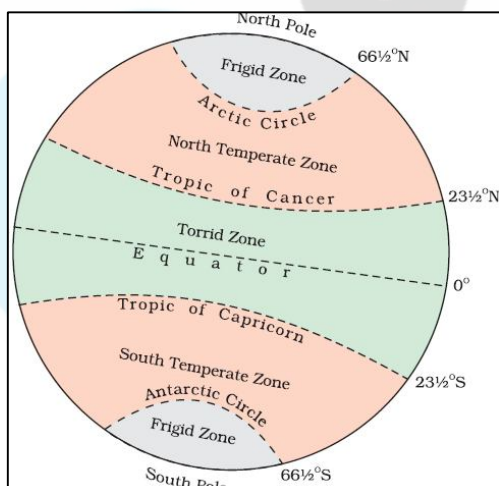
- Sometimes these meteoroids come near the earth and tend to drop upon it. During this process due to friction with the air they get heated up and burn. It causes a flash of light, called **meteor shower**.
- Sometimes, a meteor without being completely burnt, falls on the earth and they are called **meteorites**.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Latitudes and Longitudes:-

They are imaginary lines drawn on the surface of the earth. And these lines make it easier to locate any place on the surface of the earth.

- **Equator:** Imaginary line which divides earth into two equal halves, northern and southern hemispheres. Equator is the reference latitude and hence it is the 0° latitude
- **Parallels of latitudes:** These are parallel circles drawn from the equator up to poles. Parallels divide the earth into various heat zones. The different zones have different types of climate and vegetation.
- **Meridians of Longitudes:** These are the imaginary lines, drawn from pole (North Pole) to pole (South Pole). Naturally, there is no reference longitude, hence we have fixed a longitude passing via the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in London. And this reference longitude is also called **Greenwich meridian** or **Prime meridian**. Prime meridian divides earth into eastern and western hemisphere



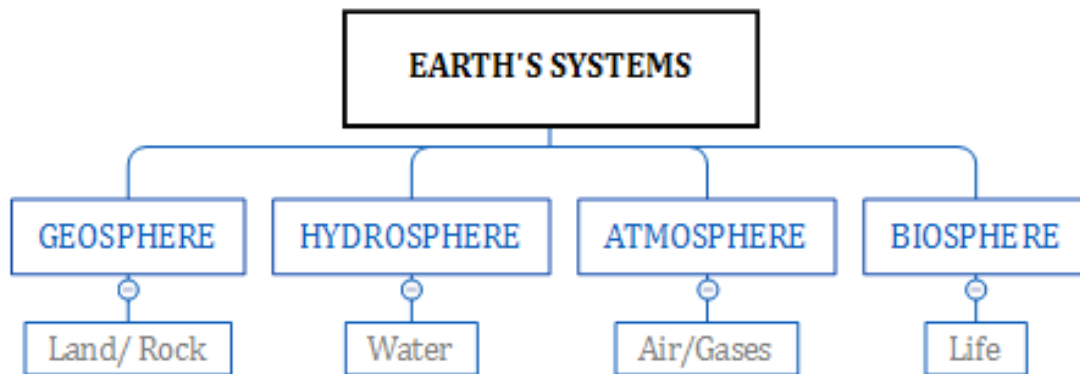
Heat Zones

Important latitudes	
Equator	0°
Tropic of cancer	23.5° N
Tropic of Capricorn	23.5° S
Arctic circle	66.5° N
Antarctic circle	66.5° S
North pole	90° N
South pole	90° S

Important longitudes	
Prime Meridian	0°
Indian Standard Time (IST)	82.5° E
International Date Line	180°

Earth System

Earth has four main systems that interact and they are geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere



A. GEOSPHERE

Continents



Highest and Lowest Points			
Continent	Rank (by Area)	Highest Point	Lowest Point
Asia	1	Mt. Everest	Dead Sea
Africa	2	Mt. Kilimanjaro	Lake Assal
North America	3	Mt. McKinley	Death Valley
South America	4	Mt. Aconcagua	Laguna del Carbon
Antarctica	5	Mt. Vinson Massif	Bentley Subglacial Trench
Europe	6	Mt. Elbrus	Caspian Sea
Australia	7	Mt. Puncak Jaya	Lake Eyre

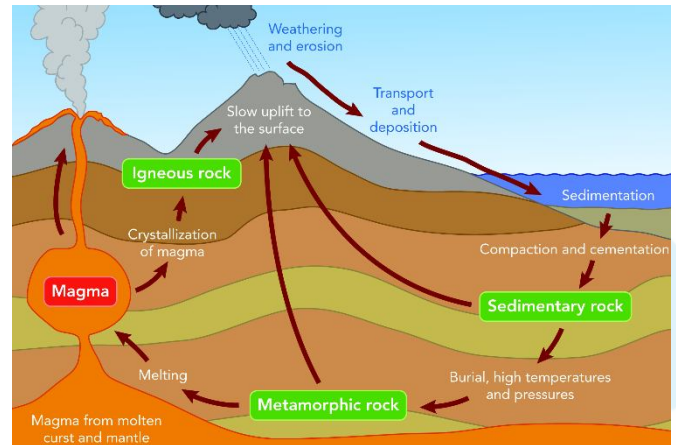
Rocks

Various kinds of rocks found on earth's crust are grouped under three families i.e. igneous rocks, Sedimentary rocks, and metamorphic rock.

1. **Igneous Rocks:** When the molten magma present inside earth comes to the surface as a result of volcanic activity, it cools and forms Igneous Rocks. Granite and Basalt are examples for this type of rocks.

2. **Sedimentary Rocks:** They are formed as a result of weathering, erosion, deposition and compaction of igneous rocks and other materials, through agents like wind, water, ice, and chemicals. Gypsum, Gravel etc. are examples for these kinds of rocks.
3. **Metamorphic Rocks:** These types of rocks are formed from igneous or metamorphic rocks, under great pressure and heat.

But under very high temperature they are melted and they become part of magma. Later during volcanic activity this magma will again rise to the surface, cool down and solidify, forming igneous rocks. This complete cycle or the conversion of one type of rock into the other is known as **Rock cycle**.



B. HYDROSPHERE

Oceans



Oceans and their features

Ocean	Rank (by Size)	Features
Pacific Ocean	1	Spread over 1/3 rd of the earth's surface Circular in shape - Mariana Trench is the deepest point
Atlantic Ocean	2	S' Shaped - From commercial point of view, this is the busiest ocean - Deepest point is Puerto Rico Trench
Indian Ocean	3	Trangular shaped - Only ocean named after a country - Deepest point is Java Trench
Antarctic Ocean	4	Also known as Southern Ocean – Deepest point is South Sandwich Trench
Arctic Ocean	5	Located within Arctic circle and surrounds North Pole - Berring Strait connects Pacific and Arctic oceans - Eurasian Basin is the deepest point.

Bermuda Triangle: It is a vaguely defined triangular region of Atlantic Ocean, where many aircrafts and ships have said to be disappeared under mysterious circumstances. But some of this is inaccurate and there are many other place on earth where more number of ships and other vessels disappear.



Tides: It is the periodic rises and falls of large bodies of water caused by the gravitational interaction between earth, moon and sun. Based on the position of the three celestial bodies, tides can be of two types, **Spring tide** and **Neap tide**

1. **Spring Tide:** It occurs on new moon and full moon days. They are large because the gravitational pulls of the moon and sun are in the same direction. Spring tide occurs on full moon and new moon days
2. **Neap Tide:** Normally there is a seven day interval between the spring tide and neap tide. In this case the gravitational pull of the sun is in right angle to that of the moon. During the Neap tides, high tide is lower and low tide is higher than usual. Neap tide occurs on the first and third quarters moons

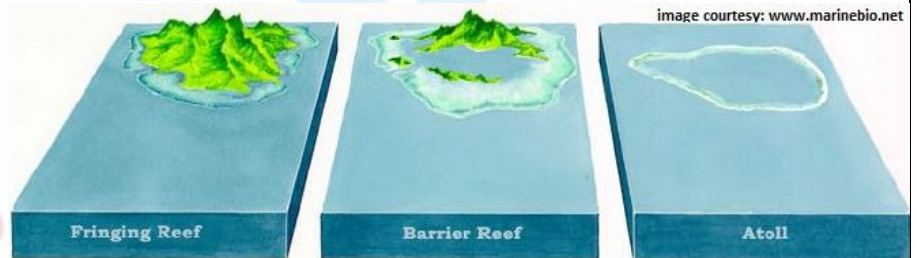


Highest tide in the world occur in the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia, Canada

- **Strait:** It is a narrow channel of water that connects two large bodies of water. Strait of Hormuz, Palk Strait etc. are examples for a strait.
- **Isthmus:** It is a narrow strip of land connecting two large land areas usually with waterbodies on either side. Isthmus of Panama is an example for an Isthmus

Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are formed as a result of the deposition of skeletons and secretion of microscopic marine organisms known as Coral Polyps. They live in colonies and are mainly of three kinds. **Barrier reef**, **Fringing reef**, and **Atolls**.

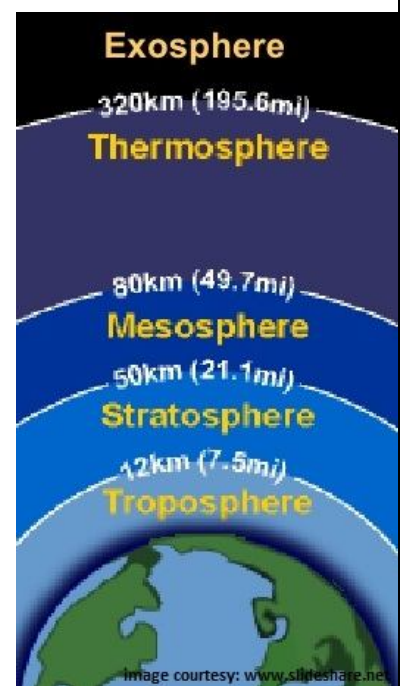


C. ATMOSPHERE

Atmosphere is the gaseous layer, surrounding earth. It is earth's gravity which is holding these gases close to earth. Since force of gravity (earth's pull) decreases from the surface, the concentration of gases also decreases with the increase in altitude from the surface. As a result atmospheric pressure is maximum on the surface of the earth and decreases with increasing altitude. Barometer is used to measure atmospheric pressure.

Based on the gaseous composition and temperature profile, earth's atmosphere is divided into 5 layers.

1. **Troposphere:** This layer is closest to the surface of earth. In this layer, with increase in altitude, temperature decreases. Almost all weather phenomenon happens in this layer. There is a small region between troposphere and stratosphere where temperature does not change and this region is known as **Tropopause**.
2. **Stratosphere:** With increase in altitude, temperature also increases in this layer. Presence of **Ozone layer** is the most important speciality of this layer. **Stratopause** is present between Stratosphere and Mesosphere and here temperature doesn't change.



3. **Mesosphere:** Again with increase in altitude, temperature decreases and in Mesopause, temperature is constant.
4. **Thermosphere:** Temperature in this layer increases with increase in altitude. Another speciality of thermosphere is **Ionosphere**. It is a layer of charged particle. We make use of Ionosphere in radio communication. Thermopause is also present.
5. **Exosphere:** Last of the five layers. Outer boundary of exosphere is not defined, it slowly merges with the outer space.

Global Warming

Global Warming is the increase in Earth's average surface temperature due to effect of **greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, water vapour, CFCs and Nitrous oxide)**.

After receiving sun's radiation, earth will be heated up and earth will also start emitting radiation which is known as **terrestrial radiation**. But the greenhouse gases present in atmosphere reflects this radiation and thus not allow this radiation to escape into outer space. And this process increases Earth's average surface temperature.

Effect of global warming: Increase in pollution increases the greenhouse gases present in the atmosphere and this in turn causes global warming. As a result of this phenomenon agricultural productivity will decrease, increase in the frequency of occurrence of natural calamity, and abnormal weather changes.

Ozone Depletion

Ozone layer present in Stratosphere, is protecting earth from harmful ultra-violet radiation from sun, by not allowing it to reach earth's surface.

But chemicals like **Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC)** is destroying Ozone layer and causing many health issues.

Montreal Protocol is related to the restriction over the usage and release of CFCs and **Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)**

D. BIOSPHERE

It is the narrow zone where all other earth systems meet and interact with each other. It is the biological component of the Earth Systems and it contains and supports living organisms. Even though geosphere constitute 82% of the total mass and biosphere just 0.00008%, without the biosphere, life on earth wouldn't have originated.

INDIAN GEOGRAPHY

A. PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS OF INDIA

The main physiographic features of India includes, the Himalayan Mountain, Northern Plains, Indian Desert, Peninsular Plateau, Coastal Plains, and Islands.

THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN

This young fold mountain ranges from north till north-eastern borders of India. Himalayas Consists of three parallel longitudinal ranges; **Greater or Inner Himalayas or the Himadri, Middle Himalayas or Lesser Himalayas or Himachal, and Outer Himalaya or Shiwalik.**

1. **Himadri:** This is the northern most range and most continuous of all the three ranges. It is also home to loftiest peaks including **Mt. Everest**.
2. **Himachal:** It is composed of highly compressed and altered rocks. **Pir Panjal, Dhauladhar, and Mahabharat** are very famous ranges present here. It is also famous for many valleys including Kashmir, and Kulu valley. This region is also known for hill stations.
3. **Shiwalik:** It is composed of unconsolidated sediments brought down by Himalayan Rivers. The longitudinal valleys lying between Himachal and Shiwalik is known as **Duns**. Dehra Dun, Kotli Dun and Patli Duns are some of the well-known Duns.

The eastern most extension of Himalaya is known as **Purvachal** and it consists of Naga, Manipur and Mizo hills.

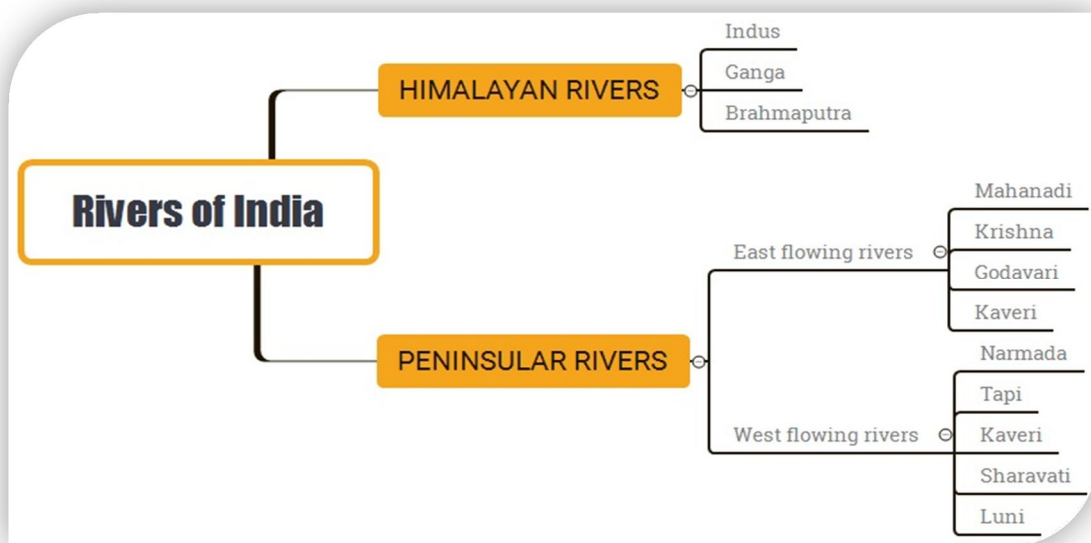
ISLANDS

India has two main groups of Islands; Lakshadweep Islands and Andaman and Nicobar groups of Islands.

1. **Lakshadweep Islands:** It is composed of small coral islands and its administrative capital is **Kavaratti Island**. **Pitti Island**, which is a bird sanctuary is situated here. **In India, Lakshadweep stands first in both coconut production and per capita availability of fish.**
2. **Andaman and Nicobar Islands:** Andaman and Nicobar groups of Island is separated by **Ten degree channel**. Its administrative capital is Port Blair and India's only active volcano is located in **Barren Island**. It is believed that these Islands are an elevated portion of submarine mountains.

B. RIVERS OF INDIA

Himalayan Rivers



Indus:-

- **Origin:** Near Mansarovar lake
- **Tributaries:** Satluj, Ravi, Beas, Chenab, Jhelum. At **Mithankot** these tributaries join the main Indus River.
- **Indus water treaty:** Treaty between India and Pakistan for sharing Indus water

Ganga:-

- **Originates** from Gangotri glaciers
- **Tributaries:** Yamuna, Chambal, Son, Kosi, Ghaghra, Gandhak
- Headwaters of Ganga, Bhagirathi and Alaknantha meet at Devaprayag
- Yamuna joins with Ganga at Allahabad
- Ganga flows east till Farakka in West Bengal and then takes a right turn and flows to Bangladesh. There Ganga meets Brahmaputra and from then onwards known as **Meghna** and finally joins Bay of Bengal. But these rivers form deltas at river mouth and they are known as **Sunderban Delta (world's largest and fastest growing delta)**.

Brahmaputra:-

- **Origin:** East of Mansarovar lake
- Flows eastward parallel to Himalaya. Since these regions are dry, river water level is low.

- When it reaches **Namcha Barwa**, river takes a 'U' turn and enters India in Arunachal Pradesh. Here it is called **Dihang**. Later Dibang, Lohit and many other tributaries join the many river and from then onwards it is Brahmaputra.
- After flowing through some of the North Eastern states, Brahmaputra finally enters Bangladesh and then meets Ganga and finally joins Bay of Bengal.
- Inside Indian Territory it flows through areas of very high rain fall and hence the water level in the river is very high. River carries large amount of silt in this region and that is why we can't build a dam across Brahmaputra River.

Brahmaputra is known as the **Tsang Po** in Tibet and **Jamuna** in Bangladesh. **Sunderban** delta area is the home of **Royal Bengal Tiger**.

Peninsular Rivers

East flowing rivers

River Godavari:-

- Largest Peninsular river and also known as '**Dakshin Ganga**'
- Rises from the part of Western Ghats in Nasik district of Maharashtra
- Main tributaries: Purna, Wardha, Manjra, Pranhita, Wainganga, and Penganga
- Flows through Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. Finally drains to Bay of Bengal.

Mahanadi:-

- **Origin:** from the highlands of Chhattisgarh
- Tributaries: Ong, Jonk, Telen, Hasdeo, and Mand
- Flows through Chhattisgarh and Odisha. And finally drains to Bay of Bengal

River Krishna:-

- **Origin:** From Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra.
- **Tributaries:** Tungabhadra, Bhima, Dindi, Halia, and Panchganga
- Flows through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh and finally drains to Bay of Bengal

Kaveri:-

- **Origin:** At Talakaveri, Kodagu in Western Ghats
- **Tributaries:** Shimsha, Hemavati, Arkavati, Kabini, Bhavani River, and Amravati River.
- Flows through Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and emptying into Bay of Bengal

West flowing rivers

Narmada:-

- Rises from Amarkantak hills in Madhya Pradesh and is also known as life line of Madhya Pradesh
- Flows westward through rift valley and empties into Arabian Sea.
- Tributaries: Kolar, Hiran, Shakkar, and Tawa



Tapi/ Tapti:-

- Originates from the Satpura ranges of Madhya Pradesh and flows westward through rift valley
- Flows through Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat
- Main tributaries: Arunavati, Gomai, and Panzara

Sharavati:-

- Originates at Ambuthirtha in Karnataka
- Flows westward within Karnataka and finally joins Arabian Sea
- **Jog water falls** are formed by Sharavati

River Luni:-

- Origin: Pushkar valley of Aravalli range
- Flows west, through Thar desert and finally joins the marshy land of Rann of Kutch in Gujarat
- Tributaries: Jowai, Sukri and Jojari

C. CLIMATE

Climate is the sum total of weather conditions over a large area for a long period of time. Climate of India is described as the '**Monsoon type**'. Because of the presence of coastal area peninsular India doesn't experience much variation in temperature. Four main seasons can be identified in India.

1. Hot Weather Season (Summer):-

- During this time of the year, because of the apparent movement of the Sun, sunrays fall directly over tropic of cancer and as a result temperature increases gradually. By May end or June starting, temperature of North Indian states increases up to 45-48 degree Celsius.
- North Indian states also experience a very hot and dry local wind during summer season. They are called **loo**. They are very dangerous and if we are exposed to it, it may even prove to be fatal.
- By the end of May, some areas receive localised thunderstorms and slight rainfall. They are also known as **Kaal Baisakhi**.

2. Advancing Monsoon (Rainy Season):-

- **South West Monsoon** winds causes precipitation. Since these winds pass over Indian Ocean, it carries very large amount of moisture and this later results in heavy rainfall. Sometimes Monsoon experiences wet and dry spells.

3. Retreating Monsoon (The Transition Season):-

- This is a transition season between Monsoon and Winter, and experienced during October-November months
- **October Heat** (high temperature and high humidity) is the most important speciality of this season.

4. The Cold Weather Season (Winter Season)

- During this season, because of the apparent shift of the sun towards southern hemisphere, we will experience a Cold Weather Season.
- Because of the Western disturbance during this season, North-Western states of India receive some amount of rainfall, known as **Mahawat**. And this rain helps Rabi crops.
- Tamil Nadu coast receives some amount of rainfall during this season.

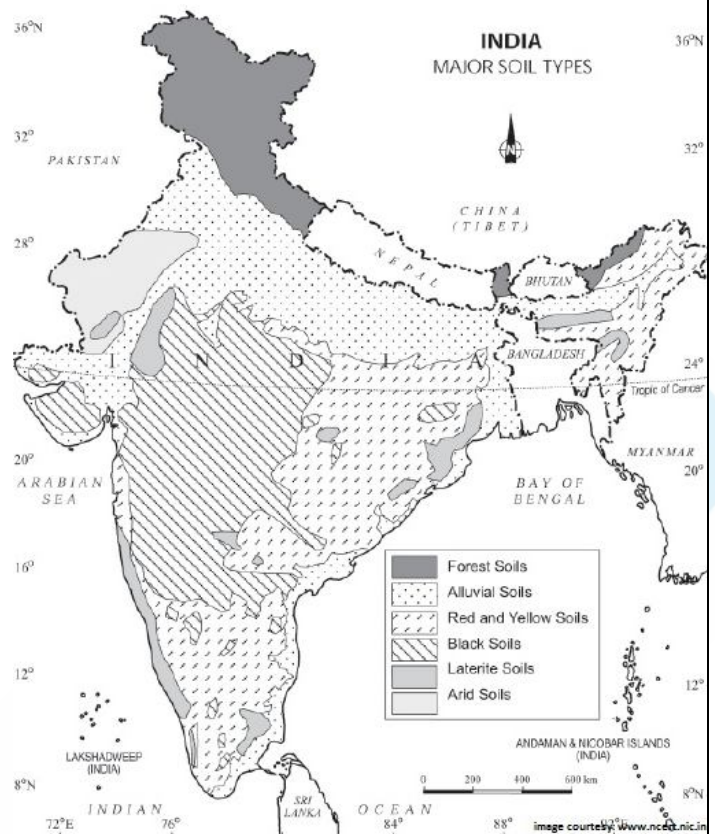
D. SOIL

There are mainly six types of Soils seen in India. They are Alluvial soil, Black soil, Red soil, Laterite soil, Desert soil, and Mountain soil.

1. **Alluvial Soil:** This soil is found mainly in Northern plains and Coastal plains of peninsular India. It is highly fertile and best suited for agricultural activity.
2. **Black Soil:** They are originated from the basalt rock which are volcanic in origin. They are clay in character and as a result they can hold moisture for a long time, and this helps crops to sustain even

during the dry season. Black soil is best suited for Cotton cultivation. They are rich in lime, Iron, magnesia and alumina.

3. **Red Soil:** Presence of Iron Oxides makes them red in colour. They are not very fertile, but with adequate amount of fertilizer, they can be used for cultivation. They are found in eastern and south eastern part of peninsular India.
4. **Laterite Soil:** Because of very high rainfall in Western Ghats and North-Eastern parts of India, Silica content of the soil leaches out and that soil will be deprived of humus too. This soil with a reddish colour is known as Laterite Soil.
5. **Desert Soil:** They are mainly found in the arid regions of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Due to the dry climate, high temperature, and accelerated evaporation, they lack moisture and humus. Also known as Arid soil.
6. **Mountain Soil:** Our mountain ranges have wide range of soils. The soils vary in structure and texture depending on the mountain environment where they are found. Also known as Forest Soil.



E. CROPPING SEASONS IN INDIA

India has three main cropping seasons, **Kharif**, **Rabi** and **Zaid** cropping seasons.

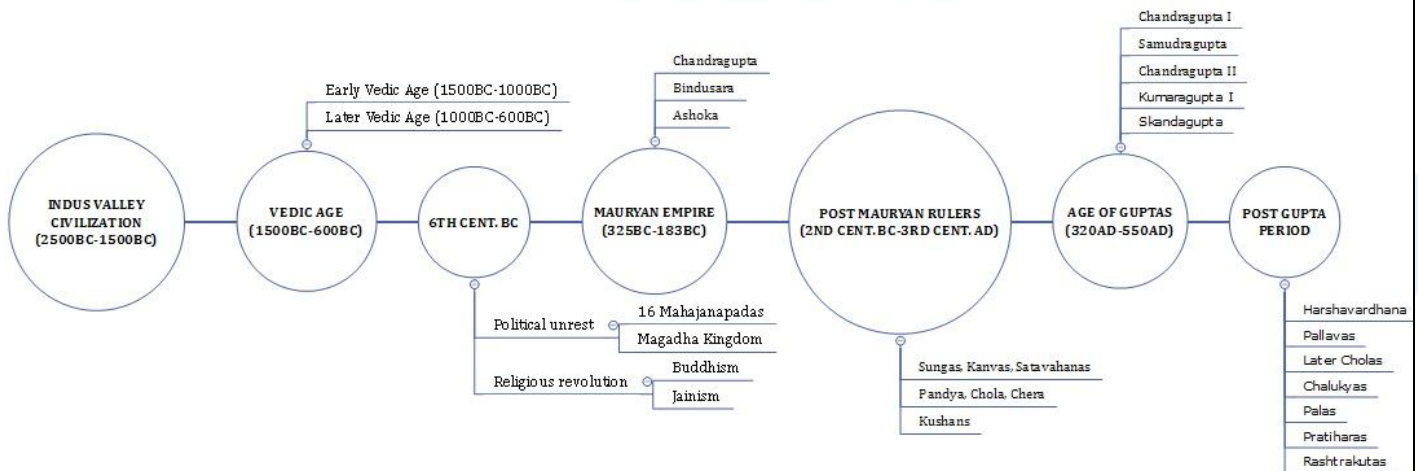
1. **Kharif Season:** Crops are cultivated and harvested during the rainy season. i.e. between June and September. Rice and millet are example for Kharif crops.
2. **Rabi Season:** Crops are cultivated and harvested during the winter season. i.e between October and March. Wheat, barley, maize and oat are examples for Rabi crops. Mahawat (winter rain in the north-eastern part of India) helps Rabi crops.
3. **Zaid Season:** This season is between Rabi and Kharif. i.e. mainly from April to June. Water melon, cucumber and sugar cane are examples for zaid crops



HISTORY

ANCIENT INDIA

TIMELINE OF ANCIENT INDIA



INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION (2500BC - 1500BC)

The Proto-History of India begins with Indus Valley Civilization. It is also known as Harappan Civilization because Harappa was the first site to be excavated. Indus Valley Civilization was basically an urban civilization. People for the first time in the history started living in urban areas. These were very well planned cities with wide roads and well developed drainage system. Houses were built of baked bricks and studies also show that these cities traded with other contemporary civilizations like Mesopotamia. Major sites of Indus Valley Civilization includes, Harappa, Mohenjodaro, Chanudaro, Surkotada and Lothal.

Major Sites:-

1. Harappa

- **Great granary** is the largest and most remarkable structure found here
- Many seals excavated from this site shows the trade relation it had with Mesopotamia
- City was divided into 2 regions, **Citadel** (fortified upper town) and **lower town**

2. Mohenjodaro

- Means '**mound of the dead**'
- **Great Bath**: located at the centre of the city
- A statue of '**bronze dancing girl**' has been excavated from here

3. Lothal

- Only city with a dockyard
- Evidence of cultivation of rice

There are many theories on reasons why this civilization declined. One such theory says, the Aryan invasion that took place in and around 1500BC, destroyed Indus Valley cities and thus destroyed this civilization.

VEDIC AGE (1500BC-600BC)

Vedic age refers to the time when Vedic Sanskrit texts were composed. There are four Vedas, namely Rig Veda, Sama Veda, Yajur Veda and Atharva Veda.

1. **Rig Veda**: It is a collection of Vedic Sanskrit hymns praising gods.
2. **Sama Veda**: It is a smaller version of Rig Veda and contains many hymns
3. **Yajur Veda**: Contains hymns for ceremonial purposes and on an inner level, it sets forth a yogic practice for awakening the inner consciousness
4. **Atharva Veda**: This text deals with medicines and also contains hymns to destroy evil powers.

Early Vedic Period (1500BC-1000BC):-

- Settled in the North-Western part of India, especially in and around the river Indus and its tributaries
- Primarily they were Pastoralist.
- Divided into many clans and each clan had a leader (**King**), who was elected by the clan members and also this position was not hereditary.
- Patriarchal society, women were given equal status and there were only three varnas (Brahmana, Kshatriya, and Vaishya).
- Nature worship (For example Rain god 'Varuna', Thunder god 'Indra' etc.) for material gains

Later Vedic Period (1000BC-600BC):-

- Socio-Political situations of the society totally changed
- Post of King became hereditary, women lost their status in the society and they started following four fold Varna System (Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra).
- Inter Varna marriages led to the creation of new castes which led to caste proliferation by 6th century BC and there was a religious revolution in 6th century BC.
- For the first time they started using **Iron** and as a result they started moving towards the eastern parts of the country, cutting down the forest. During this time many battles were fought between different tribes and finally by Sixth Century BC, sixteen tribes became more powerful than any other and they were called **16 Mahajanapadas**.



6TH CENTURY BC

Two important things happened in 6th century BC, Political Unrest and Religious Revolution.

A. Political Unrest:-

The 16 Powerful clans (16 Mahajanapadas) fought among each other and finally Magadha Kingdom emerged victorious. They established itself as the centre of political activity in northern India.

Magadha Empire

Many dynasties ruled Magadha Empire and the most important ones are discussed below.

1. Haryanka Dynasty:-

- Important rulers: Bimbisara, Ajatasatru, and Udayin
- Capital was **Rajgir**
- First Buddhist council took place in 483BC at Rajgir, when Ajatasatru was ruling.

2. Sisunaga Dynasty:-

- Important rulers: Sisunaga, Kalashoka
- Capital was shifted from Rajgir to **Vaishali**
- Second Buddhist council took place in 383BC at Vaishali

3. Nanda Dynasty:-

- Important rulers: Mahapadma Nanda and Dhana Nanda
- Alexander tried to invade India in 326BC, during Dhana Nanda's rule
- Dhana Nanda was replaced by **Chandragupta Maurya** with the help of **Chanakya** (also known as Kautilya)

B. Religious Revolution

By 6th Century BC, caste system became highly complicated and lower caste people faced all socio-economic problems while higher caste people led a safe and dignified life. These lower caste people were ready to move to some other religion where there were no such discriminations. And it was during this time new religions like Buddhism, Jainism and many other religions emerged. They acted as an alternative to the present caste system and many people started following these new religions where they could lead a life with dignity.

Buddhism

- Founder: **Siddhartha** (also known as **Buddha**) (563BC-483BC), born at Lumbini garden near Kapilavastu, in Sakya territory. Left palace at the age of 29 and started travelling in search of truth.
- At the age of 35, he was sitting under a Banyan tree at modern **Bodhi Gaya**, after taking a bath in the stream of river Niranjana, modern **Lilajan**, and obtained enlightenment and became known as **Buddha**.
- Delivered the first sermon at **Sarnath**, and this is called '**Dharmachakrapracartan**' or '**Turning of the wheel of law**'
- Taught his followers **Four Noble Truths**
 - a. The world is full of sorrows
 - b. Desire is the root cause of sorrow
 - c. The desire if conquered, all sorrows can be removed
 - d. Desire can be removed by following the **Eight Fold Path**
- Eight fold Path is right understanding, right speech, right livelihood, right mindfulness, right thought, right action, right effort, right concentration
- Buddhism was totally against 'Varna System'
- Buddha died in Kushinagara (capital of Malla Mahajanapada) in 483BC.
- After his death, four Buddhist councils were held

Council	Year	Place	King	President of Council	Important Features
1	483 BC	Rajgir	Ajatasatru	Mahakassapa	Two important literary works were published. 1. Sutta Pitaka : Deals with life history of Buddha 2. Vinaya Pitaka : Deals with monastic discipline
2	383 BC	Vaishali	Kalashoka	Sabakami	
3	250 BC	Pataliputra	Ashoka	Moggliputta Tissa	One important literary work was published: 1. Abhidhamma Pitaka : Deals with mystic Concept beyond knowledge
4	First Century AD	Kundalawana (Kashmir)	Kanishka	Vasumitra	Buddhism split into two. 1. Hinayana: No idol worship 2. Mahayana: Started Idol worship

Jainism

- According to Jaina tradition, there were 24 Tirthankaras (religious teachers). **Rishabha** was the first Tirthankara and **Vardhamana Mahavira** was the 24th Tirthankara.
- Mahavira, born in 540BC at **Kundagrama** near Vaishali, and left his home at the age of 30.
- At the age of 42, he attained the highest spiritual knowledge called **Kevala-Jnana**
- As per Jainism, way to Nirvana also known as **Three Ratnatraya** involves, **Right faith, Right knowledge, and Right conduct**.
- Five carinal principles of Jainism are, **Ahimsa, Non-lying, Non-Stealing, Non-Possession, and Brahmacharya**.
- Later divided into two sects. **Swethambaras** and **Digambaras**

• Jaina Councils:

- First Council:** held at **Pataliputra** by **Sthulabahu** in the beginning of the third century BC and resulted in the compilation of 12 Angas.
- Second Council:** Held at **Valabhi** in the 5th century AD, under the leadership of **Devaradhi Kshamasramana**.

MAURYAN EMPIRE (325BC – 185BC)

Last Nanda Dynasty ruler, Dhana Nanda was replaced by **Chandragupta Maurya** with the help of **Chanakya** (Also known as Kautilya), and from then started Mauryan Empire.

1. Chandragupta Maurya

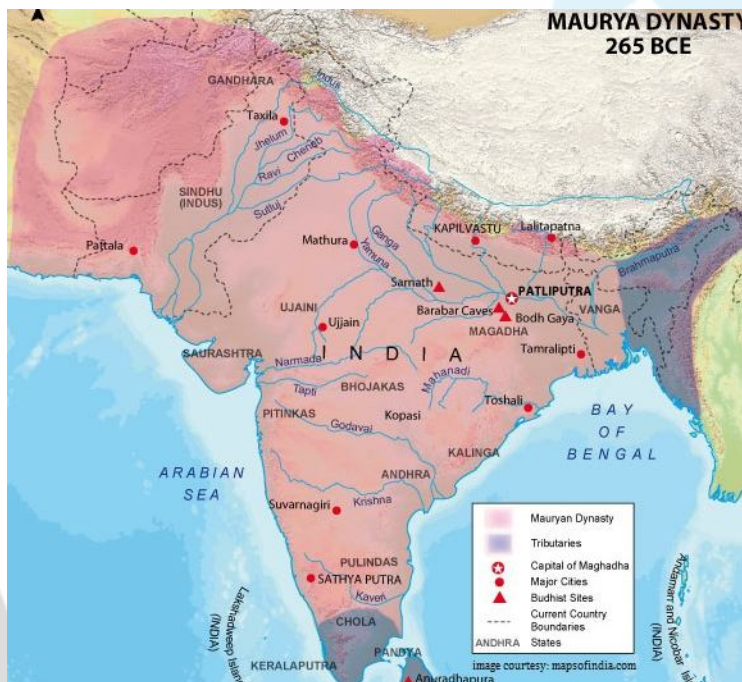
- **Megasthenese** was a Greek ambassador sent to his court by **Seleucus Nicator**
- '**Indica**' was written by Megasthenese.
- Chandragupta Maurya went for territorial expansion and followed Jainism
- His Prime Minister, Chanakya wrote the famous book **Arthashastra**

2. Bindusara

- Also known as '**Amitragatha**'
- Followed '**Ajivikaism**', another religion started in 6th Century BC

3. Ashoka

- Fought **Kalinga war in 261BC**, but after seeing the devastation caused, he decided not capture any other place by force and follow Buddhism.
- **3rd Buddhist Council** was held in 250BC during Ashoka's time
- To propagate Buddhism, he issued inscriptions called **edicts**



Brihadratha was the last ruler of Mauryan Empire and later other dynasties came in power.

POST MAURYAN RULERS (2ND CENTURY BC - 3RD CENTURY AD)

Sunga Dynasty (185 BC-73BC)

- Established by Pushyamitra Sung, who was a Brahmin
- **Patanjali's Yogasutras** was composed during this time
- **Bharhut stupa** is the most famous monument of the Sunga period
- **Devabhuti** was the last ruler

Kanva Dynasty (73BC-30BC)

- Established by **Vasudeva**
- Rulers were very weak and dynasty came to an end very soon

Satavahana Dynasty (60BC-225AD)

- Founder: **Simuka**
- Their capital was **Pratisthan**
- Greatest Satavahana ruler **Gautamiputra Satakarni**, defeated a Saka ruler who ruled Saurashtra
- Many Chaityas and Viharas were cut out from rocks during this time

Sangam Literature:-

South India was under the rule of three great dynasties, Pandyas, Cholas and Cheras. We get information about these dynasties from the literary works of that age known as **Sangam Literature**. **Ettuthogai, and Pattupattu** are the most important works of this time.

Pandyas

- First mentioned by Megasthenese
- Capital was Madurai
- Was known for pearls
- Had trade with Roman Empire

Cheras

- They occupied portions of present day Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- **Vanji** was their capital
- Greatest Chera rule was **Senguttavan or Red Chera**

Cholas

- Capital was Uraiyur
- Cotton trade was the main source of wealth
- **Karikala** was the greatest king
- Cholas were wiped out by attack of Pallavas

Kushans

- They came to India from Central Asia. After establishing their empire in India, they even controlled the famous Silk Route which started connecting China to Iran and West Asia.
- Founder: Kadphises I
- Greatest of Kushan ruler was **Kanishka**. He defeated a Saka ruler and started an era in 78 AD, known as **Saka Era**
- Fourth Buddhist Council was held during Kanishka's rule.
- Kanishka followed Mahayana form of Buddhism.

AGE OF GUPTAS (240AD-550AD)

Sri Gupta was the founder of Guptas, who ruled from **Pataliputra**. Art, Literature and science flourished during Gupta period and hence this period is also known as the Golden age of India. Main rulers of Gupta Empire are discussed below.

1. Chandragupta I (320AD-335AD)

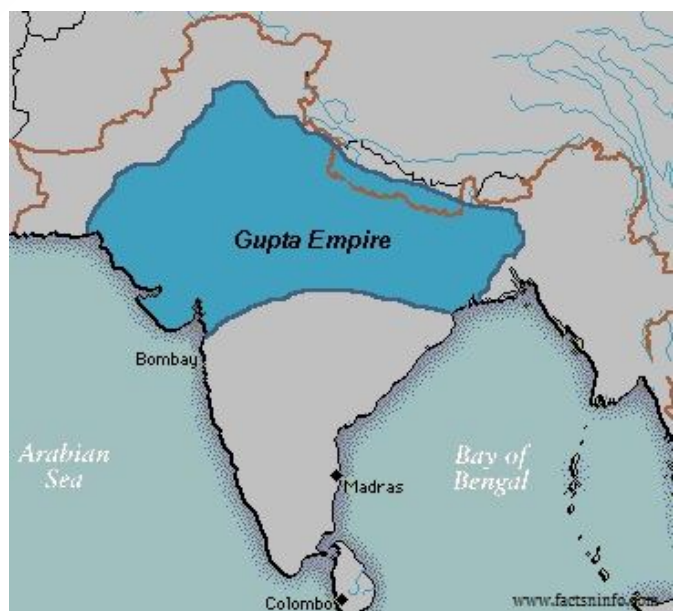
- Assumed the title of Maharajadhiraja
- Married a Licchavi prince named Kumaradevi and obtained large territory

2. Samudragupta (335AD-375AD)

- Popularly known as 'Indian Napoleon' and 'Kavi Raja'
- Performed **Ashvamedha Yagna** and gained more territory and power

3. Chandragupta II (375AD-415AD)

- Known by the name 'Vikramaditya'
- His capital was **Pataliputra**
- **Fa-hien**, the Chinese traveller visited India during this time and he has written about the socio-economic and political situation that was present in India.
- Vikramaditya's achievements are inscribed in Mehrauli's iron pillar



4. Kumaragupta I (415AD-455AD)

- **Nalanda** Buddhist University was built during this time.
- Hunas tried to invade, but they were successfully resisted

5. Skandagupta (455AD-467AD)

- **Eran inscription** (510AD) is the first reference of practice of **Sati** in India..
- He also performed Ashvamedha Yagna

As a result of continued invasion of Hunas, Gupta's power deteriorated and later Gupta rulers were very weak.

Why is Guptan period considered as the Golden age:-

Because in literature, science, economy and many more areas, greater development was seen during Gupta Era.

Literature

Greater contribution to Sanskrit was made by,

1. **Kalidasa:** He wrote the following books
 - Abhijnanashakuntalam
 - Malavikagnimitram
 - Kumarasambhavam
 - Raghuvamsa
 - Meghadutam
2. **Visakhadatta:** wrote the following books
 - Mudrarakshasa
 - Devichandraguptam
3. **Vishnushraman:** wrote the following books
 - Panchatantra

Science and Technology

1. **Aryabhatta:** An astronomer and mathematician.
 - Wrote **Aryabhatiya**
 - Calculated the value of '**pi**' and contributed a lot to **trigonometry**
2. **Varahamihira:** An astronomer as well as an astrologer
 - Wrote **Panchasiddhanta**
3. **Brahmagupta:**
 - Wrote Brahmasiddhanta, in which he discussed about gravity

Economy

1. More trade was happening through silk route
2. Trade with west declined and trade with east flourished
3. Guptas issued large number of gold coins with less intrinsic value

POST GUPTA PERIOD

I. Harshavardhana (606AD-647AD)

- His belonged to Pushybhuti dynasty and his capital was **Kanauj**
- **Xuanzang**, the Chinese traveller visited India during this time and wrote about the socio-economic condition of India in his book.
- Harsha's court poet **Banabhatta** wrote **Harshacharita**
- **Pulakesin II** (a Chalukya ruler) defeated Harsha in the battle of Narmada, when Harsha tried expand his territory beyond River Narmada

II. Pallava (560AD-900AD)

- Capital was **Kanchipuram**
- **Narasimhavarman I**, a Pallava king killed Pulakesin II (a Chalukyan king) and conquered Vatapi (Chalukyan capital) and assumed the title of **Vatapikonda**
- Narasimhavarman I was also known as **Mamallan** and he founded Mahabalipuram or Mamallapuram
- Narasimhavarman II built a Kailash temple at Kanchi.

III. Chola Empire (9th century – 12th century)

- Also known as Later Cholas and their capital was Tanjore
- Rajaraja Chola built Brihadeswara Temple, world's first granite temple at Tanjore
- Rajendra Chola conquered area up to the banks of Ganga and assumed the title of 'Gangaikonda'
- Rajendra Chola's reigning period is known as the 'Golden Age of Cholas'

IV. Chalukya (543AD-757AD)

- Capital was Vatapi
- Greatest of its kings, Pulakesin II, defeated Harshavardhana but was later defeated by Narasimhavarman-I, a Pallava King

V. Pala

- Founder of Pala empire was **Gopala** in 750AD
- Dharmapala, a Pala ruler, revived Nalanda University and also founded the **Vikramshila University**

VI. Pratihara

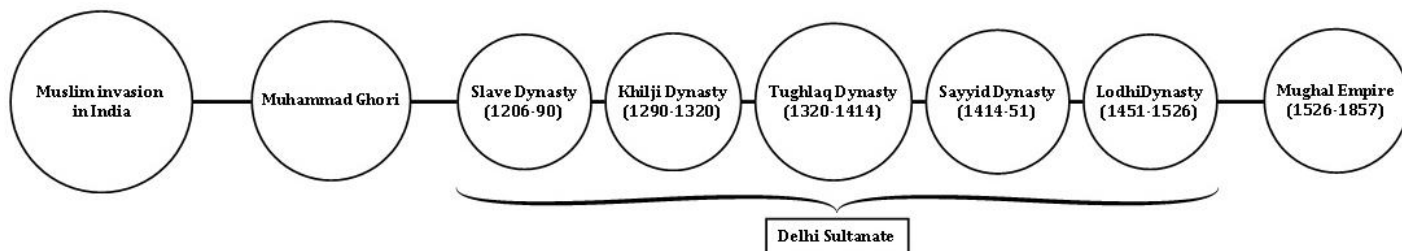
- Since their origin is from Gujarat of Rajasthan, they are also known as Gurjara Pratiharas
- Bhoja was the greatest ruler of this dynasty.
- Also known as life line of Madhya Pradesh

VII. Rashtrakuta

- Founder was Dantidurga and their capital was Malkand
- One of the greatest Rashtrakuta rulers, **Krishna I** built the **Rock cut temple of Shiva at Ellora** in 9th century.

MEDIEVAL INDIA

TIMELINE OF MEDIEVAL INDIA



Muslim Invasion in India

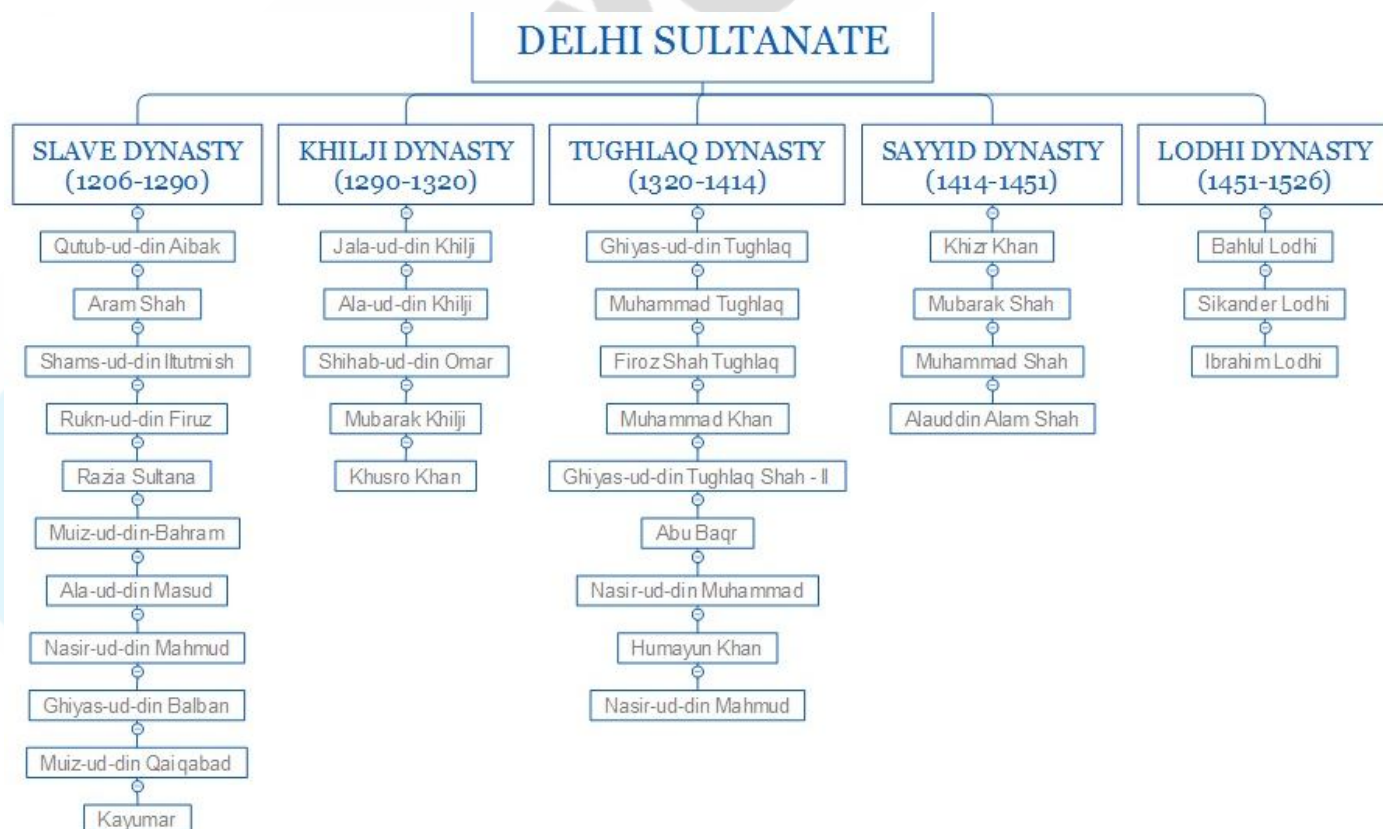
During the early medieval period, there was no single prominent ruler. India was actually ruled by more than hundred rulers. Then happened Islamic invasion and most important of them was Muhammad of Ghori. He invaded India in 1175 AD. After the conquest of Multan and Punjab, he advanced towards Delhi. Here he fought with Rajput rulers.

1. **First Battle of Tarain (1191 AD):** Ghori was defeated in this battle by Prithvi Raj Chauhan
2. **Second Battle of Tarain (1192 AD):** Prithvi Raj Chauhan was defeated in this battle by Ghori.

And 2nd battle of Tarain laid the foundation of Islamic rule in India. After the death of Muhammad Ghori in 1206, Delhi region came under the control of his trusted general, Qutub-ud-din Aibak (who was earlier a Turkish slave) and from 1206 starts Slave Dynasty.

DELHI SULTANATE

Delhi Sultanate includes, the rule of 5 important dynasties; Slave dynasty, Khilji dynasty, Tughlaq dynasty, Sayyid dynasty, Sayyid dynasty, Lodhi dynasty.



Slave Dynasty/ Mamluk Dynasty

After the death of Muhammad Ghori, Delhi came under the control of his general **Qutub-ud-din Aibak**, and thus started the rule of the Slave Dynasty in India. Aibak ruled from his capital **Lahore**. He was a great builder and started the construction of **Qutub Minar**. But in 1210 AD, he died of injuries received in a polo match and it was **Iltutmish** who completed Qutub Minar.

Iltutmish was the real founder of Slave Dynasty. He was a great expansionist and consolidated territories. He ruled from Delhi and successfully protected Delhi during the Mongol invasion under Genghis Khan. He set up a group of forty nobles known as **Chalisa** or **Turkan-i-Chihalgani**. After Iltutmish, **Razia** Sultana, was the next main ruler. Later **Nasir-ud-din Mahmud** became Sultan. But during his tenure, the main power remained in the hands of Balban.

After the death of Mahmud, Balban took over and consolidated the administrative set up of the empire and completed the work started by Iltutmish. Slave dynasty rulers conquered southern territories, but never crossed Vindhyan range. Last of Slave Dynasty ruler was killed by Jalal-ud-din Khilji.

Qutub-ud-din Aibak (1206-10)

- He was also known as **Lakh baksh**, because of his generosity
- Built Qutub Minar, in the memory of **Khwaja Qutub-ud-din Bhaktiyar Kaki**
- Constructed two famous mosques: **Quwat-ul-Islam** at **Delhi** and **Adhai-din-ka-Jhonpra** at **Ajmer**

Shams-ud-din Iltutmish (1211-36)

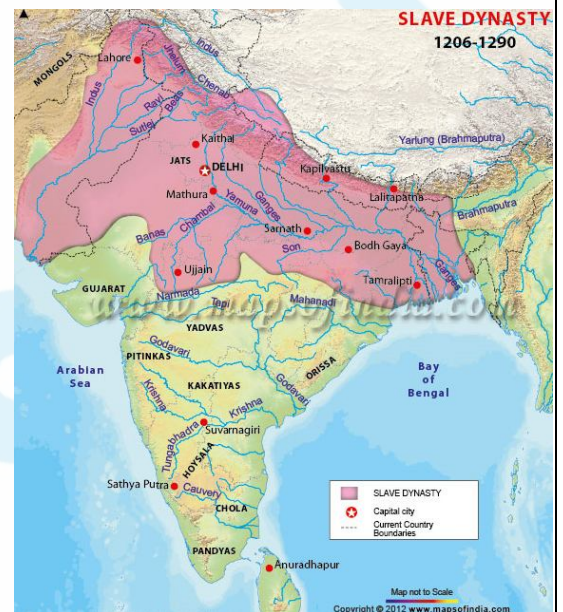
- Introduced '**Iqta system**'
- Introduced two types of coins: **Tanka** and **Jital**

Razia Begum/ Razia Sultana (1236-40)

- **First** and **Only** Muslim lady ruler who ever adorned the throne of Delhi

Ghiyas-ud-din Balban (1266-86)

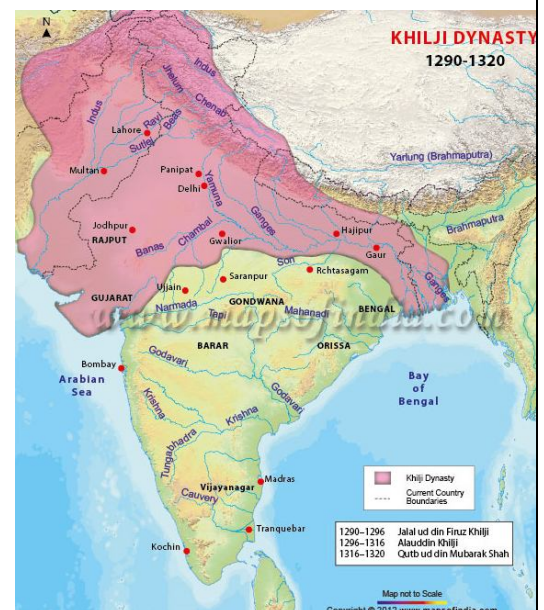
- Proposed the **Divine theory of Kingship**
- Abolished Turkan-i-Chihalgani
- Took the title of **Zil-i-Ilahi (Shadow of God)**
- Introduced **Sijda (Prostration before the monarch)** and **Paibos (Kissing the feet of monarch)**



Khilji Dynasty

Jalal-ud-din Khilji, the founder of Khilji Dynasty was a weak ruler and he adopted a lenient policy towards Mongol.

But his successor **Ala-ud-din Khilji** was an expansionist and during his time, empire expanded both northward and southward. He defeated Yadava Dynasty rule and crossed Vindhyan range. Mongols (who tried to invade India) were successfully repulsed. After his death, the other rulers were inefficient and Khilji dynasty came to an end by 1320



Ala-ud-din Khilji(1296-1316 AD)

- Separated religion from politics and proclaimed “**Kingship knows no kinship**”
- Constructed ‘**Alai Darwaja**’, the entrance gate of Qutub Minar and built the palace, **Hazar Situn**

Tughlaq Dynasty

After the death of Ala-ud-din Khilji, **Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq** ascended the throne and founded the Tughlaq dynasty. Ghiyas-ud-din expanded his territory south upto Madurai and also decided to annex Gujrat and Bengal, which became independent during the decline of Khiljis. But in an accident Ghiyas-ud-din died and his son Muhammad-bin Tughlaq became the next ruler.

Muhammad Bin Tughlaq was well educated and introduced many welfare measures but they just remained as experiments (failed experiments). He shifted his capital from Delhi to **Devagiri**, and renamed it as **Dauladabad**. During the second half of his rule, revolt started at different parts of the empire and finally resulted in the disintegration of Tughlaq dynasty.

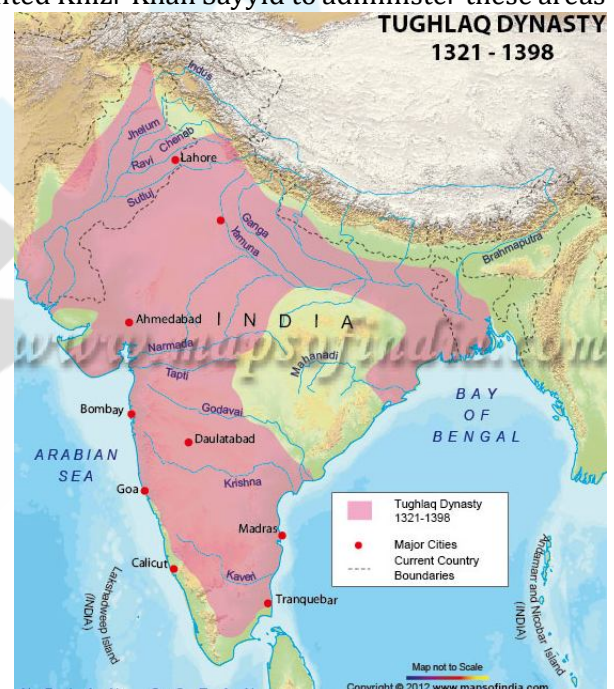
Firoz Shah Tughlaq was the most famous of last Tughlaq rulers. He did not try to expand his territory, but was involved in the welfare activities. After his death Tughlaq dynasty virtually came to an end. During the last days of Tughlaq, Timur invaded India and captured Delhi. He appointed Khizr Khan Sayyid to administer these areas and thus started Sayyid Dynasty in India.

Muhammad-bin Tughlaq

- His real name was **Jauna Khan**
- Transfer of capital from Delhi to Dauladabad and then back to Delhi
- Qarachil and Khurasan were very famous expeditions of Jauna Khan
- Separate department for agriculture known as **Diwan-i-kohi** was created
- Introduced token currency by replacing silver by bronze due to global shortage of silver
- **Ibn Battuta** (Moroccan traveller) visited during his reign

Firoz Shah Tughlaq

- Built cities of **Kotla, Hissar, and Ferozabad**
- A new department, **Diwan-i-Khairat** was set up.



Sayyid Dynasty (1414-1450 AD)

First ruler was Khizr Khan Sayyid. Sayyids ruled for 37 years and the last ruler, Ala-ud-din Alam Shah gave power to Bahlul Lodhi.

Lodhi Dynasty (1451-1526)

Lodhis were the 1st Afghan rulers in India. Their 1st ruler, **Bahlul Lodhi** introduced the **Afghan theory of Kingship** (king is just like other ministers but prime one) and gave huge respect to nobles. But later rulers, **Sikander Lodhi** and **Ibrahim Lodhi** rejected Afghan theory of kingship, and tried to control nobles.



Nobles conspired against Ibrahim Lodhi and invited Babar to invade India. **Ibrahim Khan Lodhi** was killed by **Babar in 1526** during **1st battle of Panipat**

Sikander Lodhi (1489-1517 AD)

- Shifted his capital from Delhi to Agra
- Introduced a new system of land measurement, called **Gaz-i-sikandari (Sikander's yard)**

Sultanate Architecture	
Qutub-ud-din Aibak	Kuwwatul-Islam Delhi Dhai Din Ka Jhopara Kutbminar-Ajmer Delhi
Ala-ud-din Khilji	Siri Fort Mahal- Hazari-I Sitoon Alai -Darwaza Alai Minar
Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq	Tuglaqabad (Fort city)
Muhammad-bin Tughlaq	Jahan- Panah (Fort city) Sat Pullia
Firoz Shah Tughlaq	Firoz Shah Kotla Jamima Masjid Kusak-i- Sikar Reconstructed Hauz-I –Khas and Katbminar
Sikander Lodhi	Founded Agra
Sher Shah Suri	Old Fort Qila-i- Kuhng Sher Shah's Torib - Sasaram

Amir Khusrau:

- He was a Persian poet and he had associated with many Delhi Sultanate rulers during 1253-1325. He was a very versatile person, he was a soldier, diplomat, shrewd in court matters and a great poet in Persian, Arabic, and Urdu.
- He is also known as **Tuti-i-Hind** or the 'Parrot of India'
- His major works include, **Tarikh-i-Alai, Khamsah, Tughlaqnama**, and **Miftahul Futuh**

Sultanate Literature	Al Beruni	Qanun-i-Maudis Jawahir fil-Jawahir Kitab-ul-Hind
	Ibn-Batuta	Kitab-ul-Rehla

Sultanate Literature	Chand Bardai	Prithviraj Raso
	Feroz Shah Tughlaq	Futuh-i-Firozshahi
	Hasan Nizami	Tajul Maasir
	Minhas-us-Siraj	Tabaqat-i-Nasiri
	Malik Muhammad Jayasi	Padmavat

MUGHAL EMPIRE

Babar founded Mughal Empire in India, after defeating Ibrahim Lodhi in the 1st battle of Panipat. Babar continuously tried for territorial expansion and fought many wars. But by 1530 Babar died and his son Humayun became the next ruler.

Humayun was not as able as his father. He didn't bother to contain the increasing power of Sher Shah Suri in Bihar, and finally paid for that in 1539 in the Battle of Chausa and in 1540 in the battle of Kannauj. He was defeated by Sher Shah Suri and escaped to Persia.

Babar (1526-30 AD)

- 1st Battle of Panipat (1526): Babar defeated Ibrahim Lodhi
- Battle of Khanwa (1527): Babar defeated Rana Sanga
- Battle of Chanderi (1528): Babar defeated Medini Rai
- He wrote **Tuzuk-i-Babari** or **Babarnama**

Humayun (1530-40 & 1555-56)

- Humayun was defeated by Sher Shah Suri in the battle of Kannauj in 1540
- Humayun Nama** was written by his sister Gulbadan Begum
- Founded the city **Din Panah**

Sur Dynasty:-

Founded by Sher Shah Suri. His court poet Abbas Khan Sherwani wrote Sher Shah's biography Tarikh-i-Akbar Shahi. He was fore-runner to Akbar in land revenue system. He introduced a silver coin called Rupiah. In his system, land officials were responsible for local crimes, so it was their responsibility maintain law and order. In 1545, Sher Shah Suri died and other rulers were weak and gradually power declined.

Last ruler of Sur dynasty gave administrative power to his Prime Minister, Hemu or Hemachandra Vikramaditya and Hemu started looking after the Delhi administration. To suppress a riot which started in Bengal, Hemu with his force went to eastern territory. And it was during this time Humayun attacked Delhi and captured it in 1555. So Hemu couldn't come back to Delhi and he waited for a right moment to attack Delhi and capture it.

In 1556, Humayun fell from his library and died. At that time, Hemu attacked and captured Delhi. Later there was a war between Mughal army and Hemu. This battle is known as the **2nd battle of Panipat**. Akbar won this war and re-established Mughal rule in Delhi.

Sher Shah Suri (1540-45)

- Coined the word Sarkar
- Constructed **Grand Trunk Road**

At the age of 13 years, Akbar became the Mughal emperor. For the initial few years, Maham Anga helped him in administration and this is known as Petticoat Government, but later started ruling all by himself. Akbar was known for four of his great policies.

1. Religious Policy:-

- Respected all religion and abolished **Jizya**, a tax imposed on non-Muslims.
- In 1572 he also constructed Ibadat Khana, at Fatehpur Sikri, for religious discussions.
- Proclaimed Din-i-Ilahi in 1582

2. Rajput Policy:-

- Through discussions he solved problems with Rajput.
- Some of them even entered in matrimonial alliance.

3. Expansionist Policy-

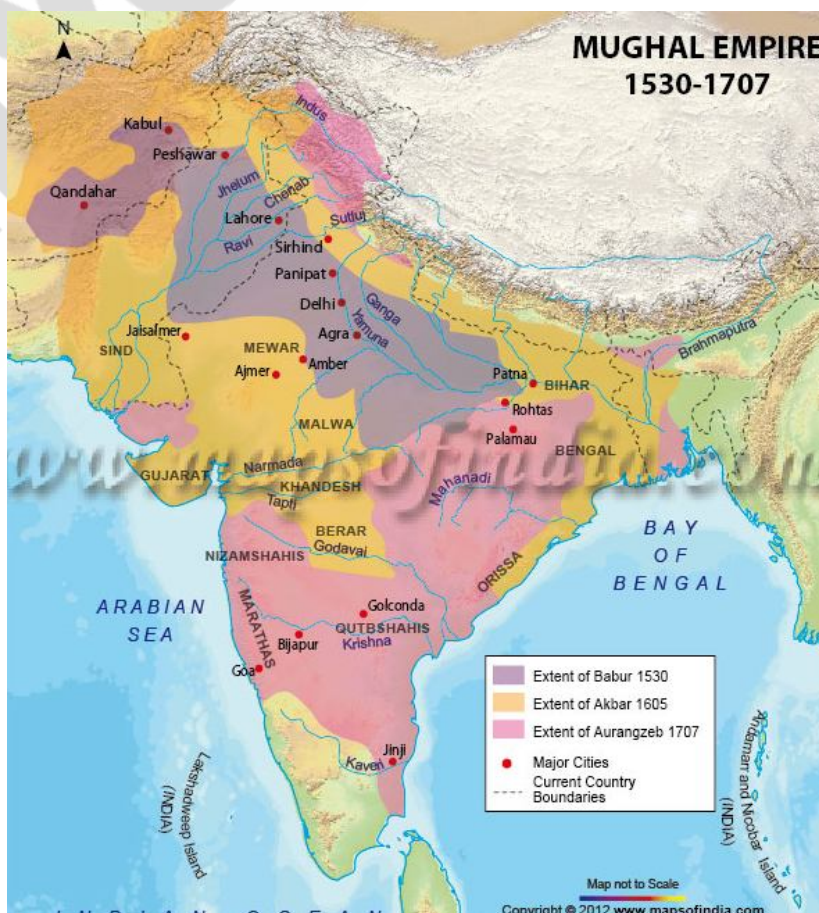
- From 1556-1605, he was continuously involved in territorial expansion.

4. Administration:-

- Considered as the real founder of Mughal administration, Art, Culture etc.
- Introduced Jagirdari system
- Also introduced Mahalwari system

In his last days there were some problems between Akbar and his son Salim (also known as Jahangir).

After the death of Akbar, his son Jahangir (original name was Salim) became the next ruler. It was during his reign, Guru Arjan Dev was executed by Mughal Army for providing shelter to Khusrau, (his son) who



revolted against him. In 1611 Salim married Mehr-ul-Nisa (also known by the name Nur Jahan). Jahangir was not an able ruler like his father. Most of the administrative activities were done by his wife. After his death in 1627, his son Khuram (also known by the name 'Shah Jahan') became the next ruler.

Shah Jahan's ruling period is known as the Golden age of Medieval India because of

1. Very high economic prosperity and
2. Development in art and culture

He ruled from his capital Shah Jahanabad, which had Jama Masjid, Red Fort and famous Chandini Chowk. In 1612, he married Arjumand Banu Begum, who became famous as Mumtaz Mahal later. He also built a Peacock Throne and he is also known as '**architect king**'. In 1658 he was imprisoned by his son Aurangzeb and finally died in 1666.

In 1658 Aurangzeb came in power by imprisoning his father Shah Jahan. The religious and Rajput policies of Akbar were reversed by him. In 1678 he reintroduced Jizya (a tax on Non-Muslim) and went against Rajput using military. Maratha region also revolted during this time under Shivaji. He was an expansionist and it was under his reign Mughal Empire reached its peak in terms of area. After his death in 1707, other rulers (later Mughals) were not that efficient and powerful. As a result a lot of people came into power in continuous succession and territorial disintegration also happened during this time.

Akbar (1556-1605)

- Akbar built **Buland Darwaza, Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort, Lahore Palace, Fatehpur Sikri, Allahabad Fort**
- **Gems of Akbar's court:** Birbal, Tansen, Abdur Rahim Khan-i-Khanan, Mullah do Pyaza, Todar Mal, Abul Fazl, Faizi and Man Singh

Jahangir (1605-27)

- Married **Nur Jahan** (also known as Meh-un-Nisa)
- **Guru Arjan Dev** was executed at Jahangir's order
- Wrote **Tuzuk-i-Jahangir**

Shah Jahan (1627-1658)

- Also known as architect king
- He built Taj Mahal in agra, Moti Masjid, Red Fort, Jama Masjid and also **Musamman Burz** (here he spent his last years in captivity)
- He laid the Shalimar Gardens in Lahore

Aurangzeb (1658-1707)

- Assumed the title of Alamgir
- Jizya was reintroduced
- 9th Sikh Guru Teg Bahadur was executed during his reign
- Moti Masjid was built by him
- Compiled Fatwa-i-Alamgiri and ended the celebration of Navroz festival

THE MARATHA AGE

Maratha presence was there in medieval history, but most of them split and they were in different groups, sometime fighting against each other and sometimes on the same side. As a result a unity was absent. Shivaji born in 1627, obtained Jagir of Poona from his father. Shivaji now started raiding territories of Bhaminis (especially Bijapur ruler) and Mughals. Shivaji also killed Afzal Khan, who was deputed by Adil Shah (Bijapur ruler) to kill Shivaji. In 1664 as part of territorial expansion Shivaji attacked Surat, a very important Mughal port, but was defeated by the army sent by Aurangzeb under Jaisingh in 1665. This defeat resulted in **Treaty of Purandhar (1665)**. He continued his territorial expansion and captured southern areas up to Tanjore. Later he died in 1680.

Shivaji's Administration:-

1. **Ashtapradhan:** there were eight most important ministers and most powerful of them was known as Peshwa
2. **Chauth and Sardeshmukhi:** They were taxes levied on territories outside Maratha, to avoid frequent raid or attack by Marathas.

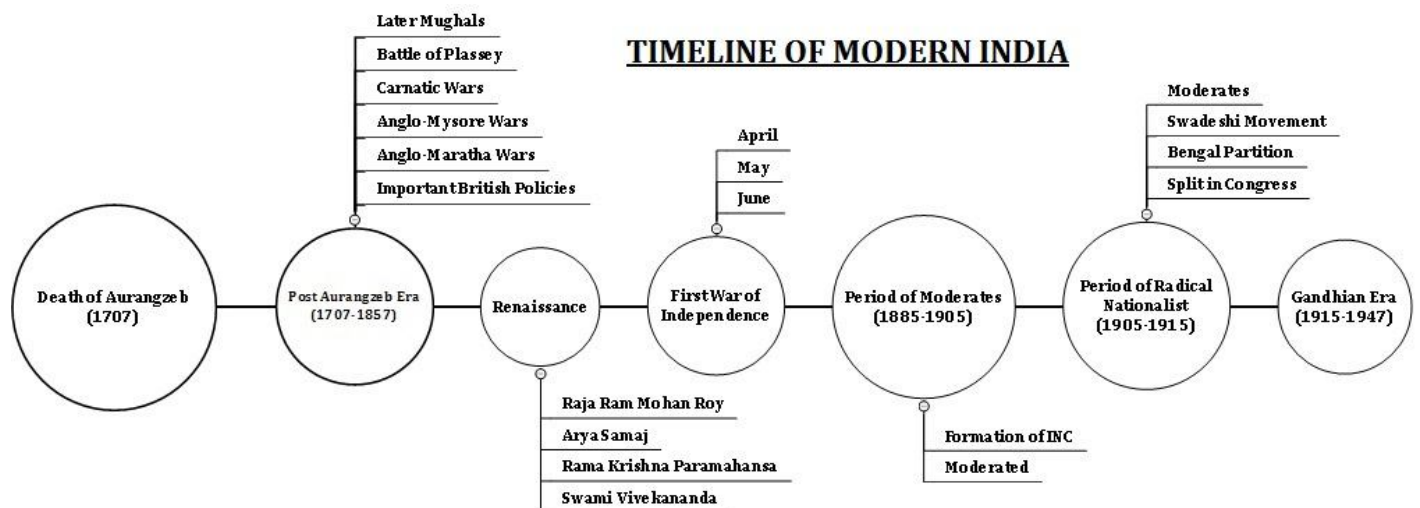
Sambaji (Shivaji's elder son) and Shahuji (Sambaji's son) were imprisoned by Aurangzeb and hence Raja Ram (Shivaji's younger son) became the next ruler. He took Marathas to a new height, but in 1700 he died and from then till 1707, Tarabai (Raja Ram's wife) ruled. Later when Shahuji was released by Bahadur Shah, he went to Tarabai asking for his state which she rejected and this led to the battle of Khed and Shahuji won this war. Balaji Viswanath (the 1st Peshwa) helped Shahuji in war and eventually Shahuji succeeded Raja Ram.

From here onwards, power would start shifting to Peshwa, even though ruler was also there. Important Peshwas are listed down.

1. Balaji Vishwanath (1713-20)
2. Baji Rao I (1720-40)
3. Balaji Baji Rao (1740-61)

After the defeat in the Third battle of Panipat in 1761, against Ahmad Shah Abdali, Maratha power decreased drastically and their decline started. Maratha Empire almost came to an end after the defeat in the third Anglo-Maratha wars.

MODERN INDIA



POST AURANGZEB ERA (1707-1857)

After the death of Aurangzeb in 1707, Mughal Empire declined. Later Mughals (Mughal rulers after Aurangzeb) were weak and didn't have good administrative skills. As a result many rulers came in power in quick succession with a very few exceptions and many parts of the empire started declaring independence. These areas though now controlled by local rulers, they symbolically considered Mughal ruler as their supreme head.

Important Later Mughal Rulers:-

1. Bahadur Shah (1707-12)

- Also known as Muazzam and he followed a pacifist policy
- Assumed the title of Shah Alam I and made peace with Guru Gobind Singh
- Released Shahu and Granted Sardesh Mukhi to Marathas

2. Jahandar Shah (1712-12)

- Came into power with the help of Zulfiqar Kahn
- Abolished Jiziya and later was defeated by Farrukh Siyar

3. Farrukh Siyar (1713-19)

- Came into power with the help of **Sayyid Brothers** (Abdullah Khan and Hussain Ali Khan)
- During his time, Banda Bahadur was captured and executed
- He was killed by Sayyid brothers

4. Mohammad Shah (1719-48)

- His real name was Roshan Akthar, but was nick named as '**Rangeela**'
- Nadir Shah** invaded India when he was ruling and took away **Koh-i-noor** and **Peacock throne**
- In 1722, his Wazir, Nizam-ul-mulk quit the job and marched to the Deccan to found the state of Hyderabad

5. Ahmed Shah Bahadur (1748-54)

- He was a very weak ruler and couldn't control his vast army, territorial disintegration continued in his time and by the end Empire reduced in size
- Ahmed Shah Abdali marched towards Delhi

6. Alamgir (1754-59)

- During his reign, Delhi was plundered by Ahmed Shah Abdali and Marathas

7. Shah Alam II (1759-1806)

- Battle of Buxar** was fought during his reign.

8. Akbar Shah II (1806-37)

- During his time, Mughal ruler became a mere pensioner of British.
- He sent Raja Ram Mohan Roy to England and later Ram Mohan Roy died in England.

9. Bahadur Shah II (1837-58)

- Last Mughal ruler
- He was the leader of revolt of 1857.
- He was later captured and exiled to Rangoon. He died in Rangoon prison in 1862.

British East India Company (1st Phase):-

They got a charter from queen of England in 1600, giving them the sole right to trade with the east. And in the first decade of 17th century, they reached India for trade. Trade with proved highly profitable to them and to increase profit margin further, they started asking for more and more concession from the rulers. They succeeded in getting a royal Farman from Mughal, which gave them the right to trade duty free. In the initial years, their main centre of activity was Bengal. Royal Farman only exempted only company from paying duty and not the employees, who were involved in personal trade. But misusing the provisions, the employees of the company also started evading duty, which later led to building tension between company and the local ruler.

Other than British East India Company, there were other companies too. All these company traded same things, and because of this competition prices of different commodities increased, which in turn decreased the profit margin. And these companies were fighting among each other, to stay on top of the business. To protect the stock from the attack of other company, they started fortifying their company premises. And this was another reason for the escalation of tension between the local rulers and the trading company.

Battle of Plassey:-

During the reign of later Mughal rulers, different areas in their territory started claiming independence and Bengal was one such area. After the death of Alivardi Khan of Bengal in 1756, **Siraj-ud-daulah** became the next Nawab of Bengal in 1756. Siraj-ud-Daulah, asked company to stop fortification, stop involving in political affairs of Bengal and also asked employees, who were involved in personal trades to pay duty. When company refused to do that, Nawab captured and imprisoned British company officials. This later led to the famous battle of Plassey in 1757.

Company army under **Robert Clive** won this war. Though for a few years, they appointed puppet rulers, later took control of administration completely by 1773, thus starting British rule in India.

Carnatic Wars

Between 1740 and 1760, European wars in which England and France were opponents brought them into conflict in India also. And this led to a series of three wars known as Carnatic Wars. The third Carnatic war ended when the war in Europe ended in 1763, with the treaty of Paris. But as per the terms and conditions of the treaty, French factories in India could no longer be fortified.

Anglo-Mysore Wars

Mysore rulers, initially **Hyder Ali** and later **Tipu Sultan**, were acting against the British interest and they were close to French. With French help, they even modernised their army. All this led to a series of four wars between Mysore and British East India Company, known as **Anglo-Mysore Wars**.

- 1st Anglo-Mysore War (1767-69): ended with **Treaty of Madras**
- 2nd Anglo-Mysore War (1780-84): Hyder Ali died, but Tipu continued war which later ended with **Treaty of Mangalore**
- 3rd Anglo-Mysore War (1789-92): Ended with **Treaty of Seringapatam**
- 4th Anglo-Mysore War (1799): Death of Tipu Sultan. Later the Mysore area was brought under Wodeyar dynasty (the real rulers of Mysore)

Anglo-Maratha Wars

Three wars were fought between Maratha and English.

- 1st Anglo-Maratha War: Ended with **Treaty of Salbai**
- 2nd Anglo-Maratha War: Result was a decisive British victory

- 3rd Anglo-Maratha War: Formal end of the Maratha empire and firm establishment of the British East India Company

Important British Policies in India:-

When British started conquering places in India, they also started imposing new policies here. Important policies are discussed below.

1. Subsidiary Alliance:-

- Introduced by Wellesley in 1798
- Using this policy they tried to capture territories even without war
- It was a military alliance and under it, Indian states had to pay an amount to British, for maintaining an army for them in the state. And in return British would protect them from any internal or external threat.
- But if the Indian state fail to pay, British would annex a part of Indian state's territory
- First state to sign subsidiary alliance with British was the state of Hyderabad.

2. Doctrine of Lapse:-

- Also known as Doctrine without any morality.
- It was introduced in 1848 by Lord Dalhousie
- It gave British, the right to annex any Indian state to its territory, if the ruler of that state dies without a natural successor

British felt that investment in land had to be encouraged and agriculture had to be improved. For this, they introduced 3 systems Zamindari, Ryotwari, and Mahalwari systems

Land Tenure System	Location	Features
Permanent Settlement (1793)	Bengal, Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced by Cornwallis • Tax amount was fixed permanently and not to be increased in the future • Zamindars collected tax • Very exploitative and British didn't implement in any other parts of India
Ryotwari (1820)	Madras, Bombay, Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Thomas Munro • Company directly collected tax from farmers
Mahalwari (1822)	Gangetic valley, Punjab, North-west provinces and some part of central India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced by Holt Mackenzie • Village headman was made responsible for tax collection

REVOLT OF 1857

V. D. Savarkar in 1907 wrote a book on 'Indian war of independence' and mentioned revolt of 1857 as the **First war of independence**.

Causes of Revolt:-

1. Economic Causes:-

- All sections of the society was negatively affected by British economic policies
- **Peasants:** Huge taxation, money lenders, and complex judiciary led to the exploitation of this group. Disguised unemployment was very high here.
- **Artisans:** British economic policy was aimed at de-industrialisation in India. And in this process many artisans lost their job and they had to move to agriculture sector or to some other areas, where already unemployment was pretty high. When they shifted, situation worsened.

2. Socio Cultural Changes:-

- The British believed that Indian society had to be reformed.

- Laws were passed to stop the practice of sati and to encourage the remarriage of widows.
- English-language education was actively promoted.
- After 1830, the Company allowed Christian missionaries to function freely in its domain and even own land and property.
- In 1850s, a new law was passed to make conversion to Christianity easier. This law allowed an Indian who had converted to Christianity to inherit the property of his ancestors.
- Many Indians began to feel that the British were destroying their religion, their social customs and their traditional way of life. There were of course other Indians who wanted to change existing social practices.

3. Military Causes:-

- Racial brutality/ Maltreatment of Indian military personals by British officers
- Discrimination in pay and promotion
- Bad service conditions: caste and other rituals were prohibited in Army

4. Political Causes:-

- Kings, queens, peasants, landlords, tribals, and soldiers were all affected in different ways by the British policies. Since the mid-eighteenth century, nawabs and rajas had seen their power erode. They had gradually lost their authority and honour
- Many ruling families tried to negotiate with the Company to protect their interests. For example, Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi wanted the Company to recognise her adopted son as the heir to the kingdom after the death of her husband and Nana Saheb, the adopted son of Peshwa Baji Rao II, pleaded that he be given his father's pension when the latter died
- Awadh was one of the last territories to be annexed. In 1801, a subsidiary alliance was imposed on Awadh, and in 1856 it was taken over. Governor-General Dalhousie declared that the territory was being misgoverned and British rule was needed to ensure proper administration
- In 1849, Governor-General Dalhousie announced that after the death of Bahadur Shah Zafar, the family of the king would be shifted out of the Red Fort and given another place in Delhi to reside in.
- In 1856, Governor-General Canning decided that Bahadur Shah Zafar would be the last Mughal king and after his death none of his descendants would be recognised as kings – they would just be called princes

5. Immediate Cause:-

- A rumour spread that the newly introduced Enfield rifle's cartridge was manufactured using cow and pig fat and usage of this cow and pig fat was against the religious ideologies of Hindus and Muslims.

A Mutiny Becomes a Popular Rebellion:-

- A very large number of people begin to believe that they have a common enemy and rise up against the enemy at the same time. Such a situation developed in the northern parts of India in 1857.
- After a hundred years of conquest and administration, the English East India Company faced a massive rebellion that started in May 1857 and threatened the Company's very presence in India. Sepoys mutinied in several places beginning from Meerut and a large number of people from different sections of society rose up in rebellion.

From Meerut to Delhi:-

On 29 March 1857, a young soldier, Mangal Pandey, was hanged to death for attacking his officers in Barrackpore



On 9th May 1857 some sepoys of the regiment at Meerut refused to do the army drill using the new cartridges, which were suspected of being coated with the fat of cows and pigs. Eighty-five sepoys were dismissed from service and sentenced to ten years in jail for disobeying their officers.



On 10 May, the soldiers marched to the jail in Meerut and released the imprisoned sepoys. They attacked and killed British officers. They captured guns and ammunition and set fire to the buildings and properties of the British and declared war on the **firangis**.



The sepoys of Meerut rode all night of 10 May to reach Delhi in the early hours next morning. The emperor was not quite willing to challenge the mighty British power but the soldiers persisted. They forced their way into the palace and proclaimed Bahadur Shah Zafar as their leader.

- Bahadur Shah Zafar wrote letters to all the chiefs and rulers of the country to come forward and organise a confederacy of Indian states to fight the British. Threatened by the expansion of British rule, many of the smaller rulers felt that if the Mughal emperor could rule again, they too would be able to rule their own territories once more, under Mughal authority. The British had not expected this to happen.

The rebellion spreads:-

After the British were routed from Delhi, there was no uprising for almost a week. It took that much time for news to travel. Then, a spurt of mutinies began. Regiment after regiment mutinied. People of the towns and villages also rose up in rebellion and rallied around local leaders, zamindars and chiefs who were prepared to establish their authority and fight the British.

- **Nana Saheb**, the adopted son of the late Peshwa Baji Rao who lived near **Kanpur**, gathered armed forces and expelled the British garrison from the city. He proclaimed himself Peshwa and declared that he was a governor under Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar.
- In **Lucknow**, **Birjis Qadr**, the son of the deposed **Nawab Wajid Ali Shah**, was proclaimed the new Nawab. He too acknowledged the suzerainty of Bahadur Shah Zafar. His mother **Begum Hazrat Mahal** took an active part in organising the uprising against the British.
- In **Jhansi**, **Rani Lakshmibai** joined the rebel sepoys and fought the British along with **Tantia Tope**, the general of Nana Saheb.

The British were defeated in a number of battles. This convinced the people that the rule of the British had collapsed for good and gave them the confidence to take the plunge and join the rebellion. A situation of widespread popular rebellion developed in the region of Awadh in particular.

Many new leaders came up. For example,

1. **Ahmadullah Shah**, a maulvi from Faizabad, prophesied that the rule of the British would come to an end soon. He caught the imagination of the people and raised a huge force of supporters.
2. **Bakht Khan**, a soldier from Bareilly, took charge of a large force of fighters who came to Delhi. He became a key military leader of the rebellion.
3. In Bihar, an old zamindar, **Kunwar Singh**, joined the rebel Sepoys and battled with the British for many months.

The company fights back:-

The Company decided to repress the revolt with all its might. It brought reinforcements from England, passed new laws so that the rebels could be convicted with ease, and then moved into the storm centres of the revolt.

- **Delhi** was recaptured from the rebel forces in September 1857. The last Mughal emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar was tried in court and sentenced to life imprisonment. His sons were shot dead before his eyes. He and his wife **Begum Zinat Mahal** were sent to prison in **Rangoon** in October 1858. Bahadur Shah Zafar died in the Rangoon jail in November 1862.
- Lucknow was taken in March 1858.
- Rani Lakshmibai was defeated and killed in June 1858.

- Tantia Tope escaped to the jungles of central India and continued to fight a guerrilla war with the support of many tribal and peasant leaders. He was captured, tried and killed in April 1859.

Aftermath:-

After the revolt of 1857, British introduced many changes and some of them are discussed below:

1. The British Parliament passed a new Act in 1858 and **transferred the powers of the East India Company to the British Crown.**
 - A member of the British Cabinet was appointed Secretary of State for India and made responsible for all matters related to the governance of India.
 - He was given a council to advise him, called the **India Council.**
 - The Governor-General of India was given the title of **Viceroy**, that is, a personal representative of the Crown.
2. All ruling chiefs of the country were assured that their territory would never be annexed in future. They were allowed to pass on their kingdoms to their heirs, including adopted sons. However, they were made to acknowledge the British Queen as their Sovereign Paramount. Thus the Indian rulers were to hold their kingdoms as subordinates of the British Crown.
3. It was decided that the proportion of Indian soldiers in the army would be reduced and the number of European soldiers would be increased. It was also decided that instead of recruiting soldiers from Awadh, Bihar, central India and south India, more soldiers would be recruited from among the Gurkhas, Sikhs and Pathans.
4. The land and property of Muslims was confiscated on a large scale and they were treated with suspicion and hostility. The British believed that they were responsible for the rebellion in a big way.
5. The British decided to respect the customary religious and social practices of the people in India.
6. Policies were made to protect landlords and Zamindars and give them security of rights over their lands.

Thus a new phase of history began after 1857.

RENAISSANCE

This includes the reforms happened in Indian society in the 19th century. Raja Ram Mohan Roy is considered as the **Father of Indian Renaissance.**

All the educated Indians of early 19th century, believed that British rule was good for India and hence they never went against British. Only after the First War of Independence, they realised that they were wrong and decided to act against British. But for mass resistance against British was possible only when there is a common uniting factor i.e. '**Nationalism**'. But the socio-religious and other practices present during that time didn't allow that. Hence they decided to modernise the society by going for socio-religious reforms. And this is what happened during renaissance.

Social Reforms and Reformers:-

Raja Ram Mohan Roy

- Started **Atmiya Sabha** in 1814 and **Brahma Sabha** in 1828. Also established Vedanta college in 1825
- Succeeded in persuading Lord Bentick to abolish '**Sati**' in 1829
- Wrote '**A gift to Monotheists**'

Arya Samaj

- Set up in 1875 by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in Bombay
- Opposed untouchability, child marriage, and caste discrimination

Ram Krishna Paramhansa

- Was a supporter of Advaita

- Socio-religious reformer from Bengal
- Thought of attaining salvation through yoga, meditation, and devotion.
- He said, all religions are different roads to the same destination.

Swami Vivekananda

- He was a disciple of Rama Krishna Paramahansa
- Attended the World Parliament of Religions held at Chicago in 1893
- Started Rama Krishna Math in 1887 and Rama Krishna Mission in 1897
- Sister Nivedita was his disciple.

Sree Narayana Guru

- Established Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam (SNDP) in 1902
- He gave the slogan of "One Caste, One Religion and One God for mankind"

E. V. Ramasamy Naicker

- Took steps to uplift lower caste and started '**Self-respect movement**'
- He believed that old manuscripts were the root cause of all social injustice and hence he asked to '**Burn Manusmriti**'

Theosophical Society

- Formed in 1875 by Madam Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott in USA
- Head Quarter was later shifted to Adyar, Madras.
- Annie Besant was a very famous theosophist

PERIOD OF MODERATES (1885-1905)

In 1885, 72 men met in Bombay under A O Hume and this was the 1st All India Organization known as **Indian National Congress (INC)**. **W. C. Banerjee** presided over INC's founding session. Promotion and consolidation of Nation making & the Establishment of secular and democratic nation, were the primary objectives of INC.

Important INC Sessions:-

Year	Place	President
1885	Bombay	W. C. Banerjee
1886	Kolkata	Dadabhai Naoroji (1st president from minority)
1887	Madras	Badrudin Tyabji (1st Muslim president)
1888	Allahabad	George Yule (1st English president)
1905	Banaras	G K Gokhale
1906	Kolkata	Dadabhai Naoroji
1907	Surat	Rashbihari Ghosh (split in congress)
1916	Lucknow	A C Mazumdar (reunion of moderates & extremists)
1917	Kolkata	Annie Besant (1st woman president)
1920	Nagpur	Lala Lajpat Rai (1st constitution for congress was drafted under the direction of M K Gandhi)
1922	Gaya	D C Das
1924	Belgaum	M K Gandhi
1925	Kanpur	Sarojini Naidu (1st Indian woman president)
1929	Lahore	Jawaharlal Nehru (Poorna Swaraj declaration)
1931	Karachi	Vallabhbhai Patel (Passing of resolution on Fundamental Rights)
1936	Lucknow	Jawaharlal Nehru
1937	Faizpur	Jawaharlal Nehru
1938	Haripura	Subhas Chandra Bose
1939	Tripuri	Subhas Chandra Bose (resigned) Rajendra Prasad replaced Bose
1947	Meerut	J B Kripalani

Important Events:-

- Drain of wealth theory was proposed, which showed how British is destroying India by taking our wealth to England.
- Indian Council Act of 1892, didn't give enough powers to Indian and in protest of this, INC came up with the slogan of '**No taxation without representation**'.
- Moderates adopted methods like, Petition, Prayer, and Protest (**3Ps**) to get their demand done

PERIOD OF RADICAL NATIONALISTS (1905-15)

Important Events:-

- A group of people in INC was not convinced by the way INC protested, later this group formed extremists.
- **Bengal Partition:** In 1905 British announced their plan of dividing Bengal. Official explanation said, it was for administrative convenience but other understood that it was part of Britain's divide and rule policy. In protest of this Swadeshi movement started in 1905. And later in October 1905, when partition took place, people went for hartal, tied rakhi, and sang 'Vande mataram' to show their unity. And as a part of Swadeshi movement, people boycott British goods and English education. And India witnessed a revival of vernacular literary activity.
- **Split in Congress:** Extremists wanted to extend Swadeshi Movement throughout India and continue boycotting British goods. But moderates in INC, rejected this proposal which led to the Split in INC in its 1907 Surat session. After split most of the extremist leaders were arrested on the charges of sedition. But after the suppression of extremists, **1st phase of Revolutionary Terrorism** emerged in India.
- **1909:** Morley-Minto reform

Reasons for the rise of Revolutionary Terrorism:-

1. Realisation of the true nature of the British rule
2. Growth of education
3. Reaction against westernisation
4. International development
5. Failure of moderates and extremists

First revolutionary act started in Maharashtra, among the Chitpavan Brahmins. They felt that they lost their ruling power because of British and adopted a revolutionary terrorist way under the leadership of **Tilak**. He published two journals **Kesari**(in Marathi) and **Maratha**(in English).

Other acts of Revolutionary Terrorism include,

1. Chapekar brothers tried to kill Rand, a British officer, but instead killed Lt. Ayerst
2. V D Savarkar in 1904, started Abhinav Bharat, to provide physical training to youngsters
3. In 1902, Anusilan Samiti by Pramod Mitra was started
4. Formation of Ghadar party in USA.

GANDHIAN ERA (1915-47)

After coming from South Africa in 1915, he started Sabarmati Ashram. His resistance against British administration started with Champaran Satyagraha, Ahmedabad Textile Mill works strike, and Kheda Satyagraha. And success of all these Satyagraha showed his ability to lead masses.

Formation of Muslim League and Reunification of Moderates & Extremists:-

After Bengal partition, Muslim leaders had gone to Shimla to meet Governor General and ask for some concessions including a separate electorate for Muslims. After their return to Dacca, they formed **Muslim League**. League and INC worked separately.

In 1916, Lucknow session of INC, two important things happened.

1. Lucknow Pact: INC and League decided to put forward joint demands before British, for Constitutional reforms. They demanded an expansion of Legislative council and to include more Indians in Viceroy's executive council.
2. Reunification of Moderates and Extremists: Annie Besant played a huge role in this process. Issues based on which split occur, became irrelevant by that time and moderate leaders who refused reunification (G K Gokhale and Firozshah Mehta) died. Moreover they realised that it was actually British who benefited from the split.

Jallianwala Bagh massacre:-

1916 Lucknow session of INC supported British during World War II, because they believed that British would give independence to India after WWII. But British introduced harsh measures like Rowlatt Act in 1919. Due to violence in Punjab province, two Sikh leaders were arrested in March 1919, and after a few days, on 13th April 1919, a large crowd assembled in the Jallianwala bagh. Some people were protesting and others were celebrating Baisakhi Festival. Hearing this news General Dyer ordered to fire on the crowd to suppress the protest and many died there itself. In protest Rabindranath Tagore, returned his Knighthood.

Home Rule Movement:-

Two main leaders were Tilak and Annie Besant. M K Gandhi never took part in this movement. Aim of this movement was to put pressure on British to grant self-rule in India during WWI. Their method of agitation included Processions, meetings, pamphlet distribution and reading them in gatherings etc. But Home Rule Movement died within one year itself, because of the severe suppression by British and the movement lost its leaders (Annie was under house arrest and Tilak had to go to England regarding a case)

Khilafat and Non Cooperation Movement:-

After WWII, Turkey ruler was removed from power and British and other countries took control of Turkey. But **Caliph** (ruler of Turkey) was considered as the leader of Muslim religion. And after this incident, Muslims all over the world started protesting, and in India this protest was known as Khilafat Movement. In India this was started by Ali brothers. M K Gandhi proposed that they should use Satyagraha form of protest and they could include other demands of INC and could protest together under a common umbrella known as **Non-Cooperation Movement (NCM)**.

Gandhi said as a result of NCM, we would achieve 3 main objectives

1. Swaraj within one year
2. Khilafat issue will be resolved and
3. Punjab issue will also be resolved

NCM was launched on 1st August 1920 and the same day Tilak died. Gandhi had decided to go for agitation in two phases, (1) NCM and (2) Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM).

So the first phase of peaceful agitation was launched on 1st Aug 1920 and as part of that Indian decided to do following things.

1. Boycott British goods, Schools, and Colleges
2. Masses resigned from British Govt. jobs
3. Constructive programmes were also part of NCM. For example
 - a. Promotion of Hindu-Muslim unity
 - b. Abolition of untouchability
 - c. Promotion of Khadi

First phase was a huge success and Gandhi was about to go for 2nd phase (CDM) at **Bardoli** in February 1922. It was at that time **Chauri-Chaura Incident** occur and Gandhi suspended CDM. Taking the moral responsibility, Gandhi went to jail for 6 years.

Revolutionary Terrorism II:-

Some people thought that Gandhi's method failed, hence we should go along revolutionary path to get what we need. In 1924, at Kanpur, Sachin Sanyal, Ram Prasad Bismil and many others assembled and formed **Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)**. Their aim was to overthrow British through revolution. They planned and executed Kakori robbery in 1925. Understanding the threat from HRA, British arrested many people and hanged some leaders.

After a few years, in 1928, many revolutionists assembled in Feroz Shah Kotla and pledged to revive HRA and changed the name of the organisation to **HSRA (Hindustan Socialist Republican Association)**. HSRA's aims were,

1. Establish a united state of secular republic of India
2. They stood for egalitarian society
3. Decided to give up individual heroic actions (which they had to change within a few months)

In 1927, British appointed Simon commission to recommend to the Govt. whether India was ready for further Constitutional Reforms and on what lines. There was not a single Indian in that commission, and hence all over India protest was going on. During one such protest in Lahore, Lala Lajpat Rai died during a lathi charge.

To take revenge, HSRA decided to move away from their decision of not to go for heroic action. A team of Bhagat Singh, Azad and Raj Guru, killed Saunders (ASP of Lahore). British started arresting innocent people and People started saying against revolutionaries, that they were coward that's why hiding and we were suffering for their actions. HSRA decided to go open, get public attention and make a point that they were not coward and whatever they were doing is for the same public. And this led to the Bomb attack in the Central Legislative Assembly by Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt. Bombs were made just to make noise and not to kill anyone and they said this was '**to make deaf hear**'.

Under Lahore Conspiracy Case (an umbrella case), British arrested many people and hanged Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukh Dev on **23rd March 1931**. Other revolutionaries were also suppressed, arrested, or killed (including Chandra Sekhar Azad).

Nehru Committee:-

Indians protested Simon Commission at two levels.

1. By Anti-Simon agitation
2. By forming Nehru Committee: under Motilal Nehru they drafted a constitution.

In 1928, Kolkata session, INC wanted to discuss and ratify the Nehru Committee Report. Some of the recommendations of certain communal parties couldn't be included in this report and they boycott session. From here communal issues started strengthening and it finally ended with the partition of India.

Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and Round Table Conference (RTC):-

In 1929, Lahore session of INC, which was presided over by Jawaharlal Nehru, declared two things.

1. INC's aim is Poorna Swaraj: also decided to celebrate January 26th as independence day
2. To get Poorna Swaraj, INC decided to launch CDM: as part of CDM, they 1st decided to boycott Round Table Conference

INC gave the responsibility of launching CDM to M K Gandhi. Gandhi wrote a letter to Lord Irwin, with his famous **11 point demand** and also informed that he was going to launch CDM with a Salt march from Sabarmati to Dandi (**Dandi March**). Many arrested during this protest.

1st Round Table Conference (RTC) in 1930, in the absence of INC, was a failure and understanding that no settlement was possible in the absence of INC, they decided to act friendly towards INC, and as a first step, released all the prisoners including Gandhi 1931. An agreement was reached between INC and Irwin with

Gandhi Irwin Pact of 1931. Gandhi has asked Irwin to suspend the death sentence of 3 revolutionaries (Raj Guru, Sukh Dev, and Bhagat Singh) but Irwin didn't agree for that. There was a mass protest against Gandhi because people believed that Gandhi didn't try enough to save those 3 revolutionaries. Gandhi suspended CDM and went to attend **2nd Round Table Conference**. But 2nd RTC was a failure and he relaunched CDM in 1932. British arrested everyone and suppressed completely.

In August 1932, British Prime Minister announced **communal awards**, also known as **Ramsay Macdonald award**. Under this British, depressed classes were granted separate electorates. But Gandhi was totally against this, and with B R Ambedkar, he signed an agreement known as **Poona Pact of 1932**, which promised some special treatment to depressed classes. In 3rd RTC, also INC didn't participate. In 1934, Gandhi withdrew CDM and resigned Congress saying, he could serve congress much more from outside. And started working for the backward class, whom he called '**harijan**'.

British released **white paper**, which had the gist of all the 3 RTCs, and later with some modification, released it as **Government of India Act of 1935**. Provincial autonomy was given under this and after winning the elections, Indians themselves started ruling different provinces. But later when British declared that India supported British in World War II, in a protest, the members of the provincial legislative assemblies resigned.

There were no main all India movement during 1934-41 because Gandhi supported British against Nazism. Because he thought Nazism and Fascism were greater threat than imperialism and capitalism.

In 1940 INC's Wardha session, they demanded two things

1. Declare British war aims
2. Genuine transfer of power to Indians

They were of the view that if British fulfil the above demands, India could support British in WWII. As a British response, **Lord Linlithgow proposed August Offer of 1940**. Provisions of August offer is shown below.

1. Dominion status the aim of British Govt. in India
2. Formation of Constituent assembly after WWII
3. Any such Constitution prepared by this Constituent assembly won't be accepted by British if it doesn't have minority support.

But INC rejected August Offer. To fight against the suspension of Press freedom, **Individual Satyagraha** was started. This was a limited protest.

By early 1942, Japan was about to attack British in India and capture it. To get Indian support, British sent **Cripps Mission** to India in 1942. Cripps Proposal included:

1. Dominion status to India
2. A Constituent assembly after WWII
3. Any province in India which rejects the newly drafted constitution, can have a separate constitution and union. This was supposed to be a blue print for Pakistan.

INC rejected Cripps Proposal also. Gandhi described these proposals as "**post-dated cheque on a failing bank**".

And after the failure of Cripps Mission, we went for **Quit India Movement**. Reasons for Quit India Movement included,

1. Failure of Cripps Mission
2. War time miseries
3. Scarcity and inflation
4. Racial attitude of British
5. Defence of India against Japan

It was during this time, Gandhi gave the slogan of "**Do or Die**". But one day before the launch of this movement, all the leaders were arrested and imprisoned, as a result a leaderless mass started violence, and this was actually

the most violent agitation after the 1857's first war of independence. And within a few months British succeeded in suppressing this movement completely.

Indian National Army (INA) also known as **Azad hind Fauj** was started by Mohan Singh in 1942 to help Japan. But because of the problems between Mohan Singh and Japanese Army officials, INA didn't get a major role.

After a difference of opinion with INC, Subhash Chandra Bose resigned from INC in 1939 and formed **Forward Block** and met world leaders to gain support for India. At Singapore in 1943 he revived INA. It had an exclusive women regiment named Rani Jhansi Regiment headed by Captain Lakshmi Swami Nathan (also known as Capt. Lakshmi Saigal). Bose sought Gandhi's blessings and called M K Gandhi as "**Father of the Nation**". But INA's campaign through Imphal was a failure and Japan was also started losing war. Captured INA members were undergoing trials at Red Fort, when another mutiny known as **Royal Indian Naval Mutiny** started on 18th February 1946. This was an expression of a lot many grievances and ill feelings. Local people also supported mutiny, but on the request of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and S V Patel, they surrendered.

After WWII, by 1946 British proposed **Cabinet Mission Plan**. The mandate was to prepare modalities of transfer of power. They consulted with different communities and then came up with the recommendations. Main recommendations included:

1. Religion can't be the basis for partition
2. Provinces were to be divided into three groups. A, B, and C
3. Provinces to have full autonomy
4. A common central Govt. to look after defence, external affairs, and communication
5. Three tier legislature and executive
6. A constitutional assembly to be formed comprising British India and the Indian states
7. An interim Govt. to be formed till the constitution was drafted.

After a few days, Muslim League rejected the Cabinet Mission plan and announced **Direct Action Day agitation** on 16th August 1946 to get Pakistan through violent action. Violence started in many parts of India. On 9th December 1946, the first session of Constituent assembly was held and Rajendra Prasad was chosen as the president of the assembly and Jawaharlal Nehru became the Prime Minister of the interim government.

Clement Attlee announced in February 1947 that, by June 1948, British would leave India. If by that no consensus was arrived at then transfer of power to many centres else to one centre. But later, after having many discussions Lord Mountbatten understood that other than partition, there was no other solution. By June 1947, Mountbatten came up with his very famous **June 3rd Plan**, which said

1. Transfer of power would take place by 15th August
2. Boundary commission was to be headed by **Radcliffe**
3. Sindh assembly members were to decide whether to join India or Pakistan.
4. People of North-West Frontier Provinces and Assam could decide whether to join India or Pakistan through a referendum.

And thus on 15th August 1947, India got long fought independence.

INDIAN POLITY

Constitution is the fundamental law of the land. It contains a set of rules, according to which the state is governed.

Constituent Assembly:-

- It was **M N Roy**, who put forward the idea of the Constituent Assembly for the first time.
- In 1935, the Indian National Congress, officially demanded a Constituent Assembly to frame the Constitution of India.
- The concept of Constituent Assembly was included in **August offer of 1940, Cripps proposal of 1942** and the **Cabinet Mission Plan of 1946**.
- In November 1946, Constituent Assembly was constituted as per the Cabinet Mission Plan. Constituent Assembly was a partly elected and partly nominated body.
- Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha**, the oldest member of the Assembly was elected as the temporary President and later **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** was elected as the President. **Sir B N Rau** was appointed as the Constitutional advisor to the Assembly.
- In December 1946, Jawaharlal Nehru moved the '**Objective Resolution**' in the Assembly. Its modified version forms the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.
- To deal with the different tasks of Constitution making, Constituent Assembly appointed different committees.

Name of the important Committee	Chairman
Union Powers Committee	Jawaharlal Nehru
Drafting Committee	Dr. B R Ambedkar
Committee on the Functions of the Constituent Assembly	G V Mavalankar

Enactment of the Constitution:-

- The Constitution Assembly adopted the Constitution of India on 26th November 1949
- Constitution of India came into force on 26th January 1950.
- Indian National Congress celebrated Purna Swaraj day on 26th January 1930. To commemorate this incident, Constituent Assembly chose 26th January as the date of enactment of the Constitution.

Salient Features of the Constitution of India:-

- Longest written Constitution
- Drawn various sources: The Constitution of India has borrowed many of its features from the various Constitutions of the world

Sl.No.	Source	Features Borrowed
1	Govt. of India Act - 1935	Federal Scheme, Office of Governor, Public Service Commissions
2	British Constitution	Rule of Law, Parliamentary form of Govt., Single Citizenship, Bicameralism, Legislative procedure, Cabinet System, Prerogative writ
3	US Constitution	Judicial review, Fundamental rights, Office of Vice-President, Independence of Judiciary, Impeachment of the President, Removal of Supreme Court and High Court judges
4	Canadian Constitution	Federation with a strong centre, Vesting of residuary powers in the Centre, Advisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
5	Australian Constitution	Concurrent List, Joint sitting of the two houses of the Parliament
6	French Constitution	Ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, Republic
7	Japanese Constitution	Procedure established by Law
8	Soviet Constitution	Fundamental duties, Ideals of Justice (Social, Economic and Political) in Preamble
9	South African Constitution	Election of members of Rajya Sabha, Procedure for amendment of the constitution

10	Weimar Constitution of Germany	Suspension of Fundamental Rights during emergency
11	Irish Constitution	Directive Principles of State Policy, Method of election of President, Nomination of members to Rajya Sabha

- III. Federal Structure: This refers to the existence of more than one level of Government. For example, in our country, we have Central Govt. and State Governments.
- IV. Parliamentary Form of Government
- V. Integrated and Independent Judiciary
- VI. Fundamental Rights: These are a set of rights given to citizen, which are fundamental in nature. This is to protect citizen from the absolute exercise of power by the State. There are 6 basic Fundamental Rights and they are
- Right to Equality**
 - Right to Freedom**
 - Right against exploitation**
 - Right to Freedom of Religion**
 - Cultural and Educational Rights**
 - Right to Constitutional Remedies**
- VII. Directive Principles of State Policy
- VIII. Fundamental Duties: These were added as per the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976. There are eleven Fundamental Duties mentioned in the Constitution.
- IX. Secularism: This means, the State is not promoting any one religion
- X. Emergency Provisions: There are 3 types of emergencies
- National Emergency (As per Art. 352)
 - President's Rule (As per Art. 356 & 365) and
 - Financial Emergency (As per Art 360)

Preamble of the Indian Constitution:-

- Based on the '**Objective Resolution**' drafted by **Jawaharlal Nehru**
- It has been amended by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act (1976), which added three new words (Socialist, Secular, and Integrity)
- Key concepts in Preamble: Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic, Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity

Schedules of the Indian Constitution:-

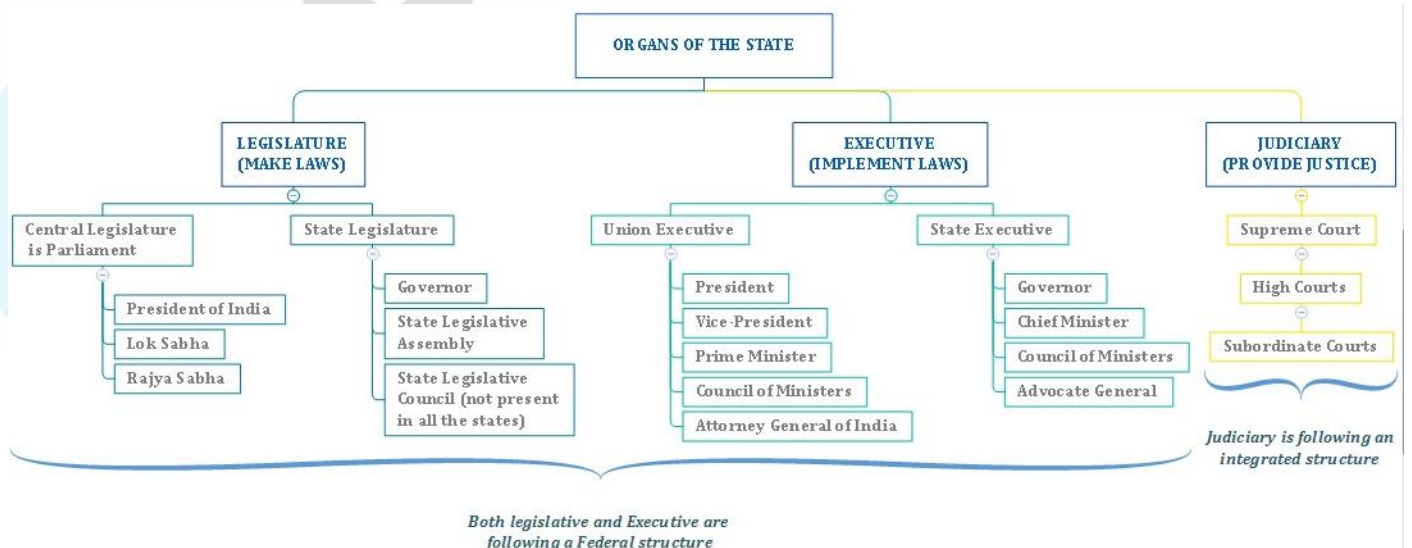
1 st Schedule	List of States & Union Territories
2 nd Schedule	Provisions relating to the emoluments, allowances and so on of President, Governors, Chief Justice and Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
3 rd Schedule	Forms of Oath and affirmation
4 th Schedule	Allocation of seats in Rajya Sabha to the states and Union Territories
5 th Schedule	Provisions relating to the administration and control of scheduled areas and scheduled tribes
6 th Schedule	Provisions relating to the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram
7 th Schedule	Division of powers between the Union and the states in terms of Union, State and Concurrent lists
8 th Schedule	Languages recognised by the Constitution
9 th Schedule	Acts and orders related to land tenure, land tax, railway, industries
10 th Schedule	Provisions as to disqualification on ground of defection
11 th Schedule	Provisions of Panchayati Raj
12 th Schedule	Provisions of Municipal Corporations

Parts of the Indian Constitution:-

Parts of Indian Constitution		
Parts	Articles Covered	Subject Matter
I	1 to 4	Union and its Territories
II	5 to 11	Citizenship
III	12 to 35	Fundamental Rights
IV	36 to 51	Directive Principles of State Policy
IV - A	51 - A	Fundamental Duties
V	52 to 151	The Union Government
VI	152 to 237	The State Governments
VIII	239 to 242	The Union Territories
IX	243 to 243 - O	The Panchayats
IX - A	243 - P to 243 - ZG	The Municipalities
IX - B	243 - ZH to 243 - ZT	The Co-operative Societies
X	244 to 244 - A	The Scheduled and Tribal Areas
XI	245 to 263	Relations between the Union and the States
XII	264 to 300 - A	Finance, Property, Contracts, and Suits
XIII	301 to 307	Trade, Commerce and Intercourse within the Territory of India
XIV	308 to 323	Services under the Union and the States
XIV - A	323 - A to 323 - B	Tribunals
XV	324 to 329 - A	Elections
XVI	330 to 342	Special Provisions relating to Certain Classes
XVII	343 to 351	Official Language
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XIX	361 to 367	Miscellaneous
XX	368	Amendment of the Constitution
XXI	369 to 392	Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions
XXII	393 to 395	Short title, Commencement, Authoritative Text in Hindi and Repeals

Organs of the State

- There are 3 organs of the State; Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary
 - Legislature: They are responsible for making new laws
 - Executive: They implement the laws
 - Judiciary: This include all the court system in the country and they provide justice



Union Executive

- It consists of the President of India, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, and Attorney General of India

I. President of India

- President of India is the head of the State as well as part of both Union Executive and the Parliament
- Qualification for election as President:
 1. Should be a citizen of India
 2. Should have completed 35 years of age
 3. Should be qualified for election as a member of the Lok Sabha
 4. Shouldn't hold any office of profit
- **Election:** Indirectly elected by an electoral college consisting of;
 1. the elected members of both the houses of Parliament
 2. the elected members of the legislative assemblies of the states and,
 3. the elected members of the legislative assemblies of the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry
- **Term of Office** is 5 years
- **Impeachment:** It is the process of removing the President from his office. And impeachment can be initiated only in the case of '**violation of the Constitution**'
- **Important Powers and Functions of the President:**
 1. All executive actions of the Govt. of India are taken in his name and he is the Supreme Commander of the defence forces
 2. Appoints the Council of ministers, Attorney General of India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Chief Election Commissioner, Chairman and other members of Finance Commission, Chief Justice and other judges of Supreme Court and High Court.
 3. Nominates 12 members to Rajya Sabha from literature, Art, Science, and Social Service; and 2 members to Lok Sabha from Anglo Indian community
 4. President can promulgate ordinance when the Parliament is not in session
 5. Money bill can be introduced in the Parliament only with his prior recommendation
 6. President of India also enjoys 3 types of **Veto Power** over the bills passed by the Parliament. They are,
 - a. Absolute Veto
 - b. Suspensive Veto and
 - c. Pocket Veto.
 7. President also has 5 types of pardoning powers.
 - a. Pardon
 - b. Commutation
 - c. Remission
 - d. Reprieve
- First President of independent India was Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is the 13th and the current President of India

II. Vice-President of India

- Qualification for election as Vice-President:
 1. Should be a citizen of India
 2. Should have completed 35 years of age
 3. Should be qualified for election as a member of the Rajya Sabha
 4. Shouldn't hold any office of profit
- **Election:** Indirectly elected by an electoral college consisting of;
 1. Both the elected and nominated members of the Parliament
 2. It doesn't include the members of the State legislative assemblies
- **Term of Office** is 5 years

- **Important Powers and Functions of the Vice-President:**
 1. Acts as the **ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha**
 2. Acts as President when a vacancy occurs in the office of the President
 3. Draws his salary in his capacity as the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
- **Mohammad Hamid Ansari** is the 12th and the current Vice-President of India

III. Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers

- Prime Minister (PM) is the leader of the party that enjoys a majority in Lok Sabha
- President is the nominal executive head and PM is the real executive head
- PM is appointed by the President of India and all other ministers are appointed by the President on the advice of PM
- President acts on the aid and advice of the council of ministers
- As per the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act of 2003, total strength of the council of ministers should not exceed 15% of the total strength of the Lok Sabha
- **Principle of collective Responsibility:** This is the foundational principle of Parliamentary form of Govt. This means council of ministers is collectively responsible to the parliament for all their acts.

IV. Attorney General of India

- He is appointed by the President of India and he is also the first law officer of the Govt. of India.
- **Qualification:** Should be qualified to be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court
- Advises Govt. of India on all legal matters
- He can participate in the proceedings of the Parliament but can't vote

Union Legislature or Parliament

- It consists of the two houses (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) and the President of India.

V. Lok Sabha

- Also known as House of people
- Max. Strength=552; Elected representatives from different states=530; Elected representatives from different Union Territories=20; Nomination (Nominated by the President of India) from Anglo Indian Community=2. Except the two nominated members, all other members of Lok Sabha are directly elected by the people. A Lok Sabha member is elected for a maximum of 5 years.
- **Speaker** is the presiding officer during the Lok Sabha sessions. And Speaker is elected from the members of the Lok Sabha itself.
- **Speaker Pro Tem:** In the very first session of the newly elected Lok Sabha, the eldest member of LS act as the Speaker Pro Tem. Once the actual speaker is elected, the office of the Speaker Pro Tem automatically cease to exist. Speaker Pro Tem is appointed by the President of India.
- **Important Powers and Function:-**
 1. No confidence motion can be initiated and passed in Lok Sabha
 2. Money and Finance Bill can be introduced only in Lok Sabha
 3. Lok Sabha in a special sitting can disapprove the continuance in force of a national emergency proclaimed by the President. In such case, the president shall revoke the national emergency

- **G V Mavalankar** is known as the **Father of Lok Sabha (conferred by Jawaharlal Nehru)** and he was also the 1st Speaker of Lok Sabha
- **Meira Kumar** was the **1st Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha**
- Indian constitution is the longest written constitution in the world
- 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976 is also known as the **mini constitution**
- The offices of the leader of the Houses and the leader of the opposition are not mentioned in the constitution of India

VI. Rajya Sabha

- Also known as Council of State
- Max. Strength=250; Representatives of different states and union territories=238; Nomination (Nominated by the President of India) of eminent scholars from Art, Literature, Science and Social Science=12. No member of Rajya Sabha is directly elected. A Rajya Sabha member is elected for a maximum of 6 years
- **Chairman** is the presiding officer during the Rajya Sabha sessions. And Vice-President of India is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- **Important Powers and Function:-**
 1. It is a permanent house and not subject to dissolution. One third members of Rajya Sabha retire after every second year.
 2. If Rajya Sabha passes a resolution by a special majority, in national interest Parliament will be empowered to make a law on the subject specified in the resolution, for the whole or any part of the territory of India.
 3. If Rajya Sabha passes a resolution by a special majority that it is necessary in the national interest to create one or more All India Services, then Parliament will be empowered to create by law such a service.

State Executive

- It consists of Governor, state Council of Ministers, and Advocate General

VII. Governor

- He is the nominal head of the state (real power lies with Chief Minister and state council of ministers) and he is appointed by the President of India on the advice of the Union Council of Ministers for a term of 5 years, but he can be removed from the post before the completion of his tenure.
- A person may act as the Governor of two or more states.
- **Important Powers and Functions:-**
 1. Appoints Chief Minister (CM) and other Council of Ministers (on the advice of the CM). Also appoints Advocate General, Chairman and members of the State Public Service Commission, Judges of District Courts.
 2. Acts on the aid and advice of state council of ministers headed by CM.
 3. Governor summons and prorogues the sessions of both the houses of the State Legislature.
 4. Governor has power to reserve certain bills for the consideration of the President.
 5. He can promulgate ordinances, when the state legislature is not in session.
 6. Money bill can be introduced in state legislative assembly only on the prior recommendation of the Governor.
 7. Governor can send a report to the President of India informing him that the State's Constitutional functioning has been compromised and recommending the president to impose '**President's rule**' in the state.

VIII. Chief Minister and State Council of Ministers

- CM is appointed by the Governor and Council of ministers are also appointed by the Governor on the advice of CM
- If a non-elected member is appointed as Minister, he/she has to become the member of the state Legislature within 6 months.
- Principal of collective responsibility is followed.

IX. Advocate General

- He is appointed by the Governor and he is also the first law officer of a state
- **Qualification:** Should be qualified to be appointed as a judge of the High Court
- Advises State Govt. on all legal matters
- He can participate in the proceedings of the state legislature, but can't vote

State Legislature

- It consists of the State Legislative Assembly, State Legislative Council and the Governor

X. State Legislative Assembly

- Total strength can't be more than 500. Members are directly elected by the people on the basis of Adult Franchise
- Governor can nominate one member of Anglo Indian community to the Assembly, if this community is not adequately represented in the house
- Formed for a maximum of 5 years, but can be dissolved before the tenure itself
- May be dissolved by the President in case of Constitutional emergency under Art. 356 of the constitution
- Only 2 Union Territories (**Puducherry** and **Delhi**) in India are entitled (by law) to have an elected legislative assembly
- Presiding officer is the Speaker, who is elected from among the members

XI. State Legislative Council

- At present Legislative Council is present only in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Consists of not more than $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the total strength of the Legislative Assembly of the state and not less than 40. Members are elected as well as nominated
- It is a permanent house and can't be dissolved
- Presiding officer is the Chairman, who is elected from among the members

Judiciary

An integrated structure is followed in judiciary. This includes all the Court systems present in the country. It is a mechanism for the resolution of disputes. They also interpret and apply the law in the name of the State.

Supreme Court of India

- At present, Supreme Court (SC) of India comprises the **Chief Justice and 30 other judges**. SC Judges retire at the age of 65 years.
- **Removal:** Can be removed (On the ground of proved **misbehaviour** and **incapacity**) only by an order of the President passed after an address in each house of the Parliament supported by a special majority
- The jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is of five folds. **Original, Writ, Appellate, Advisory and Revisory**

Justice M. Fathima Beevi

- She was the 1st female judge to be appointed to the Supreme Court of India (1989) and the first Muslim woman to be appointed to any higher judiciary.
- She is the 1st woman judge of a Supreme Court of a nation in India and Asia.

High Court

- High Court stands at the head of a State's Judicial Administration
- Each High Court comprises of a Chief Justice and such other judges as the President may time to time, appoint. The Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed by the President after the consultation with the Chief Justice of India
- Judges hold office until the age of 62 years and are removable in the same manner as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- High Court enjoys three fold jurisdiction. Original, Appellate, and Writ jurisdiction
- **Calcutta High Court** (established in 1862) is India's oldest High Court

INDIAN ECONOMY

Important Economic Terms and their meaning:-

Types of Economic Systems:-

There are mainly three types of economic systems.

1. Capitalistic Economy: In this system all the means of production, and distribution are privately owned and this is a profit oriented system
2. State Economy: Characteristic feature of this system is the social ownership of means of production and distribution. There are two main varieties inside this too, Socialist economy and Communist economy.
3. Mixed Economy: Here some of the means of production and distribution are socially owned and some are privately owned. It is actually a mix of the first two types of systems. India falls under the third category.

Sectors of an Economy:-

All the economic activities of an economy are classified into three sectors.

1. Primary Sector: Includes all those economic activities, where there is the direct use of natural resources. For example agriculture, mining, fishing, etc. all comes under this sector. 49% of Indian population is employed under the Primary sector and its contribution to National Income is around 19%. Making per capita income of people employed here, very low.
2. Secondary Sector: Also known as 'manufacturing sector', and this includes all those activities, where direct use of the out of primary sector is involved. All industries make this sector and hence also known as industrial sector.
3. Tertiary Sector: Includes all 'service' related economic activities, like banking, education, tourism etc. Hence this sector is also known as 'service sector'. Around 27% of our population is employed here, and its contribution to National Income is 49%, making the per capita income of people employed here, much more than that of the people employed in primary sector.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):-

It is the monetary value of all final goods and serviced produced in a country in one year. Base year for the calculation of GDP in India is 2011-12. Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation calculates India's GDP.

Human Development Index (HDI):-

For measuring the development of a country, we can make use of GDP, and similarly to measure the development of humans, we use HDI. There are three pillars for HDI and they are,

1. Standard of living: measured using real per capita income
2. Knowledge: measured using the data from the school enrolment and educational attainment among the adults
3. Life expectancy: to be calculated at the time of birth.
4. HDI value ranges between '0' to '1'.

Planning in India:-

Planning may be defined as a process of realising a well-defined goals by optimum utilisation of the available resources. In India we are following five year plans, adopted from the 'nation planning concept of Soviet Union'. First five year plan rolled out in 1951, for a period of 1951-56 and presently we are in the 12th five year plan (2012-17). To look into all aspect of planning a national level body, **Planning Commission** was formed in 1950, through a cabinet resolution. But in the early 2015, this institution has been scrapped and another institution, **NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog** was setup. NITI will act as a think tank and hope to adopt a bottom-top approach.

Inflation:-

It is the general increase in prices of goods and services. Inflation can be calculated using WPI (Whole Sale Price Index) or CPI (Consumer Price Index). Inflation controlling measures are taken by Govt. as well as RBI. Measures taken by Govt. come under '**Fiscal Policy**' and measures by RBI come under '**Monetary Policy**'. RBI takes measures after looking into CPI based inflation figures.

Fiscal Policy:-

This includes the measures taken by the Govt. to control inflation and it mostly includes changes in different direct and indirect taxes.

Monetary Policy:-

Monetary Policy tools of RBI includes Reserve Ratios (Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio), Bank Rate, and Liquidity Adjustment Facilities (Repo and Reverse-Repo). Repo rate is the policy rate of the Central Bank of India.

Subsidy:-

It is a form of financial aid given to an economic activity. Subsidies form a major portion of total Govt. expenditure. Of different types of subsidies given by Govt. of India, **Food subsidy** is the maximum, then **Fertilizer Subsidy** and finally **Fuel Subsidy**.

Finance Commission:-

It is a constitutional body, set up by the Article 280 of the Indian constitution. They advise Govt. of India, on the matters related to tax sharing with the states. In 2015, 14th Finance Commission headed by Y V Reddy, submitted its report and recommended for a 42% vertical tax devolution from the central pool of taxes.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

This is a comprehensive indirect tax system proposed by Govt. of India and it is still under the consideration of Rajya Sabha. GST on implementation will subsume many indirect taxes and that way make it easy for the traders. It is also estimated that GST will boost GDP of India by 0.9%-1.4%.

GENERAL SCIENCE

Atomic Concept:-

Atom is the smallest component of a matter and the major constituents of an atom includes, Proton, Neutron and Electron. Proton is positively charged, Electron is negatively charged and Neutron is neutral. An atom is electrically neutral. Atom has a **nucleus** at the centre where mass of the atom is concentrated. Nucleus has both neutrons and protons. Negatively charged electrons revolve around the positively charged nucleus in fixed path, called **orbits**.

Molecule:-

Two or more atoms combine together and form molecule. Atoms in a molecule are held together by a force called chemical bonds. Molecules of different elements combine to form different chemicals. Example is water.

Metals and Non-metals:-

Elements can be classified in different ways and one way classifying it is into metals and non-metals.

1. **Metals:** Metallic properties include; good conductors of heat and electricity, high melting and boiling point, high tensile strength and density.
2. **Non-Metals:** Non-metallic properties include; bad conductors of heat and electricity, low melting and boiling point, low tensile strength and density.

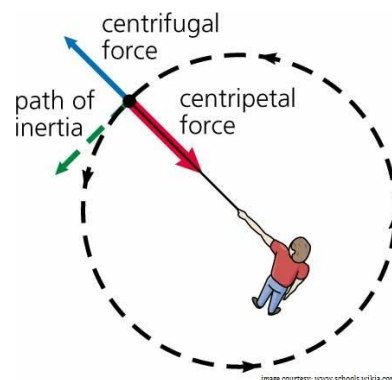
Force:-

Force is anything which causes a change in the position of a static object or change in the velocity of a dynamic object. Unit of force is Newton. For studying force and its effect on bodies, we can make use of Newton's laws of motion.

- **Newton's 1st Law of Motion:** It states an object continues its uniform motion or stays at its original position unless it is acted by a force. This theory also gives us the concept of Inertia
- **Newton's 2nd Law of Motion:** It states applied force is directly proportional to the mass of the object and its acceleration. This law gives us the famous equation, **$F=ma$**
- **Newton's 3rd Law of Motion:** It states for every action there will be an equal and opposite reaction. Application of this theory is seen during rowing a boat.

Circular Motion:-

In circular motion two forces come into play, Centripetal and Centrifugal forces. As shown in the image, centripetal force acts towards the centre and centrifugal force acts away from the centre. Normally during a circular motion, both the forces are equal in magnitude and acts in opposite direction, hence cancels each other. When the person releases the object during the circular motion, it moves in the path of inertia with a force equals to centrifugal force.



Work:-

With force we do different types of works, and in physics, Work done by a force in displacing an object is calculated by taking the scalar product of force and displacement. That mean, $Work = F \cdot d = Fd \cos \theta$, where ' θ ' is the angle between force and displacement. Rate of doing work is called **Power** and its unit is **Joules/second**, it is also represented as **Watt**. Horse Power (HP) is another unit of measurement of work done. **1 HP = 746 Watts**

Energy:-

It is the ability to do work and its unit is **Joule**. There are normally two types of energies.

1. **Kinetic Energy:** An object gets this energy, because of its motion. And it is calculated as, kinetic Energy $= (mv^2)/2$, where ' m ' is the mass of the object and ' v ' velocity
2. **Potential Energy:** An objects gains potential energy, because of its position, and it is calculated as, Potential Energy $= mgh$, where ' m ' is mass of the object; ' g ' is acceleration due to gravity and ' h ' is the height from the ground

Pressure:-

It is the force applied per unit area and its unit is Pascal. Atmospheric pressure is the force exerted by the atmospheric gases per unit area, and Barometer is used to measure it. As per **Pascal's Law**, pressure at any point at the same height of a confined incompressible liquid will be same. And this principle is used in **hydraulic lifts**.

Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation:-

This law states that there is a force acting between any two bodies having mass, and this force is directly proportional to the masses of bodies and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them. Hence Gravitational force, $F = (Gm_1m_2)/(r^2)$, where 'G' is the gravitational constant, m_1 and m_2 are the masses of two bodies and 'r' is the distance between the bodies. In the same way there is a force acting between us and Earth, and that force is force of gravity. And acceleration due to this gravity is 'g' which is equal to 9.8m/s^2 .

In planetary motion, the gravitational force between the sun and the planet acts as the centripetal force of revolution.

Kepler's Laws:-

- **Law of orbits:** All planets revolve around the sun in elliptical orbits, with sun situated at one of the foci.
- **Law of areas:** Line that joins a planet to sun, sweeps equal areas in equal intervals of time.
- **Law of Periods:** Square of the time period of revolution of a planet is proportional to the cube of the semi-major axis of the ellipse traced out by the planet.

Electricity and Ohm's Law:-

A flow of electron is electricity and the most important condition to have electricity is 'potential difference'. **Ohm's Law** in this regard states that the potential difference across an ideal conductor is proportional to the current passing through it. And thus we got the famous equation of $V=IR$, where 'V' is the potential difference in volts, 'I' is the current passing through it measured in Amperes, and 'R' is the resistance in the conductor measured in 'ohms'. Based on the ability to conduct electricity, materials are generally classified as metals and non-metals.

Magnetism:-

Magnetic field is the region around a magnet, where a magnetic substance experiences a force. Every magnet has two poles, North and South. Force between two magnetic poles is calculated using **Coulomb's Law**, which states this force is directly proportional to the product of their pole strength and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them

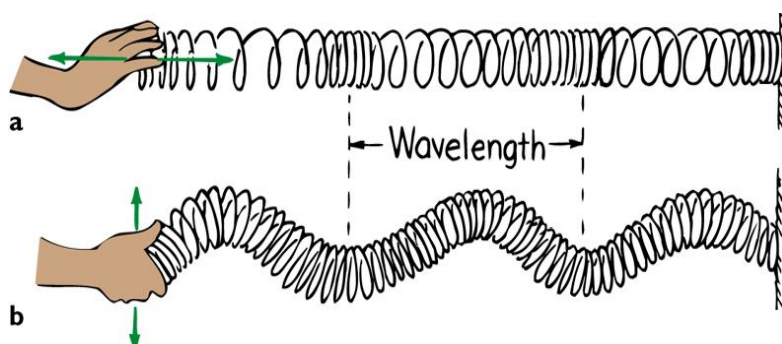
Waves:-

They are the propagation of energy. There are two types of waves, mechanical and electromagnetic waves.

1. **Mechanical wave:** They need a medium to travel. Ripple created in water, when you throw a stone is example for mechanical wave. They are also known as 'elastic waves', because their propagation depends on the elastic properties of the medium.
2. **Electromagnetic Wave:** They don't need a medium to travel, which means they can travel even in vacuum. Sun light is one example for electromagnetic waves.

In another classification wave is classified into two, transform and longitudinal.

1. **Transform waves:** here direction of propagation of wave is perpendicular to the direction of vibration of particles. Example is light waves. In the given figure, transform waves are shown as 'b'



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2. **Longitudinal waves:** Here direction of propagation is in the direction of vibration of particles. Example is sound wave. In the given figure, transform waves are shown as 'a'.

Light:-

Sir Isaac Newton had described light as a particle, but it was Young's double slit experiment which showed that light has a wave nature. But later Albert Einstein described light to have dual nature, which means light acts as both particle as well as wave. Properties of light include, reflection, refraction, diffraction and interference.

Periodic Table:-

It is the arrangement of different elements in the order of their atomic number. First element in the periodic table is hydrogen, which is also the lightest element.

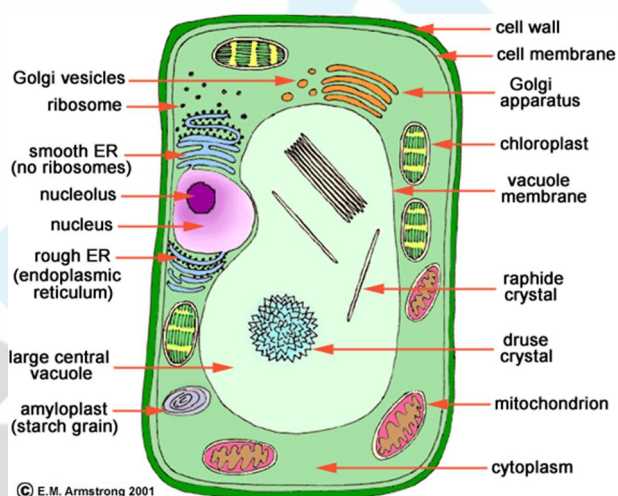
- **Atomic number** is equal to the number of electrons or to the number of protons
- **Mass number** is the total number of protons and neutron
- **Isotopes** are the different atoms of the same element having same atomic number but different mass number. This means, isotopes differ in the number of neutrons.

CELL

Robert Hook invented cell in 1665.

A cell is the smallest basic structural and functional unit of any living organism. Important organelles of a cell are given below:

1. **Mitochondria:** generates energy needed for the cell and hence known as the power house of the cell
2. **Ribosome:** produces some important proteins and is also known as the factory of protein
3. **Lysosome:** Destroys excess or worn-out organelles of the cell, so they are also known as the suicide bag of the cell.
4. **Chromosomes:** They are the physical carriers of the hereditary traits



R H Whittaker proposed the five kingdom classification of all the living organisms. The 5 kingdoms are Monera, Protista, Fungi, Plantae, and Animalia.

Anatomy

- Liver is the largest visceral organ, and it secretes bile juice which is later stored in gall bladder.
- Cerebrum is the largest part of the brain.
- Vaccines: Anti-body provoking agents
- There are mainly two types of blood vessels, Arteries and Veins. Arteries carry oxygenated blood from the heart except the pulmonary artery and veins carry de-oxygenated blood to heart except the pulmonary vein.
- Vitamins: they are organic compounds, which are required by the organisms in tiny amount and deficiency of which will cause disease.

Vitamin	Deficiency disease
A	Night blindness
B1	Beriberi
B2	Ariboflavinosis
B3	Pellagra
B5	Paresthesia
B6	Peripheral neuropathy
B7	Dermatitis
B9	Megaloblast and birth defects in pregnant ladies
B12	Megaloblastic anemia
C	Scurvy
D	Rickets and Osteomalacia
E	anemia
K	Bleeding diathesis

GENERAL AWARENESS

India, our country stands 7th in the world based on the area and 2nd based on population. India is normally referred as a subcontinent, because all the physiographic features seen in a continent are seen here also. It has 7500 km long coastal area.

- National Anthem: Jana-gana-mana, was composed by Ravindranath Tagore. It was adopted on 24th January 1950. It was first sung in the Kolkata session of INC in 1911. Duration of National Anthem is approximately 52 seconds
- National Song: Vande Mataram, was composed by Bankimchandra Chatterji.
- National Calendar is based on the Saka Era
- India is a Parliamentary democracy and its capital is New Delhi.
- There are 29 states and 7 Union Territories. Telangana is the most recently formed state
- State emblem is an adoption from the Saranath Lion Capital of Ahoka. There are four lions, elephant, horse, bull, and a lion.
- The word 'Satyameva Jayate' has taken from 'Mundaka Upanishad', meaning 'truth alone triumphs', written in 'Devanagiri script'
- Important Peaks in Himalaya: Mt. Everest, Mt. Kanchenjunga, Mt. Makalu, Mt. Annapurna, Mt. Nanda Devi.

INDIA: WHO'S WHO

President: Pranab Mukherjee
 Vice-President: Mohammad Hamid Ansari
 Prime Minister: Narendra Modi
 Chief Justice of India: T S Thakur
 Speaker of Lok Sabha: Sumitra Mahajan
 Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha: P J Kurien
 Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha: Dr. M. Thambidurai
 Leader opposition (Rajya Sabha): Ghulam Nabi Azad
 Chief Election Commissioner: Nasim Zaidi

Neighbours & Border

- Neighbours of India: Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Afghanistan
- India is sharing its largest territorial boundary with Bangladesh
- Durand Line is the international border between India and Afghanistan
- MacMohan Line: International border with China
- Radcliffe Line: International border with Pakistan

National Bird	Peacock
National Flower	Lotus
National Animal	Royal Bengal Tiger
National Aquatic Animal	Gangetic Dolphin
National Game	Hockey
National Tree	Banyan Tree

Demography:-

Population of India: 1.32 billion

Most populated state in India: Uttar Pradesh

Least populated State: Sikkim

State with highest population density: Bihar

State with lowest population density: Arunachal Pradesh

State with highest literacy rate: Tripura

State with lowest literacy rate: Bihar

Awards:-

Highest civilian award in India: Bharat Ratna

Highest war time gallantry award: Param Vir Chakra

Highest peace time gallantry award: Ashok Chakra

Different form of Martial Arts

Name	Place
Kalaripayattu	Kerala
Silambam	Tamil Nadu
Gatka	Punjab
Thangta	Manipuri
Madranikhel	Maharashtra
Pari-Khanda	Bihar

Longest river: Ganga

Largest Lake: Lake Chilka

Highest Point: Mt. K2

Lowest point: Kuttanad

Classical languages of India

Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Odia.

Highest honorary award in literary: Jnanpith

Highest honorary award in the field of cinema: Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Highest honour for achievement in sports: Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

Important Passes in India	
Name	State
Bara-lacha-la	Jammu and Kashmir
Banihal	Jammu and Kashmir
Fotu la	Jammu and Kashmir
Jelep La	Sikkim
Nathu La	Sikkim
Rohtang	Himachal Pradesh
Zojila	Jammu and Kashmir

Important Islands:-

1. Diu: 4th most densely populated Island in the world.

1. Sriharikota: Rocket launching site
2. Wellington: Naval base, Kochi
3. Majuli: World's largest riverine island in Assam, in the river Brahmaputra.
4. Butcher Island: An island off the coast of Mumbai
5. Kachativu: This Island was given to Sri Lanka by India in 1974
6. Pamban: Located between peninsular India and Sri Lanka
- 7.

Major Agricultural revolutions in India:-

1. Green Revolution: Food grain production
2. Blue Revolution: Fish production
3. Brown Revolution: Non-conventional/ Cocoa production
4. Golden Revolution: Horticulture
5. Golden Fiber Revolution: Jute production
6. Grey Revolution: Fertilizer revolution
7. Pink Revolution: Onion/ Prawn production
8. Red Revolution: Meat & Tomato Production
9. Round Revolution: Potato Revolution
10. Silver Revolution: Egg production
11. Silver Fiber Revolution: Cotton revolution
12. White Revolution: Milk production
13. Yellow Revolution: Oil seeds production
14. Evergreen Revolution: Overall development of agriculture

First in India	
President	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
Woman President	Pratibha Patil
Prime Minister	Jawaharlal Nehru
Woman Prime Minister	Indira Gandhi
Speaker of Lok Sabha	G V Mavlankar
Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha	Meira Kumar
Woman President of UN general assembly	Vijayalakshmi Pandit
Woman ruler of Delhi	Razia Sultana
To climb Mt. Everest	Tenzing Norway
Woman to climb Mt. Everest	Bachendri Pal
Indian to get Nobel Prize	Rabindranath Tagore
Woman judge of Supreme Court	Justice Fathima Bevi
Miss World	Reita Faria
Miss Universe	Sushmita Sen
Governor General of Independent India	Lord Mountbatein
Chief Justice of India	Justice H J Kania
Woman Astronaut	Kalpna Chawla
Indian Satellite	Aryabhata

Folk and Tribal Dances of Indian States:-

1. **Gujarat:** Garba, Dandiya Rass, Tippani, Gomph
2. **Maharashtra:** Dandaniya, Lavani, Gafa, Mauni, Dasavtar
3. **Karnataka:** Huttari, Suggi Kunitha, Yakshagana
4. **Kerala:** Kaikottikali, Kaliyattam
5. **Tamil Nadu:** Kolattam, Karagam, Kummi, Kavadi, Pinnal
6. **Andhra Pradesh:** Burrakatha, Veedhi Natakam, Ghanta Mardala
7. **Orissa:** Chhau, Chadya Dandanata, Ghumara Sanchar
8. **West Bengal:** Kathi, Chhau, Baul, Kirtan, Jatra, Lama
9. **Assam:** Bihu, Khel Gopal, Rash Lila, Tabal Chongli, Canoe
10. **Haryana:** Daph, Gagor, Khorla, Gugga, Loor, Dhamal, Phag dance, Jhumar
11. **Himachal Pradesh:** Jhora Jhali, Dangli, Mahasu, Jadda, Jhainta, Chharhi
12. **Jammu and Kashmir:** Hikar, Rauf

CURRENT AFFAIRS

International News

Detection of Gravitational Waves:-

Gravitational waves are the ripples created in the space-time curvature. Albert Einstein had predicted the existence of gravitational waves in his famous General Theory of Relativity in 1916. Recently LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave observatory) detected the gravitational waves produced when two black holes, which were initially revolving around each other and finally collided. All this time we were observing universe with our eyes, and the presence of background radiation limits our observation. But by the detection of the gravitational waves now we can hear too. And this development will help us in understanding about the origin and evolution of the universe.

New Development Bank:-

BRICS is an association of world's five major economies, and it includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The member nations have decided to setup a bank called BRICS bank or New Development Bank. The establishment of this new bank is seen as a step against IMF and World Bank, which are dominated by USA, and other developed countries. Recently Mr. K V Kamath of India was appointed as its first President. And its head quarter is at Shanghai, China.

Trans Pacific Partnership Pact:-

It is a trade agreement b/w 12 Pacific Rim countries which seeks to lower trade barriers such as tariffs, establish a common framework for intellectual property, enforce standards for labour law and environmental law, and establish an investor-state dispute settlement mechanism. It aims to enhance the trade among member countries.

Paris Pact of 2015:-

It is an agreement under UNFCCC to limit the greenhouse gas emission. Main aim is to limit the rise in global temperature below 1.5 degrees, by decreasing the emission. Greenhouse gases are Water vapour, Carbon dioxide, Methane, Nitrous oxide, Ozone, and Chlorofluorocarbons.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank:-

A newly formed bank under the Chinese initiative, is expected to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. On 25 December 2015, 17 states had deposited the instrument of ratification for the agreement, triggering entry into force, and making them all founding members. Major economies that did not become founding members include the United States, Japan and Canada.

Zika Virus:-

It has been recently observed that Zika virus, spread by Aedes mosquitoes causing health issues mainly in South and Central America. WHO declared the outbreak of Zika as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). Evidence of virus has been found in the placenta and amniotic fluid of mother and in the brains of fetuses or new-borns. Causation between Zika virus and microcephaly is not yet established. Symptoms of this disease include mild illness, such as fever, rash, muscle/joint pain, and conjunctivitis. As a precaution some countries have recommended women to delay pregnancy and some other countries have asked to consider postponing travel to countries with ongoing Zika virus transmission

Nairobi Ministerial Conference:-

It refers to the WTO's (World Trade Organisation) ministerial conference (occurs once in two years) which was held in Nairobi Kenya. And countries have decided to abolish export subsidy completely by 2023.

Iran Nuclear Deal:-

Preliminary framework agreement reached in 2015 between Iran and a group of world powers: the P5+1 (United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, France, and China plus Germany), plus the European Union.

Features- Iran will reduce no of installed centrifuges by 2/3rd, UN inspectors will be allowed to enter Iranian sites, UN, US and EU will withdraw sanctions.

Nepal Constitution promulgated:-

Constitution was drafted by the Second Constituent Assembly which came into effect on Sept 20, 2015. Democratic, republic, secular and federal path envisaged in the Constitution. Promulgation happened during violent protest in terai against injustice to madhesis.

Sri Lanka drawing up new constitution:-

Sri Lanka's government began the process of drawing up a new constitution for the country aimed at eliminating causes that led to a quarter-century civil war. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe proposed that Parliament be converted into a constituent assembly that will discuss and draft the new constitution.

Ebola Virus Disease:-

Also known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever (EHF) or simply Ebola, is a viral hemorrhagic fever. In March 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported a major Ebola outbreak in Guinea. The disease then rapidly spread to the neighbouring countries of Liberia and Sierra Leone. It is the largest Ebola outbreak ever documented, and the first recorded in the region. WHO declared the epidemic to be an international public health emergency.

Nobel Prize:

It is a set of annual international awards given for the outstanding performance in different areas. Following persons won 2015 Nobel Prize.

Arthur B McDonald (Physics), Aziz Sancar (Chemistry), Paul L Modrich (Chemistry), Tomas Lindahl (Chemistry), William C Campbell (Physiology or Medicine), Satoshi Omura (Physiology or Medicine), Tu Youyou (Physiology or Medicine), Angus Deaton (Economic Science), Svetlana Alexievich (Literature), Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet (Peace Prize).

National News

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY):-

This is a financial inclusion programme initiated by the Govt. of India. It aims to provide universal access to banking facility. Features of this programme are given below.

Section 377 of Indian Penal Code (IPC):-

It criminalises sexual activities "against the order of nature", arguably including homosexual acts. The section was declared unconstitutional with respect to sex between consenting adults by the High Court of Delhi on 2 July 2009. That judgement was overturned by the Supreme Court on 12 December 2013, with the Court holding that amending or repealing Section 377 should be a matter left to Parliament, not the judiciary.

On 2 February 2016, the final hearing of the curative petition came for hearing in the Supreme Court. The Three member bench said that all the 8 curative petitions submitted will be reviewed afresh by a 5 member constitutional bench

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System or IRNSS:-

IRNSS is an indigenously developed Navigation Satellite System that is used to provide accurate real-time positioning and timing services over India and region extending to 1500 km around India. IRNSS would have seven satellites, out of which five are already placed in orbit. The constellation of seven satellites is expected to operate from June 2016 onwards.

Other Global Navigation Satellite systems are **Global Positioning System (GPS)** by USA and **GLONASS** by Russia. European Space Agency is to introduce their own alternative to GPS, called the **Galileo** positioning system, while China is developing **Beidou** Navigation Satellite System.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana:-

This programme initiated by the Govt. of India aims to provide formal access to credit for Small Business Sector.

R M Lodha Committee:-

The committee was setup in the back drop of IPL spot fixing case. And the committee was asked to suggest ways to rid cricket administration of its many obvious ills such as lack of transparency and accountability. Committee was chaired by the retired Justice R M Lodha and they submitted their report recently.

Mission Indradhanush:-

This programme aims to fully immunise children who are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated; those that have not been covered during the rounds of routine immunisation for various reasons. They will be fully immunised against seven life-threatening but vaccine preventable diseases which include diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis-B.

Supreme Court of India recently banned Jallikattu saying it is inherently cruel and in the name of customs, animals have to undergo great pain and suffering.

UDAY- Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana:-

Announced in November, 2015, to ensure a sustainable solution to enable the Distribution utilities across country to break out of long standing debt.

Tax policy council created:-

To approve broad policy measures and ensure consistency in direct and indirect tax changes with Finance Minister as head.

Nai Manzil:-

Nai Manzil Scheme is an integrated Education and Livelihood Initiative for the Minority Communities. The scheme aims to benefit the minority youths who are school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like Madrasas, by providing them an integral input of formal education (up till Class VIII or X) and skill training along with certification.

Smart city:-

The Smart Cities Mission will focus on developing 100 select Smart cities by focusing on optimizing efficiencies in urban services and infrastructure management, with proactive use of technology and people participation.

Make in India:-

It is an initiative of the Government of India to encourage multi-national, as well as domestic, companies to manufacture their products in India. It was launched by Prime Minister on 25 September 2014. Objective behind the initiative is to focus on job creation and skill enhancement in 25 sectors of the economy. In August 2014, the Cabinet allowed 49% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the defence sector and 100% in railways infrastructure.

Juvenile justice (care and protection of children) Act:-

Parliament passed the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act, 2015 for trying juveniles between 16-18 years of age for heinous crimes under laws for adults.

Rakhigarhi village in Haryana-Harappan site:-

Harappan burial mound discovered with 4 skeletons found from Mature Harappan period (2600 BCE-1900 BCE). South Korean university extracted DNA from it to predict their skin, hair colors and facial features. This site also has Harappan painted pottery, goblets, terracotta figurines of wild boar and dogs, and furnaces and hearths- meaning possible bangle and bead-making industry. This is the **largest Harappan site** as of now.

Astrosat- astronomy observatory:-

India's first astronomy observatory to study distant celestial objects launched by PSLV-C30 in near equatorial Orbit 650 km above earth. To study black holes, scan distant universe, star birth regions etc.

India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement Exchanged:-

India and Bangladesh exchanged long pending Land Boundary Agreement under which all the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh will be exchanged with all the Bangladeshi enclaves in India for convenient administration of these areas.

Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) or Mangalyaan:-

Mangalyaan was successfully inserted into Mars orbit on 24 September 2014. It is India's first interplanetary mission and ISRO has become the fourth space agency to reach Mars, after the Soviet space program, NASA, and the European Space Agency. It is the **first Asian nation to reach Mars orbit**, and **the first nation in the world to do so in its first attempt**. The mission is a "technology demonstrator" project. Objectives are to study surface features and to study the constituents of Martian atmosphere.

National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC) Act Passed:-

The Commission was established through the Constitution (Ninety-Ninth Amendment) Act, 2014. The NJAC Bill and the Constitutional Amendment Bill, was ratified by 16 of the state legislatures in India, and subsequently assented by the President on 31 December 2014. The NJAC Act and the Constitutional Amendment Act came into force from 13 April 2015. Constitution Bench of Supreme Court upheld the collegium system and struck down the NJAC as unconstitutional after hearing the petitions filed by several persons and bodies on 16 October 2015.

Operation Raahat:-

It was an operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and other foreign nationals from Yemen during the 2015 military intervention by Saudi Arabia. More than 4640 Indian citizens in Yemen were evacuated along with 960 foreign nationals of 41 countries.

Operation Maitri:-

Operation Maitri was a rescue and relief operation in Nepal by the government of India and Indian armed forces in the aftermath of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake.

Bharat Ratna:-

It is the highest civilian award of the country. Instituted in 1954, the award is conferred "in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order". The first recipients of the Bharat Ratna were C. Rajagopalachari, S. Radhakrishnan, and C. V. Raman.

In 2015, Bharat Ratna was conferred upon Madan Mohan Malviya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Jnanpith Award:-

It is a literary award and its eligibility is restricted to any Indian citizen who writes in one of the 22 languages listed in Schedule Eight of the Indian constitution. It is presented by the Bharatiya Jnanpith. 2015 recipient- Raghuveer Chaudhari for his novel Amruta.

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