### **📄 PDF Content:**

**Title:** 🇮🇳 India – A Brief Overview

#### **🌍 History of India**

India, one of the world’s oldest civilizations, boasts a rich history stretching back over 5,000 years.

* **Ancient Period**:  
   The Indus Valley Civilization (c. 2500–1900 BCE) was among the world’s first urban cultures.  
   Ancient texts like the Vedas laid the foundation of Hindu philosophy and Indian culture.
* **Medieval Period**:  
   India saw the rise and fall of many empires – the Maurya Empire (founded by Chandragupta Maurya), the Gupta Empire (considered the Golden Age of India), and the Mughal Empire (notable for architectural achievements like the Taj Mahal).
* **Colonial Period**:  
   India was colonized by the British East India Company in the 18th century and became a British Crown colony in 1858.  
   The Indian independence movement, led by figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, achieved independence on **August 15, 1947**.

#### **👥 Current Political Leaders (as of 2025)**

* **President of India**:  
   *Droupadi Murmu*
* **Prime Minister of India**:  
   *Narendra Modi*
* **Vice President of India**:  
   *Jagdeep Dhankhar*

India is a federal parliamentary democratic republic with 28 states and 8 union territories.

#### **🌐 Neighboring Countries**

India shares its borders with **7 countries**:

1. **Pakistan**
2. **China**
3. **Nepal**
4. **Bhutan**
5. **Bangladesh**
6. **Myanmar (Burma)**
7. **Afghanistan** (via a small border in the north)

It is also surrounded by the Indian Ocean to the south, making it a key strategic location in Asia.