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ECONOMY

Companies – Promoters

Group/Companies

Anil DhruhaiAmbani Group (ADAG)
 Avantha - Ballarpur Industries, Crompton Greaves
 Bharti Group
 Cadila Healthcare (Zydus Group)
 CeatTyres, Spencer's
 DLF
 Escorts
 Essar Group
 Future group, Pantaloon
 HCL
 Hero Group
 Hindalco, Ultra tech Cement, GRASIM
 Jaypee group
 J. K. Group
 Kinetic Group
 Lupin Limited
 Reliance Group
 Saregama, CESC, Phillips Carbon Black
 Shoppers Stop
 Tisco, Tata Motors, Telco, Tata Tea, Indian Hotels
 UB group
 Unitech
 Usha Martin Group
 Vedanta, Sterlite
 Videocon
 Williamson Magor Group
 WIPRO

Promoters

Anil Ambani
 GautamThapar
 Sunil Bharti Mittal
 Pankaj Patel
 R.P. Goenka
 K P Singh
 Nanda family
 Ravi Ruia
 Kishor Biyani
 Shiv Nadar
 Brij Mohanlall Munjal
 Aditya Birla group
 Jaiprakash Gaur
 Singhanias
 H. K. Firodia
 Desh Bandhu Gupta
 Dhruhai Ambani
 Sanjiv-RPG
 K.Raheja Group
 Tata
 Vijay Mallya
 Sanjay Chandra
 B.K. Jhawar
 Anil Agarwal
 Venugopal Dhoot
 Khaitan Family
 AzimPremji

Brands associated with Parent Companies

Company/Product	Category	Brand
ACC	Cement	Suraksha, Super, Samrat
Agro Tech Foods'	Atta (flour)	Healthy World
Apple Inc.	Software, Electronics	i-pod, i-pad, i-phone, lion, ios
Arvind Mills	Apparel	Excalibur, Newport, Bay Island, Denim 42, Flying Machine, Wrangler, President's Collection.
Bajaj Auto	Two-wheeler	Discover, Avenger, Platina, Ninja, Pulsar
Bharti	Basic telephony	TouchTel
	Cellular telephony	Airtel
Britannia	Food products	Milkman, Tiger, 50-50, Good-day, Marie-Gold
Cadbury	Energy drink	Bournvita
Cadbury	Chocolate	Picnic, Byte, Temptations Dairy Milk, 5 Star, Perk
Cargill	Food products	Nature Fresh Atta, Nature Fresh Salt
Coca-Cola (India)	Beverage	Coca-Cola, Limca, Maaza, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Kinley, Shock, Thums up, Sunfill, Minute Maid
CavinKare	Toiletries	Nyle, Spinz, Meera, Chik, Fairever
Dabur	Hair oil	Vatika, Amla
Dabur	Oral care	Binaca, Dentacare
Dabur	Energy drink	Real
Dabur	Health food	Chawyanprash
Electrolux Kelvinator	Refrigerators	Icycool, Magnacool, Alpha Omega, Allwyn
Enkay	Energy drink	Sensor Eternity 175, Allwyn Sensor Infinity 175
Fiat India Automobiles Ltd.	Cars	Onjus
Force Motors	Motor Vehicles	Linea, Punto, Sienna, Uno, Palio
Ford India Ltd.	Cars	Traveller, Trax, Gurkha
General Motors	Cars	Fiesta, Figo, Endeavour, Ikon, Mondeo
		Chevrolet Spark, Beat, Captiva, Tavera, Cruze

GlaxoSmithkline	Energy drink	Horlicks, Boost
Godrej Consumer Products	Detergent	Ezee
Godrej Foods	Food products	Godrej Shakti, Cooklite, Pillsbury Atta
Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation	Dairy products	Amul
Hatsun Agro-products	Ice-cream / Pop-corn	Arun Ice-cream, Noosa
Heinz India	Energy drink	Complan, Farex, Glucon –D
Henkel	Detergent	Henko
Hero MOTOCO	Two-wheeler Maker	Achiever, Hero Xtreme, Hero HF Dawn, Glamour, Hero Karizma, Hero Splendour, NXG, Passion.
Honda	Two-wheeler Maker	Dream Neo, Activa, Aviator, CB Tigger, Unicorn, Dream Yuga
Hindustan Unilever Ltd.	Soaps / Detergents	Surf, Lux, Lifebuoy, Hamam, Pears, Dove
Hindustan Unilever Ltd.	Flour	Annapurna Atta
HUL	Tea powder	Red Label, Three Roses
HUL	Perfumes	Elizabeth Arden
HUL	Colour cosmetics	Easy Color
HUL	Consumer foods	Kissan Annapurna, Knorr, Modern, Dalda, Captain Cook, Skippy, Trinkia, Rex Jelly, Crystal
HUL	Ayurvedic therapy	Ayush
HUL	Toiletries	Clinic Plus
HUL	Oral care	Pepsodent, Close-up
HUL	Skin care	Fair & Lovely
Hindustan Motors Ltd.	Four-wheelers	Ambassador, Lancer, Lancer Cedia, Pajero
Hyundai	Four-wheelers	i-10, i-20, Verna, Eon
Indus League	Apparel	Scullers, Indigo Nation
ITC	Cooking oil	Sundrop Oil
ITC	Atta (flour)	Aashirvaad
ITC's Foods Business	Food	Kitchens of India, Sunfeast
ITC	Paper	Classmate, Expressions
JL Morrison	Toiletries	Nivea
J.K. Tyres	Tyres	Ultima
Kinetic Engineering	Two-wheelers	Challenger, Nova, Comet, Aquila
Levi Strauss	Apparel	Dockers
Madura Garments	Apparel	Louis Philips, Van Heusen, Peter England
Mahindra & Mahindra	Four-wheelers	Scorpio, Bolero, Quadra, Savari / Armada
Marico	Consumer goods	Saffola, Parachute hair oil
Maruti Udyog Ltd.	Four-wheelers	Maruti 800, Omni, Versa, Baleno, Altura, Alto, Zen, Wagon R, Swift, Esteem, SX4
Matsushita	Electronics	National, Panasonic
Mercedes Benz India Ltd.	Four-wheelers	Mercedes Benz C-class, E-Class, S-Class, CLK, SLK
Mirc Electronics	Television	Igo, Onida, Evelux
Microsoft	Software	Corona, Office, Windows, Internet Explorer, Xbox
Mitsubishi Motor	Four-wheelers	Lancer, Pajero
Nestle	Chocolate / Food products / Coffee	Munch, Bar One, Kit Kat
NDDB	Cooking oil	Milky Choo, Chocostick, Milo, Maggi, Nescafe
Nirma	Toiletries	Dhara
NIIT	IT Training	Nirma
Oswal Woollen Mills	Apparel	Swift, K-12, GNIIT
Parle	Food products	Monte Carlo
PepsiCo	Beverage	Cheeselings, Monaco, Marie Choice, Mango Bite, Poppins, Hide and Seek
Pepsi Foods	Snack food	Pepsi, Tropicana, Adrenalin Rush
Perfetti	Confectionery	Nutyumz, Kurkure, Frito-Lay
P & G	Toiletries	Alpenliebe, Cofitos, Golia, Chlormint, Big Babool, Centre Fresh, Centre Shock, Happy Dent
Reckitt Benckiser	Toiletries / Antiseptic	Head and Shoulders, Pantene, Ariel, Tide
Royal Enfield	Two-wheeler	Dettol
Shopper's Stop	Apparel	Thunderbird
Skoda Auto India	Four-wheelers	Kashish, Stop, Carrot, Life
Sony		Octavia
South African Breweries	Beverage	Viao, Bravia, Cyber-shot
Sun Network	TV channel	Knock Out
		Sun, Sun News, KTV, SCV (allTamil); Gemini and Teja TV in Telugu; Udaya, Usha and Udaya News in Kannada and Surya TV in Malayalam.

TAFE	Tractor	Samrat
Tata Tea	Tea	Tata Tea, Agni, Tetley, Temptation
Tata Motors	Four-wheelers	Indica, Sierra, Estate, Safari, Sumo, Indigo, Indigo Marina
The Times of India Group	Magazine	b-drive, Femina, Filmfare
Timex	Watches	Guess, FCUK, Nautica, DKNY, Fossil, Opex, Matrix
Titan	Decorative time-pieces	Synchrony
Tricon Global Restaurants	Fast food retail chain	KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut
TTK Healthcare	Consumer goods	Kiwi Shoe Polish, Brylcreem, Flush, Kleen, Drainex
Viacom	Media	MTV, Nickleodeon, VH 1
Volkswagen		Polo, Vento, Jetta, Beetle, Passat, Phaeton
Wipro	Cooking oil	Wipro Vanaspati
Wipro	Toiletries	Santoor, Shikakai, Roses

Punch-lines associated with Companies / Products / Organisations

<i>Co. / Prod. / Org.</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Punch-line</i>
Aditya Birla Group.....	Diversified.....	Taking India to the World
Aaj Tak.....	TV news channel.....	Sabse Tej
ABN AMRO Bank.....	Banking.....	Making More Possible
Accenture.....	Consulting.....	High performance. Delivered.
Acer.....	Computer hardware.....	Explore Beyond Limits
Air Canada.....	Airline.....	Your World Awaits
Air France.....	Airline.....	Making the sky the best place on earth
Airtel.....	Telecom.....	Express yourself
Andhra Pradesh.....	Tourism Promotion.....	The Kohinoor of India
Apple.....	IT.....	Think different.
Apollo Tyres.....	Tyre-maker.....	Go The Distance
Ashok Leyland.....	Automaker.....	Engineering your tomorrow
Asian Development Bank.....	Development Banking.....	Fighting Poverty in Asia and the Pacific
AT & T.....	Telecom.....	Your world. Delivered.
Aviva India.....	Life Insurance.....	Kal Par Control
Bajaj Auto.....	Automaker.....	Inspiring Confidence
Bank of Baroda.....	Banking.....	India's International Bank
Bank of India.....	Banking.....	Relationship beyond banking
Baume & Mercier.....	Watches.....	The Spirit of Balance
BBC World.....	TV News Channel.....	Live The Story
Bharat Gas.....	Gas Service.....	Cook Food. Serve Love.
Bharat Petroleum (BPCL).....	Petrochemicals.....	Energising lives
Birla Mutual Fund.....	Mutual Fund.....	The name inspires trust.
BMW.....	Automaker.....	Sheer Driving Pleasure
BPL.....	Diversified.....	Believe in the Best
BSNL.....	Telecom.....	Connecting India
Business India.....	Print Media.....	The Magazine of the Corporate World
Business Standard.....	Print Media.....	When you're sure
Business today.....	Print Media.....	for managing tomorrow
Businessworld.....	Print Media.....	Play the game
Canara Bank.....	Banking.....	Together We Can
Canon.....	Office equipment.....	Delighting You Always
Carrier.....	Air-conditioner maker.....	Turn to the Experts
Central Bank of India.....	Banking.....	"Central To You Since 1911"
Central Mall.....	Retail.....	Shop, Eat, Celebrate.
CEAT.....	Tyre Maker.....	Born tough
Cisco Systems.....	IT Hardware maker.....	Tomorrow Starts Here
Classic Polo.....	Apparel.....	Just Relax
CNBC TV 18.....	TV channel.....	First in Business Worldwide
CNN.....	TV channel.....	Go Beyond Border
Cognizant Tech.....	IT software.....	Passion for Building Stronger Business
Crompton Greaves.....	Electricals.....	Everyday Solutions
CSC.....	IT.....	Experience Results
Daikin.....	Air-Conditioners.....	Create New Value For Tomorrow
Deutsche Bank.....	Banking.....	A Passion to Perform
DHL.....	Logistics.....	Excellence, Simply Delivered
Diebold.....	ATM maker.....	Innovation Delivered
Digjam.....	Apparel.....	Dressing the world

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Discovery travel & living.....	TV channel.....	get a life
DSP Merrill Lynch	Mutual Fund.....	The 100% money manager
Emirates.....	Airline.....	Hello Tomorrow
Epson	Office equipment.....	Exceed Your Vision
Ernst & Young.....	Professional services firm	Building a Better Working World
Essar Group.....	Diversified	A positive attitude
Eureka Forbes	Water purification systems.....	Your friend for life
FedEx	Logistics	We live To Deliver
Filmfare.....	Print Media.....	Romancing the Stars
Fiat	Automaker	Driven by passion. Fiat.
Franklin Templeton Investment.....	Mutual Fund.....	Gain From Our Perspective
Gati	Transport	Ahead in reach
General Electric	Diversified	imagination at work
General Motors Corp.	Automaker	We Are Professional Grade. / We Will Succeed
Globus	Retail Chain	Fashion for a Changing World
Goodyear.....	Tyre-maker	Road Therapy
HBO.....	TV channel.....	Simply The Best
HCL	IT company	Technology that touches lives
HDFC.....	Finance Company.....	With you, right through
HDFC Mutual Fund.....	Mutual Fund.....	Continuing a tradition of trust
HDFC Standard Life.....	Life Insurance	Respect yourself / Sar Utha Ke Jiyo
Headlines Today.....	TV channel.....	sharp news for sharp people
Hero MOTOCO	Two-wheeler Maker	Hum Main Hain Hero / There is a hero in each one of us.
Honda	Two-wheeler Maker	Start something special
Hindalco.....	Metal maker	World class quality. Made in India.
Hitachi.....	Consumer Electricals	Inspire the Next
HLL Kwaliti Wall's	Ice-cream.....	A treat for every occasion
HLL Lakme	Cosmetics	look beautiful, feel beautiful
HLL Lifebuoy.....	Soap bar	Making a billion Indians safe and secure
Honda	Automaker	The Power of Dreams
Honda Accord	Car brand.....	End of Discussion
Honda City	Car brand.....	The City just got better
HP	Computer Hardware.....	Invent
HSBC.....	Banking.....	The world's local bank
Hyundai.....	Automaker	New Thinking. New Possibilities
IBM	IT company	Think
IBP	Petrol	Pure bhi. Poora bhi.
ICICI Bank	Banking Services	Khyaal Aapka
ICICI Prudential Life Insurance	Life Insurance	Zimmedari Ka Humsafar
ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund.....	Mutual Fund.....	Making your money work as hard as you do
IDBI.....	Finance	Banking for All, Aao Sochein Bada
Idea Cellular.....	Telecom	An idea can change your life
Iffco-Tokio General Insurance	General Insurance	The Life You Deserve
Indian Oil Corp.....	Energy	India Inspired
Infosys Technologies	IT	Powered by Intellect. Driven by Values.
ITC	Diversified	Enduring Value
ITC Kitchens of India.....	Food	A feast for the senses.
ITC Wills Classic	Cigarette	Discover a passion
ITC Wills Insignia	Cigarette	Where quality touches infinity
Jet Airways	Airline.....	The Joy of Flying
JK Paper	Paper	Creating lasting impressions
JK Tyre	Tyre	Total control
Johnnie Walker	Beverage	Keep Walking
JVC.....	Electronics	The Perfect Experience
Karnataka	Tourism.....	One state. Many worlds.
Karur Vysya Bank	Bank	Smart way to bank
Kerala Tourism.....	Tourism Promotion.....	God's own country
Lanco.....	Infrastructure.....	Always inspiring
Lenovo.....	Computer Hardware.....	For Those Who Do
LG	Diversified	Life's Good
LIC	Life Insurance	Your welfare is our responsibility
Lufthansa	Airline.....	Nonstop you
Mahindra Scorpio.....	Car.....	Nothing else will do
Malayala Manorama	Print Media.....	Nobody delivers Kerala better
Malaysian Airlines.....	Airline.....	Today is Here
Maruti Alto.....	Car brand.....	let's go
Maruti Suzuki	Automaker	Way of Life

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Maruti Swift	Car brand	Push Your Limits
Maruti WagonR	Car brand	Make every day great
Mathrubhumi	Print media	The national daily in Malayalam
Mercedes-Benz	Automaker	The best or nothing
MetLife India Insurance	Life Insurance	Get Met. It Pays.
Microsoft	IT	Your potential. Our passion; Be What's Next
Mitsubishi Lancer Cedia	Car brand	Come alive
Mitsubishi Motors	Automaker	Driven to Thrill
Motilal Oswal	Broking House	Solid research. Solid advice.
MRF	Tyre Maker	Tyres with muscle.
The Financial Times	Print Media	We live in Financial Times
NABARD	Development Banking	Taking Rural India Forward
NDTV 24x7	TV Channel	Experience. Truth First.
Nestle	FMCG	Good Food, Good Life
Nissan Motor	Automaker	Shift originality
Nokia	Telecom	Connecting People
NTPC	Power	Powering India's Growth
ONGC	Petro-products	making tomorrow brighter
Onida	Electronics	Nothing But The Truth
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Banking	Where every individual is committed
Odisha	Tourism Promotion	The Soul of India
Panasonic	Consumer Electronics	Ideas for life
Pantaloons	Retail chain store	In Love with Passion
Paramount Airways	Airline	A world of difference
Philips	Consumer Electronics	innovation and you
Polaris	IT	live your dream
Puducherry	Tourism Promotion	Give time a break
Power Finance Corp	Power services	Funding For A Brighter Tomorrow
Punjab National Bank	Banking	The name you can bank on
NDTV Profit	TV Channel	News you can use.
Radio Mirchi	FM radio	It's hot!
Rajasthan	Tourism Promotion	Jaane Kya Dikh Jaye
Raymond	Textile maker	The Complete Man
Raymond Park Avenue	Apparel brand	Play the Lead
Raymond Parx	Apparel brand	Simply Irresistible
Reid & Taylor	Apparel brand	Bond with the Best
Reliance Industries	Petrochemicals	Growth is Life
Rolls Royce	Automaker	Trusted to deliver excellence
Safexpress	Logistics	Distribution Redefined
SAIL	Steel	There's a little bit of SAIL in everybody's life
Samsonite	Luggage	Because you've earned your wings.
Samsung	Electronics	The Next Big Thing
SBI	Banking	The Banker To Every Indian
SBI Mutual Fund	Mutual Fund	A partner for life
Seagate	IT	We turn on ideas.
Shopper's Stop	Retail	Start Something New
Shriram Life Insurance	Life Insurance	Your partner for your prosperity
Siemens	Telecom	Ingenuity for life
Singapore Airlines	Airline	A great way to fly
Skoda Auto	Automaker	Simply Clever
Sony	Consumer Electronics	Be Moved
Spicejet	Airline	flying for everyone
Sportstar	Print Media	The sportier tabloid
Standard Chartered Bank	Banking	Here for good
Star Sports	TV Channel	Believe
Suzlon	Wind Energy	Powering A Greener Tomorrow
Tamil Nadu	Tourism Promotion	experience yourself
Tata Chemicals	Chemicals	Serving Society through Science
Tata Group	Diversified	Leadership with Trust
Tata Indica	Car brand	More car per car
Tata Teleservices	Telecom Service	Do more. Live more.
Tata Indigo	Car brand	An All New Attitude
Tata Safari Dicor	Car brand	The Legend
Tata Steel	Steel	Values Stronger than Steel
Tata Sumo Victa	Car brand	What you drive is who you are.
The Economic Times	Print media	The Power of Knowledge
The Financial Times	Print Media	Without fear or favour
Tibre	Apparel	Crafted for Comfort

Toshiba	Consumer Electronics	Leading Innovation
Toyota Motor	Automaker	Let's Go Places
Toyota Camry	Car brand	One Bold Choice Leads to Another
Toyota Corolla ALTIS	Car brand	The New Benchmark
Toyota Innova CRYSTA	Car brand	Luxury Meets Power
Toyota Land Cruiser Prado	SUV	Tough Yet Luxurious
TVS	Two-wheeler maker	Break Free
Unilever	FMCG	Small Actions, Big Difference
Union Bank of India	Banking	Good people to bank with
UPS	Logistics	Commerce. Synchronised. / Deliver more.
Videocon Group	Diversified	Experience Change
Visa	Finance	Everywhere you want to be
Vodafone	Telecom	Power to you
Volkswagen	Automaker	Das Auto
Wal-Mart	Retail Chain	Save money. Live better
Trent	Apparel	Surprisingly affordable style / Fashioned to succeed
Wipro	Diversified	Applying Thought
World Bank	Development Banking	Working for a World Free of Poverty
Yamaha	Two-wheeler maker	Revs Your Heart

COMPANIES/CHARIMANS/CEOs

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>MD/CEO</i>
Axis Bank	Sanjiv Misra	Shikha Sharma
Bharat Petroleum	D.Raj Kumar	D.Raj Kumar
BhartiAirtel	Sunil Bharti Mittal	Gopal Vittal
BHEL	Atul Sobti	—
Mondolez India (Formerly Cadbury India Ltd.)	Chandramouli Venkatesan	Chandramouli Venkatesan
Coal India	Sutirtha Bhattacharya	Sutirtha Bhattacharya
Essar Oil	Prashanth Ruia	L.K.Gupta
HCL Technologies	Shiv Nadar	C.Vijay Kumar
HDFC	D S Parekh	Renu Sud Karnad
HDFC Bank	Shyamala Gopinatha	Aditya Puri
Hero Motocorp	Pawan Munjal	Pawan Munjal
Hindalco	K M Birla	Satish Pai
Hindustan Petroleum	M.K.Surana	M.K.Surana
Hindustan Unilever Limited	H.Manwani	Sanjiv Mehta
ICICI Bank	M.K.Sharma	Chanda Kochhar
IOC	B.Ashok	—
Infosys	R.Seshasayee	Vishal Sikkha
ITC	Y.C.Deveshwar	Sanjiv Puri
Jet Airways	NareshGoyal	Hameed Ali
L&T	A. M. Naik	S.N. Subramanyan
Maruti Suzuki	R. C. Bhargava	Kenichi Ayukawa
Nestle India	Suresh Narayan	Suresh Narayan
NTPC	—	Gurdeep Singh
ONGC	—	Dinesh Kumar Sarraf
PNB	—	Usha Anantha Subramanian
Reliance Communications	Anil Ambani	Gurudeep Singh
Reliance Industries	Mukesh Ambani	Mukesh Ambani
SAIL	—	Prakash Kumar Singh
SBI	Arundhati Bhattacharya	Dinesh Kumar Khara
Tata Motors	N.Chandrasekaran	Guenter Butschek
Tata Steel	N.Chandrasekaran	T V Narendran
TCS	N.Chandrasekharan	Rajesh Gopinathan
WIPRO	A.Premji	Abidaliz Neemuchwara

Indians in global Institutions

<i>Name</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Designation</i>
Ajay Banga	Mastercard	President and CEO
Indra Nooyi	Pepsico	CEO
Lakshmi Mittal	Arcelor-Mittal	Chairman, CEO
Nitin Nohria	Harvard Business School	Dean
Zorawar Birisingh	CISCO	CTO
Rakesh Kapoor	Reckitt Benckiser	CEO
Shantanu Narayen	Adobe Systems	CEO
Soumitra Dutta	Johnson Graduate School of Mgmt, Cornell	Dean
Sundar Pichai	Google	CEO
Satya Nadella	Microsoft	CEO
Francisco D'Souza	Cognizant	CEO
Rajeev Suri	Nokia	CEO
Sanjay Kumar Jha	Global Foundries	CEO
Dinesh Paliwal	Harman International	Chairman and CEO
George Kurien	Net App	CEO
Piyush Gupta	DBS Group	CEO
Ivan Manuel Menezes	Diageo	CEO
Anshu Jain	Cantor Fitzgerald	President

CHAPTER – VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Dances of India

Bharatanatyam: Bharatanatyam is poetry in motion, a solo dance originating in the temples of south India. It is based on the principles of "Natya Shastra", written by the great sage, Bharata, around 4000 BC. Earlier, it was variedly known as "Dasi Attam" and "Sadia". It is a highly traditional dance performed to a repertory of carnatic music and comprises items such as the alarippu, varnam, padam, thillana and so on. Its present form was evolved in Tanjore by Ponniah Pillai and brothers. Smt. Rukmini Devi gave it a new life and respectability. On par with her was T. Bala Saraswathi, the queen of Bharatanatyam.

Odissi: Odissi is a dance form developed in Orissa during second century BC when the Jain King Kharavela ruled. He himself was an expert dancer. It is also based on the principles of 'Natya Sastra'. Themes from Jayadeva's 'Gita Govinda', poems in praise of Krishna written around the AD12 Century dominate the contents. First performed by women called 'Maharis' in the Jagannath Temple (Puri) and then by young boys attired as women called 'gotipuas', Odissi is woven around the basic tribhanga pose typical of Indian sculpture. It has gained great popularity today and the credit goes to Smt. Samjukta Panigrahi who gave it an universal appeal. The name of Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra is at the forefront of the greatest exponents of odissi.

Chakiarkoothu: This dance form is believed to have been introduced to Kerala by the earlier Aryan immigrants. Its performance is restricted to the members of Chakiar caste. It is a highly orthodox form of entertainment which is performed inside the temples and is witnessed by Hindus of the higher castes only.

Manipuri: Manipuri is a dance form, mostly ritualistic, popular in the 'north-east'. The ragas comprise five different types of ballets based on Radha-Krishna-Gopis theme. The other form of this dance is the "Sankirtanas", usually performed by men carrying drums called 'pung'. It is a highly lyrical dance but lacks dramatic facial and gestural expression.

Kuchipudi: It is a solo dance popular in Andhra Pradesh. It originated in a place called "Kuchelapur". Tirtha Narayana and Siddendra Yogi evolved this style. Traditionally performed by men attired like women, it has a style which corresponds with the Bhagavata Mela Natak of Tamil Nadu. Except for the emphasis on animation, it draws upon the principles of the Natya Sastra and in all other aspects it is akin to Bharatanatyam. Vedantham Satyanarayana is the doyen of Kuchipudi. China Satyam is a renowned guru of this dance form.

Kathak: This dance form originated in U.P., Rajasthan. It has its roots in "Katha" meaning story. The story tells who were attached to the temples in North India, narrated stories from the Epics, in the form of Radha and Krishnalilas. With the advent of Muslim rule, it came out of the temples in the form of a sophisticated dance of the

Mughal courts. The Nawabs of the erstwhile small kingdoms patronised this dance form which drifted from a pure dance form into erotics. Binda Din Maharaj, Kalkadin, Achchan Maharaj, Gopi Krishna, and Birju Maharaj are some of the greatest exponents of Kathak.

Kathakali: This dance form is from Kerala, which is more dramatic than narrative in form. It has its origin in the courts of the kings of Kerala and is considered to be the most scientific and elaborately defined dance form. The body gestures, hand movements and eye/eyeball movements comprise its language. It is not a folk dance but is highly classical, though not very old. Poet Vallathol revived Kathakali in its present form.

Mohiniattam: A solo dance form from Kerala, Mohiniattam is also the heir to Devadasi dance heritage like Bharatanatyam, Odissi and Kuchipudi. In the 19th Century, the king of Travancore, Swati Tirunal encouraged this dance form. Poet Vallathol revived it through Kerala Kalamandalam founded by him in 1930 along with Kalamandalam Kalyaniamma, the first dance teacher of Kalamandalam.

Ottam Thullal: It is also a solo dance form of Kerala, known as poor man's Kathakali. The dialogue is in simple Malayalam and therefore has a mass appeal. Kunjan Nambiar evolved it to bring out the social conditions of his time, the distinctions of class, and the whims and weaknesses of the rich.

Yakshagana: It is a dance-drama from Karnataka which is of rural origin. The language is Kannada and theme based on the Hindu epics. It is about 400 years old. It was revived by Dr. Shivaram Karanth.

Other Folk and Tribal Dances

<i>Dance</i>	<i>State</i>
Ankia Nat	Assam
Bahaka Wata	Orissa
Bhangra	Punjab
Bhavai	Gujarat, Rajasthan
Bidesie	Bihar
Bihu	Assam
Chakiarkoothu	Kerala
Chakri	Jammu and Kashmir
Chamar Givad	Rajasthan
Chappeli	Uttar Pradesh
Chhau	West Bengal
Chavittu Natakam	Kerala
Chiraw	Mizoram
(bamboo dance)	
Dahikala	Maharashtra
Dandanate	Orissa
Dandiya Ras	Gujarat
Gangore	Rajasthan
Garba	Gujarat
Gidda	Punjab
Gidda Parhaun	Himachal Pradesh
Hikat	Jammu and Kashmir
Jata-Jatin	Bihar

Jatra	West Bengal	Hanoi	Kecho
Jhular Leela	Rajasthan	Harare	Salisbury
Jhumar or Ghumar	Rajasthan	Ho Chi Minh City	Saigon
Kaitotti Kalli	Kerala	Indonesia	The Netherlands
Kummi	Tamil Nadu		(Dutch) East Indies
Kajri	Uttar Pradesh	Iran	Persia
Kayanga	Himachal Pradesh	Iraq	Mesopotamia
Karan	Uttar Pradesh	Istanbul	Constantinople, Byzantium
Kathi	West Bengal	Jakarta	Batavia
Kayanga Bajavanga	Rajasthan	Kalaallit Nunaat	Greenland
Khayal	Rajasthan	Kinshasa	Leopoldville
Kolattam	Tamil Nadu	Korea	The Hermit Kingdom
Kottam	Andhra Pradesh	Laos	Lanxang
Krishnavattam	Kerala	Lesotho	Basutoland
Kumaon	Uttar Pradesh	Malawi	Nyasaland
Lai Haroba	Manipur	Malabo	Santa Isabel
Lavani	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Bombay
Lezim	Maharashtra	Myanmar	Burma
Lota	Madhya Pradesh	Namibia	South West Africa
Luddi	Himachal Pradesh	Nauru	Pleasant Island
Macha	Madhya Pradesh	Oslo	Christiana
Maha Rassa	Manipur	Sri Lanka	Ceylon
Mudivettu	Kerala	Stalingrad	Volgograd
Munzra	Himachal Pradesh	St.Petersburg	Leningrad
Nautanki	Uttar Pradesh	Suriname	Dutch Guyana
Ojapali	Assam	Taiwan	Formosa
Pandvani	Madhya Pradesh	Tasmania	Van Diemen's Land
Raslila	Gujarat	Thailand	Siam
Rauf	Jammu and Kashmir	Togo	Togoland
Swang	Haryana	Tuvalu	The Ellice Islands
Tamasha	Maharashtra	Vanuatu	The New Hebrides
Tappatri Kali	Kerala	Yangon	Rangoon
Therukkoothu	Tamil Nadu	Zambia	Northern Rhodesia
Theyyam	Kerala	Zimbabwe	Southern Rhodesia
Tippani	Gujarat		
Veedhi Bhagavatam	Andhra Pradesh		
Wangala Laho	Meghalaya		

Geographical Names: Old and New

New Names	Old Names
Banjul	Bathurst
Beijing	Peking
Belize	British Honduras
Benin	Dahomey
Botswana	Bechuanaland
Burkina Faso	Upper Volta
Cambodia	Kampuchea; Khmer
Chennai	Madras
Congo	Zaire
Djibouti	French Somaliland, French Territory of Afars and Issas
Ethiopia	Abyssinia
Ghana	Gold Coast
Guyana	British Guiana

Superlatives – World

Biggest Dam	: Grand Be (USA)
Biggest Dome	: Gol Gumbaz (India)
Biggest Museum	: American Museum of Natural History, New York
Biggest Palace	: Vatican
Highest Airport	: Lhasa (Tibet)
Highest Waterfall	: Angel (Venezuela)
Largest Archipelago	: Indonesia (3,000 islands)

Wonders of the World

Ancient World

1. The Pyramids of Egypt
2. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
3. The Temple of Diana at Ephesus (Rome)
4. The Statue of Jupiter at Olympia
5. The Mausoleum of Mausolus (Ruler of Halicarnassus)
6. The Pharos (lighthouse) at Alexandria
7. The Colossus at Rhodes

Seven Wonders of the Modern World

1. Chichen Itza in Mexico.
2. Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.
3. Colosseum in Italy.
4. Great Wall of China in China.
5. Machu Picchu in Peru.
6. Petra in Jordan.
7. Taj Mahal in India.

Largest Bird	: Ostrich
Largest City (Population)	: Tokyo (Japan)
Largest Creature	: Blue Whale
Largest Dam	: Grand Coulee-Concrete Dam (USA)
Largest Delta	: Sunderbans (India)
Largest Electorate	: India
Largest Forest	: Coniferous forest of Northern CIS
Largest Lake (Fresh Water)	: Lake Superior (Canada)
Largest Lake (Salt Water)	: Caspian Sea
Largest Mosque	: Jama Masjid, Delhi (India)
Largest Peninsula	: Arabia (Area-3,250,000 sq km)
Longest Railway Platform	: Kharagpur, West Bengal, (India) (833 m long)
Largest Sea	: South China Sea
Largest Sea-bird	: Albatross
Largest Temple	: Angkor Vat (Cambodia)
Largest Zoo	: Etosha Reserve (South West Africa)
Longest Epic	: Mahabharata (1,00,000 verses)
Longest Wall	: Great Wall of China
Smallest Bird	: Humming Bird
Tallest Animal	: Giraffe
Tallest Fountain	: Fountain Hills (Arizona)
Tallest Minaret (Free standing)	: Qutab Minar, Delhi (239 ft)
Fastest Animal	: The Peregrine Falcon
Fastest Bird	: Swift
Coldest Place	: Polyus Nedostupnosti (Antarctica)
Driest Place	: Death Valley (California)
Hottest Place	: Aziza (Libya)
Wettest Place	: Cherrapunji (India)
Brightest Planet	: Venus
Brightest Star	: Sirius (also called the Dog Star)

Superlatives - India

Busiest Airport	: Santa Cruz (domestic); Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (Mumbai)
Heaviest Rainfall	: Mawsynram (Meghalaya)
Highest Dam	: Bhakra Nangal dam (226 m high)
Highest Waterfall	: Jog Falls (Gersoppa Falls), Karnataka
Largest Cave Temple	: Ellora
Largest District	: Ladakh (82,665 sq.km)
Largest Mosque	: Jama Masjid, Delhi
Largest State	: Rajasthan (3,42,239 sq.km)
Longest Canal	: Indira Gandhi Canal (959 km long)
Most Populous City	: Mumbai (12.7 million)
Longest Dam	: Hirakud Dam on Mahanadi in Orissa
Largest Desert	: Thar Desert (Rajasthan)
Largest Delta	: Sunderbans (Mouth of the Ganges) (75,000 sq.km)
Largest Gurudwara	: Golden Temple, Amritsar
Largest Lake	: Wular Lake, Kashmir
Largest Museum	: Indian Museum, Kolkata
Largest Planetarium	: Birla Planetarium, Kolkata
Longest Railway Platform	: Kharagpur in West Bengal (833 m long)
Longest River	: Ganga (2,640 km long)
Largest Zoo	: Zoological Gardens, Kolkata
Smallest District	: Mahe (9 sq km)
Tallest Minaret	: Qutab Minar, Delhi (239 ft)

Sobriquets – I

Sobriquet	Original Name		
Andhra Kesari	Tanguturi Prakasam	Deshbandhu	C.R.Das
Badshah Khan	Khan Abdul Ghafter Khan	Father of English Poetry	Geoffrey Chaucer
Bangabandhu	Sheikh Mujibur Rehman	Father of the Indian Nation	Mahatma Gandhi
Bapu	Mahatma Gandhi	Frontier Gandhi	Khan Abdul Ghafter Khan
Chacha	Jawaharlal Nehru	Fuehrer	Adolf Hitler
'C.R.'	C. Rajagopalachari	'G.B.S.'	George Bernard Shaw
Desert Fox	Gen.Rommel	Grand Old Man of India	Dadabhai Naoroji
		Gurudev	Rabindranath Tagore
		Iron Duke	Duke of Wellington
		Iron Man of India	Sardar Vallabhai Patel

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'J.P.'
 Lady with the Lamp
 Lal, Bal, Pal

 Lion of Punjab
 (Sher-e-Punjab)
 Little Corporal
 Lokmanya
 Mahatma
 Maiden Queen
 Maid of Orleans
 Man of Blood and Iron
 Man of Destiny
 Mysore Tiger
 Netaji
 Nightingale of India
 Punjab Kesari
 Saint of the Gutters
 Sparrow
 Strong Man of India

Jayaprakash Narayan
 Florence Nightingale
 Lala Lajpat Rai,
 Bal Gangadhar Tilak,
 Bipin Chander pal
 Lala Lajpat Rai

 Napoleon
 Bal Gangadhar Tilak
 Mahatma Gandhi
 Elizabeth I
 Joan of Arc
 Bismarck
 Napoleon
 Tipu Sultan
 Subhas Chandra Bose
 Sarojini Naidu
 Lala Lajpat Rai
 Mother Teresa
 Maj-Gen. Rajinder Singh
 Sardar Vallabhai Patel

Pink City
 Playground of Europe
 Queen of the Adriatic
 Queen of the Arabian Sea
 Roof of the World
 Sick Man of Europe
 Sorrow of China/
 Yellow River
 Spice Garden of India
 Sugar Bowl of the World
 Venice of the East
 Venice of the North
 White City
 World's Breadbasket
 World's Loneliest Island
 Britain of the South
 Battle Field of Europe
 City of Palaces
 City of Popes
 City of Skyscrapers
 City of Arabian Nights
 Dark Continent
 Dairy of Northern Europe
 Forbidden City
 Garden City of India
 Gibraltar of Indian Ocean
 Island Continent
 The Isle of Spring
 Workshop of Europe

Jaipur
 Switzerland
 Venice, Italy
 Kochi, India
 Pamirs
 Turkey

 Hwang Ho
 Kerala
 Cuba
 Alappuzha
 Stockholm, Sweden
 Belgrade
 Prairies of N. America
 Tristan da Cunha
 New Zealand
 Belgium
 Kolkata
 Rome
 New York
 Baghdad
 Africa
 Denmark
 Lhasa (Tibet)
 Bangalore
 Aden
 Australia
 Jamaica
 Belgium

Sobriquets – II

Sobriquet

Primary Name

Bengal's Sorrow	River Damodar
Blue Mountains	Niligiri Hills
City of Golden Gate	San Francisco
City of Golden Temple	Amritsar
City of the Dreaming Spires	Oxford, UK
City of Magnificent	
Distances	Washington
City of Seven-Hills/	
Eternal City	Rome, Italy
Cockpit of Europe	Belgium
Dark Continent	Africa
Emerald Island	Ireland
Empire City/	
City of Skyscrapers	New York
Garden of England	Kent, England
Gate of Tears	Bab-el-Mandeb
Gateway of India	Mumbai
Gift of the Nile	Egypt
Great White Way	Broadway, New York
Herring Pond	Atlantic Ocean
Holy Land	Palestine
Hermit Kingdom	Korea
Island of Cloves	Zanzibar
Island of Pearls	Bahrain
Key to the Mediterranean	Gibraltar
Land of Cakes	Scotland
Land of Kangaroos	Australia
Land of Golden Pagoda	Myanmar (Burma)
Land of the Lillies/	
Land of Maple	Canada
Land of Morning Calm	Korea
Land of Midnight Sun	Norway
Land of Rising Sun	Japan
Land of Thousand Lakes	Finland
Land of Thunderbolt	Bhutan
Land of the	
White Elephants	Thailand
Land of the Long	
White Cloud	New Zealand
Land of Golden Fleece	Australia
Pearl of the Antilles	Cuba
Pillar of Hercules	Gibraltar

Famous sites-World

Site

Location

Al-Aqsa	Jerusalem
Big Ben	London
Brandenburg Gate	Berlin
Broadway	New York
Brown House	Berlin
Buckingham Palace	London
Colosseum	Rome
Downing Street	London
Eiffel Tower	Paris
Fleet Street	London
Harley Street	London
Hyde Park	London
India House	London
Kaaba	Mecca
Kremlin	Moscow
Leaning Tower	Pisa
Louvre	Paris
Merdeka Palace	Jakarta
Oval	London
Pentagon	Washington
Potah	Nanking
Pyramids	Egypt
Red Square	Moscow
Scotland Yard	London
Shaw-Dragon-Pagoda	Yangon
Sphinx	Egypt
Statue of Liberty	New York
Vatican	Rome
Wailing Wall	Jerusalem
Wall Street	New York
Westminster Abbey	London
White Hall	London
White House	Washington

Famous sites – India

Site	Location
Akbar's Tomb	Sikandra, Agra
Amarnath Cave	Kashmir
Amber Palace	Jaipur
Anand Bhavan	Allahabad
Birla Planetarium	Kolkata
Black Pagoda	Konark (Orissa)
Brihadeswara Temple	Thanjavur (TN)
Buland Darwaza	Fatehpur Sikri (Raj)
Bhakra Nangal Dam	Punjab
Bibi-ka-maqbara	Aurangabad (Mah)
Charminar	Hyderabad
Chenna Kesava Temple	Belur (Kar)
Chilka Lake	Orissa
Dal Lake	Srinagar
Dilwara Temples	Mt.Abu (Raj)
Elephanta Caves	Mumbai
Gateway of India	Mumbai
Golden Temple	Amritsar
Gol Gumbaz	Bijapur (Kar)
Hanging Gardens	Mumbai
Hawa Mahal	Jaipur
Howrah Bridge	Kolkata
Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb	Agra
Jagannath Temple	Puri (Orissa)
Jahaz Mahal	Mandu (MP)
Jai Stambha	Chittorgarh (Raj)
Jama Masjid	Delhi
Jantar Mantar	New Delhi
Jog (Gersoppa) Falls	Karnataka
Kailasa Temple	Ellora (Mah)
Kanyakumari Temple	Cape Camorin (TN)
Khajuraho Temples	Khajuraho
Lakshmivilas Palace	Baroda (Guj)
Lal Bagh Garden	Bangalore
Lalgarh Palace	Bikaner
Lingaraj Temple	Ujjain
Maheshmurti (Trimurti)	Elephanta Caves,
Mumbai Malabar Hill	Mumbai
Man Mandir Palace	Gwalior (MP)
Marina Beach	Chennai
Nagin Lake	Srinagar
Meenakshi Temple	Madurai
Mt.Girnar Jain Temples	Junagadh, (Guj)
Nataraja Temple	Chidambaram
Nishat Bagh	Srinagar (J&K)
Padmanabha Temple	Thiruvananthapuram
Palitana	Gujarat
Panch Mahal	Fatehpur Sikri
Pichola Lake	Udaipur
Prince of Wales Museum	Mumbai
Qutab Minar	Delhi
Raj Ghat	Delhi
Rashtropati Bhawan	Delhi
Red Fort	Delhi
Sanchi Stupa	Sanchi
Sarnath	Varanasi
Sidi Sayyid Mosque	Ahmedabad
Shalimar Bagh	Srinagar
Shahi Chashma	Srinagar
Shanti Van	Delhi
Shakti Sthal	Delhi
Shore Temple	Mahabalipuram
Somnathpur Temple	Mysore
Statue of Gomateswara (Kar)	Sravana belgola

Statue of Ugra Narsimha	Hampi (Kar)
Sunderbans	West Bengal
Sun Temple	Konark
Taj Mahal	Agra
Tower of Silence	Mumbai
Victoria Memorial	Kolkata
Victoria Garden	Mumbai
Vijay Ghat	Delhi

Riverside Cities – World

City	River	Country
Amsterdam	Amsel	Netherlands
Antwerp	Schelde	Belgium
Baghdad	Tigris	Iraq
Bangkok	Menam	Thailand
Belgrade	Danube	Yugoslavia
Berlin	Spree	Germany
Bonn	Rhine	Germany
Budapest	Danube	Hungary
Cairo	Nile	Egypt
Glasgow	Clyde	Scotland
Hamburg	Elbe	Germany
Karachi	Indus	Pakistan
Lahore	Ravi	Pakistan
London	Thames	England
Moscow	Moskva	Russia
New York	Hudson	USA
Paris	Seine	France
Quebec	St.Lawrence	Canada
Yangon	Irrawaddy	Myanmar
Rome	Tiber	Italy
Tokyo	Sumida	Japan
Vienna	Danube	Austria
Warsaw	Vistula	Poland
Washington	Potomac	USA

Riverside Cities – India

City	River	State
Agra	Yamuna	Uttar Pradesh
Ahmedabad	Sabarmati	Gujarat
Ayodha	Sarayu	Uttar Pradesh
Badrinath	Ganga	Uttarakhand
Cuttack	Mahanadi	Odisha
Delhi	Yamuna	Delhi
Dibrugarh	Brahmaputra	Assom
Haridwar	Ganga	Uttaranchal
Hyderabad	Musi	Andhra Pradesh
Jabalpur	Narmada	Madhya Pradesh
Kanpur	Ganga	Uttar Pradesh
Kolkata	Hooghly	West Bengal
Kota	Chambal	Rajasthan
Lucknow	Gomti	Uttar Pradesh
Ludhiana	Sutlej	Punjab
Nasik	Godavari	Maharashtra
Pandharpur	Bhima	Maharashtra
Patna	Ganga	Bihar
Sambalpur	Mahanadi	Odisha
Srinagar	Jhelum	Jammu and Kashmir
Surat	Tapti	Gujarat
Tiruchrapalli	Cauveri	Tamil Nadu
Varanasi	Ganga	Uttar Pradesh
Vijayawada	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh

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National Emblems of Different Countries

Country	Emblem
Australia	: Kangaroo
Bangladesh	: Water Lily
Belgium	: Lion
Canada	: White Lily
Chile	: Candor and Huemul
Denmark	: Beach
France	: Lily
Germany	: Corn Flower
Hong Kong	: Bauhinia (Orchid Tree)
India	: Lion Capitol
Iran	: Rose
Ireland	: Shamrock
Israel	: Candelabrum
Italy	: White Lily
Japan	: Chrysanthemum
Lebanon	: Cedar Tree
Luxembourg	: Lion with Crown
New Zealand	: Southern Cross, Kiwi, Fern
Norway	: Lion
Pakistan	: Crescent
Sierra Leone	: Lion
Spain	: Eagle
Sri Lanka	: Lion
Syria	: Eagle
The Netherlands	: Lion
Turkey	: Crescent and Star
United Kingdom	: Rose
U.S.A.	: Golden Rod

Denmark	: Danish Krone
Egypt	: Egyptian Pound
Ethiopia	: Birr
Malaysia	: Ringgit
Maldives	: Maldivian Rufiyaa
Mexico	: Mexican Peso
Mozambique	: Metical
Nepal	: Nepalese Rupee
Netherlands, The	: Euro
New Zealand	: New Zealand Dollar
Norway	: Norwegian Krone
Pakistan	: Pakistani Rupee
The Philippines	: Philippine Peso
Poland	: Zloty
Portugal	: Euro
Romania	: Leu
Russia	: Russian Ruble
Saudi Arabia	: Saudi Riyal
Singapore	: Singapore Dollar
Slovakia	: Euro
South Africa	: Rand
Switzerland	: Swiss Franc
Tanzania	: Tanzanian Shilling
Thailand	: Baht
United Arab Emirates	: Dirham
Ukraine	: Hryvnia
U.K.	: Pound Sterling
U.S.A.	: United States Dollar
Uruguay	: Uruguayan Peso
Zimbabwe	: Zimbabwean Dollar

Currencies of Different Countries

The currencies of some countries are listed below:

Country	Currency
Afghanistan	: Afghani
Algeria	: Algerian Dinar
Argentina	: Argentine Peso
Australia	: Australian Dollar
Austria	: Euro
Bangladesh	: Taka
Belgium	: Euro
Belarus	: Belarusian Ruble
Bhutan	: Ngultrum
Brazil	: Real
Canada	: Canadian Dollar
China	: Yuan (Renminbi)
Taiwan	: New Taiwan Dollar
Czech Republic	: Czech Koruna

Finland	: Euro
France	: Euro
Germany	: Euro
Greece	: Euro
Hungary	: Forint
Iceland	: Krona
India	: Indian Rupee
Indonesia	: Indonesian Rapih
Iran	: Rial
Iraq	: Iraqi Dinar
Ireland	: Euro
Israel	: Sheqel
Italy	: Euro
Japan	: Yen
Korea (North)	: North Korean Won
Korea (South)	: South Korean Won
Liechtenstein	: Swiss Franc
Luxembourg	: Euro
Myanmar	: Kyat
Sweden	: Swedish Krona

Countries and their Parliaments

The names of the parliaments of some countries are given below.

Country	Parliament
Afghanistan	: Hal-o-Aqad (National Assembly)
Australia	: Federal Parliament (House of Representatives & Senate)
Bhutan	: Tshogdu (National Assembly)
Brazil	: National Congress
Britain	: Parliament (House of Commons and House of Lords)
Canada	: Parliament (House of Commons and Senate Congress)

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Colombia	:	Congress
Cuba	:	National Assembly of People's Power
Denmark	:	Folketing
Egypt	:	People's Assembly
France	:	National Assembly
Germany	:	Bundestag (Lower House) & Bundsrat (Upper House)
Hungary	:	National Assembly
Iceland	:	Althing
India	:	Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) (Sansad)
Indonesia	:	People's Consultative Assembly
Iran	:	Majlis
Iraq	:	National Assembly
Israel	:	Knesset
Japan	:	Diet
Korea (North)	:	Supreme People's Assembly
Korea (South)	:	National Assembly
Kuwait	:	National Assembly
Malaysia	:	Parliament (Dewan Rakyat & Dewan Negara)
Maldives	:	Majlis
Myanmar (Burma)	:	Pyithu Hluttaw (People's Assembly)
Nepal	:	National Panchayat
Netherlands	:	The States General
New Zealand	:	Parliament (House of Representatives)
Norway	:	Storting
Poland	:	Sejm
Romania	:	Grand National Assembly
Russia	:	Supreme Soviet
South Africa	:	House of Assembly
Spain	:	Cortes
Switzerland	:	Federal Assembly (Nationalrat and Standerat)
U.S.A.	:	Congress (House of Representatives and Senate)
Zaire	:	National Legislative Council

Official Books and Publications of Various Countries

Name of the Book

Country

Blue Book	Any official report of the British Government.
Green Book	Official publication of Italy and Iran.
Grey Book	Official reports of the Japanese and Belgium Governments.
Orange Book	Official publication of The Netherlands.
White Book	Official publication of Germany, China and Portugal.
Yellow Book	Official book of France.
White Paper	Short pamphlet giving authoritative detail of facts issued by the Indian Government stating its view on a particular issue for the knowledge of general public.

Books and Authors (General)

Books	Authors(S)
A Bend in the River	Sir V. S. Naipaul
A Brief History of Time	Stephen Hawking
A China Passage	John Kenneth Galbraith
Accidental Death of an Anarchist	Dario Fo
A Critique of Pure Reason	Immanuel Kant
A Dangerous Place	Daniel Patrick Moynihan
A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway
A Fine Balance	Rohinton Mistry
A House for Mr. Biswas	Sir V. S. Naipaul
Akbarnama	Abul Fazal
A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare
India: A Million Mutinies Now	V. S. Naipaul
A Passage to England	Nirad C. Chaudhuri
A Passage to India	E. M. Forster
A Prisoner's Scrapbook	L. K. Advani
A Strange and Sublime Address	Amit Chaudhary
A Streetcar Named Desire	Tennessee Williams
A Suitable Boy	Vikram Seth

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Asian Drama	:	Gunnar Myrdal
As You Like It	:	William Shakespeare
A Tale of Two Cities	:	Charles Dickens
A Thousand Suns	:	Dominique Lapierre
A Village by the Sea	:	Anita Desai
A Voice for Freedom	:	Nayantara Sehgal
A Week with Gandhi	:	Louis Fischer
A Woman's Life	:	Guy de Maupassant
Absolute Power	:	David Baldacci
Adonis	:	P. B. Shelley
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	:	Arthur Conan Doyle
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	:	Mark Twain
Afternoon Raag	:	Amit Chaudhary
Ageless Body, Timeless Mind	:	Deepak Chopra
Ain-i-Akbari	:	Abul Fazal
Airport	:	Arthur Hailey
Alice in Wonderland	:	Lewis Carroll
All Quiet on the Western Front	:	Erich Maria Remarque
All the President's men	:	Carl Bernstein & Bob Woodward
An Area of Darkness	:	Sir V. S. Naipaul
An Autobiography	:	Jawaharlal Nehru
An Equal Music	:	Vikram Seth
Anandmath	:	Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
Animal Farm	:	George Orwell
Antony and Cleopatra	:	William Shakespeare
Anna Karenina	:	Leo Tolstoy
Around the World in Eighty Days	:	Jules Verne
Arthasashtra	:	Kautilya
August 1914	:	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Autobiography of an Unknown Indian	:	Nirad C. Chaudhuri
A Beautiful Mind	:	Sylvia Nasar
A Brief History of The Future	:	
The Origins of The Internet	:	John Naughton
A Future Perfect	:	John Micklethwait and Adrian Woolridge
A Passion To Win	:	Summer Redstone, Peter Knobler
Being Digital	:	Nicholas Negroponte
Beginning of the Beginning	:	Bhagwan Shri Rajneesh
Beloved	:	Toni Morrison
Ben Hur	:	Lewis Wallace
Bharat Bharati	:	Maithili Sharan Gupta
Black Holes & Baby Universes	:	Stephen Hawking
Bliss Was it in that Dawn	:	Minoo Masani
Blood, Brain and Beer	:	David Ogilvy
Born Free	:	Joy Adamson
Brave New World	:	Aldous Huxley
Bread, Beauty and Revolution	:	Khwaja Ahmed Abbas
Brothers Karamazov	:	Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Bubble, The	:	Mulk Raj Anand
Business @ The Speed of Thought	:	Bill Gates
By God's Decree	:	Kapil Dev
Built to Last: How 3M, Wal-Mart and others became standouts	:	James Collins, Jerry Porras
Caesar and Cleopatra	:	George Bernard Shaw
Candida	:	George Bernard Shaw
Candide	:	Voltaire
Catch – 22	:	Joseph Heller
Catcher in the Rye	:	J. D. Salinger
Chandalika	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Chemeen	:	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai
Cherry Orchard	:	Anton Chekov
Chitra	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	:	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Circle of Reason	:	Amitav Ghosh
City of Joy	:	Dominique Lapierre
City of Djinns	:	William Dalrymple
Comedy of Errors	:	William Shakespeare
Communist Manifesto	:	Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels
Confessions	:	J. J. Rousseau

Confessions of a Lover	:	Mulk Raj Anand
Confidential Clerk	:	T. S. Eliot
Conquest of Self	:	Mahatma Gandhi
Coolie	:	Mulk Raj Anand
Count of Monte Cristo	:	Alexander Dumas
Crescent Moon	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Critical Mass	:	William E. Burrows, Robert Windrem
Crossing the Threshold of Hope	:	Pope John Paul II
Cry, The Beloved Country	:	Alan Paton
Darkness at Noon	:	Arthur Koestler
Das Kapital	:	Karl Marx
David Copperfield	:	Charles Dickens
Days of My Years	:	H. P. Nanda
Death of a City	:	Amrita Pritam
Descent of Man	:	Charles Darwin
Devdas	:	Sharat Chandra Chatterjee
Diana : The True story	:	Andrew Morton
Diplomacy	:	Henry Kissinger
Disclosure	:	Michael Crichton
Discovery of India	:	Jawaharlal Nehru
Divine Comedy	:	Dante Alighieri
Doctor Zhivago	:	Boris Pasternak
Don Juan	:	Lord Byron
Don Quixote	:	Miguel de Cervantes
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	:	Robert Louis Stevenson
Earth in the Balance: Forging a	:	
New Common Purpose	:	Al Gore
Emma	:	Jane Austen
Ends and Means	:	Aldous Huxley
English August	:	Upamanyu Chatterjee
Essays on Gita	:	Sri Aurobindo Ghosh
Ethics for the New Millennium	:	The Dalai Lama
Expanding Universe	:	Arthur Stanley Eddington
Far from the Madding Crowd	:	Thomas Hardy
Faust	:	J. W. Von Goethe
First Circle	:	Amitav Ghosh
Food, Nutrition and Poverty in India	:	V. K. R. V. Rao
For whom The Bell Tolls	:	Ernest Hemingway
Freedom at Midnight	:	Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins
French Revolution	:	Thomas Carlyle
Friends and Foes	:	Sheikh Mujibur Rehman
Ganadevata	:	Tara Shankar Bandhopadhyaya
Gandhi and Stalin	:	Louis Fischer
Gardener	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Gathering Storm	:	Winston Churchill
Ghasiram Kotwal	:	Vijay Tendulkar
Gitanjali	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Glimpses of World History	:	Jawaharlal Nehru
Godan	:	Prem Chand
Golden Threshold	:	Sarojini Naidu
Gone with the Wind	:	Margaret Mitchell
Good Earth	:	Pearl S. Buck
Grapes and the Wind	:	Pablo Neruda
Great Expectations	:	Charles Dickens
Great Gatsby, The	:	Scott Fitzgerald
Guide	:	R. K. Narayan
Gulag Archipelago	:	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Gulliver's Travels	:	Jonathan Swift
Gypsy Masala	:	Preethi Nair
Half a Life	:	Sir V. S. Naipaul
Hamlet	:	William Shakespeare
Harvest	:	Manjula Padmanabhan
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	:	J. K. Rowling
Heat and Dust	:	Ruth Prwar Jhabwala
Heart of Darkness	:	Joseph Conrad
Heir Apparent	:	Dr. Karan Singh
Himalayan Blunder	:	Brigadier J. P. Dalvi
Hindu View of Life	:	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

Hinduism	:	Nirad C. Chaudhuri
History of India	:	Romila Thapar
Hullabaloo in a Guava Orchard	:	Kiran Desai
Hunchback of Notre Dame	:	Victor Hugo
Hungry Stones	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Idols	:	Sunil Gavaskar
I follow the Mahatma	:	K. M. Munshi
If I am Assassinated	:	Z. A. Bhutto
Illiad	:	Homer
In Evil Hour	:	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
In search of Gandhi	:	Richard Attenborough
India in the New Millenium	:	Dr.P. C. Alexander
India Changes	:	Taya Zinkin
India Discovered	:	John Keay
India Divided	:	Rajendra Prasad
India : Emerging Power	:	Stephen Philip Cohen
India – Another Millenium	:	Romila Thapar
India Unbound	:	Gurcharan Das
India of Our Dreams	:	M. V. Kamath
India Remembered	:	Percival and Margaret Spear
India Wins Freedom	:	Abul Kalam Azad
India's Priceless Heritage	:	N. A. Palkhivala
Inscrutable Americans	:	Anurag Mathur
Interpreter of Maladies	:	Jhumpa Lahiri
Invisible Man	:	H. G. Wells
Is Paris Burning?	:	Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre
Islamic Bomb	:	Steve Weissman and Herbert Kroaney
It Was Five Past Midnight in Bhopal	:	Dominique Lapierre and Javier Moro
Ivanhoe	:	Sir Walter Scott
Indira Nehru Gandhi	:	Katherine Frank
Julius Caesar	:	William Shakespeare
Jungle Book	:	Rudyard Kipling
Jurassic Park	:	Michael Crichton
Kagaz - e- Kanwas	:	Amrita Pritam
Kamasutra	:	Vatsayana
Kamayani	:	Jai Shankar Pandit
Kane and Abel	:	Jeffrey Archer
Kanthapura	:	Raja Rao
Kashmir : A Tragedy of Errors	:	Tavleen Singh
Kidnapped	:	Robert Louis Stevenson
Kim	:	Rudyard Kipling
King Lear	:	William Shakespeare
Kubla Khan	:	S. T. Coleridge
Ladies Coupe	:	Anita Nair
Lady Chatterley's Lover	:	D. H. Lawrence
Lajja	:	Taslima Nasreen
Last Burden	:	Upamanyu Chatterjee
Le Contract Social (Social Contract)	:	J. J. Rousseau
Leaders	:	Richard Nixon
Leaves of Grass	:	Walt Whitman
Lee Iacocca	:	Lee Iacocca
Les Miserable	:	Victor Hugo
Life Divine	:	Sri Aurobindo
Life is Elsewhere	:	Milan Kundera
Life of Samuel Johnson	:	James Boswell
Lolita	:	Vladimir Nabokov
Long Walk to Freedom	:	Nelson Mandela
Love Story	:	Erich Segal
Macbeth	:	William Shakespeare
Mahatma Gandhi and his Apostles	:	Ved Mehta
Mahatma Gandhi	:	Romain Rolland
Malgudi Days	:	R. K. Narayan
Man and Superman	:	G. B. Shaw
Managing for the Future	:	Peter F. Drucker
Managing for Results	:	Peter F. Drucker
Man-eaters of Kumoan	:	Jim Corbett
Mankind and Mother Earth	:	Arnold Tonybee
Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus	:	John Gray

Mein Kampf	:	Adolf Hitler
Merchant of Venice	:	William Shakespeare
Midnight's Children	:	Salman Rushdie
Moby Dick	:	Hermann Melville
Moonwalk	:	Michael Jackson
Mother India	:	Katherine Mayo
Mother	:	Maxim Gorky
Much Ado about Nothing	:	William Shakespeare
My Days	:	R. K. Narayan
My India	:	S.Nihal Singh
My Life and Times	:	V. V. Giri
My Music, My Life	:	Pt. Ravi Shankar
My Presidential Years	:	R. Venkataraman
My Son's Father	:	Dom Moraes
My Struggles	:	E.K. Nayanar
My Truth	:	Indira Gandhi
Nana	:	Emile Zola
Indira Nehru Gandhi	:	Katherine Frank
New Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy	:	A. B. Vajpayee
Nice Guys Finish Second	:	B. K. Nehru
Nineteen Eighty Four	:	George Orwell
No Full Stops in India	:	Mark Tully
Nostromo	:	Joseph Conrad
O Jerusalem	:	Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre
Odyssey	:	Homer
Of Human Bondage	:	W. Somerset Maugham
Oliver Twist	:	Charles Dickens
Omerta	:	Mario Puzo
One Hundred Years of Solitude	:	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
One World and India	:	Arnold Tonybee
Operation Bluestar : The True Story	:	Lt.Gen K. S. Brar
Origin of Species	:	Charles Darwin
Othello	:	William Shakespeare
Our Films, Their Films	:	Satyajit Ray
Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha	:	Rodney Doyle
Painter of Signs	:	R. K. Narayan
Pakistan : The Gathering Storm	:	Benazir Bhutto
Panchatantra	:	Vishnu Sharma
Paradise Lost	:	John Milton
People Like Us	:	Pavan Varma
Peter Pan	:	J. M. Barrie
Pickwick Papers	:	Charles Dickens
Plain Speaking	:	N. Chandrababu Naidu
Plague	:	Albert Camus
Portrait of India	:	Ved Mehta
Post Office	:	Rabindranath Tagore
Pride and Prejudice	:	Jane Austen
Prince, The	:	Niccolo Machiavelli
Principia Mathematica	:	Bertrand Russell
Prison Diary	:	Jayaprakash Narayan
Profiles in Courage	:	John F.Kennedy
Pygmalion	:	G. B. Shaw
Ram Charit Manas	:	Tulsidas
Rangbhoomi	:	Prem Chand
Rape of Bangladesh	:	Anthony Mascarenhas
Ravan and Eddie	:	Kiran Nagarkar
Rebel , The	:	Albert Camus
Red Earth and Pouring Rain	:	Vikram Chandra
Red Star over China	:	Edgar Snow
Riot : A Novel	:	Shashi Tharoor
Rise and Fall of the Third Reich	:	William L. Shirer
Robinson Crusoe	:	Daniel Defoe
Romeo and Juliet	:	William Shakespeare
Rubaiyat-i-Omar Khayyam	:	Edward Fitzgerald
Saket	:	Maithili Sharan Gupta
Scarlet Letter	:	Nathaniel Hawthorne
Seven Summers	:	Mulk Raj Anand
Shakuntala	:	Kalidas

Small is Beautiful : A Study of	:	E. F. Schumacher
Economics as if People Mattered	:	Gita Mehta
Snakes and Ladders	:	Mathew Arnold
Sohrab and Rustum	:	D. H. Lawrence
Sons and Lovers	:	William Styron
Sophie's Choice	:	Jack Welch
Straight from the Gut	:	Octavio Paz
Sun Stone	:	Sunil Gavaskar
Sunny Days	:	R. K. Narayan
Swami and Friends	:	Edgar Rice Burroughs
Tarzan of the Apes	:	Scott Fitzgerald
Tender is the Night	:	J. K. Galbraith
The Affluent Society	:	Jean Paul Sartre
The Age of Reason	:	G. B. Shaw
The Applecart	:	Mulk Raj Anand
The Bride's Book of Beauty	:	R. J. Waller
The Bridges of Madison County	:	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
The Cancer Ward	:	Geoffrey Chaucer
The Canterbury Tales	:	Raja Rao
The Cat and Shakespeare	:	R. K. Narayan
The Dark Room	:	Manil Suri
The Death of Vishnu	:	T. N. Seshan
The Degeneration of India	:	Anne Frank
The Diary of a Young Girl	:	Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre
The Fifth Horseman	:	Jeffrey Archer
The Fourth Estate	:	Salman Rushdie
The Fury	:	Amitav Ghosh
The Glass Palace	:	Arundhati Roy
The God of Small Things	:	Mario Puzo
The Godfather	:	Vikram Seth
The Golden Gate	:	Shashi Tharoor
The Great Indian Novel	:	Graham Greene
The Heart of the Matter	:	Fyodor Dostoyevsky
The Idiot	:	Oscar Wilde
The Importance of Being Earnest	:	Wole Soyinka
The Interpreters	:	Kazant Zakis
The Last Temptation of Christ	:	O. V. Vijayan
The Legends of Khasak	:	Michael Crichton
The Lost World	:	Manohar Malgonkar
The Men who killed Gandhi	:	William Shakespeare
The Merchant of Venice	:	Salman Rushdie
The Moor's Last Sigh	:	Ernest Hemingway
The Old Man and the Sea	:	John Bunyan
The Pilgrim's Progress	:	Graham Greene
The Power and the Glory	:	Alexander Pope
The Rape of the Lock	:	Thomas Hardy
The Return of the Native	:	Thomas Paine
The Rights of Man	:	Bill Gates
The Road Ahead	:	Alex Haley
The Roots	:	John Grisham
The Runaway Jury	:	Salman Rushdie
The Satanic Verses	:	
The Scam, Who Won, Who Lost	:	
Who Got Away	:	Debashis Basu and Sucheta Dalal
The Songs of India	:	Sarojini Naidu
The Sound and the Fury	:	William Faulkner
The Story of My Experiments with Truth	:	Mahatma Gandhi
The Struggle and the Triumph	:	Lech Walesa
The Struggle in My Life	:	Nelson Mandela
The Sword and the Sickle	:	Mulk Raj Anand
The Tempest	:	William Shakespeare
The Testament	:	John Grisham
The Third Wave	:	Alvin Tofler
The Total Zone	:	Martina Navratilova
The Trial	:	Franz Kafka
The Trotter – Nama	:	Allan Sealy
The Vendor of Sweets	:	R. K. Narayan
The Vicar of Wakefield	:	Oliver Goldsmith

The Wasteland	:	T. S. Eliot
The Wealth of Nations	:	Adam Smith
The Thirteenth Sun	:	Amrita Pritam
Three Horsemen of the New Apocalypse	:	Nirad C. Chaudhuri
Three Musketeers	:	Alexander Dumas
Thus Spake Zarathustra	:	Friedrich W. Nietzsche
Time Machine	:	H. G. Wells
Tin Drum	:	Gunther Grass
Train to Pakistan	:	Khushwant Singh
Treasure Island	:	Robert Louis Stevenson
Trinity	:	Leon Uris
Tropic of Cancer	:	Henry Miller
Twelfth Night	:	William Shakespeare
Ulysses	:	James Joyce
Uncle Tom's Cabin	:	Harriet Beecher Stowe
Unsafe at Any Speed	:	Ralph Nader
Unto The Last	:	John Ruskin
Utopia	:	Thomas More
Valley of the Dolls	:	Jacqueline Susan
Vanity Fair	:	William Thackeray
Waiting for Godot	:	Samuel Beckett
Waiting for the Mahatma	:	R. K. Narayan
Wake up India	:	Annie Besant
War and Peace	:	Leo Tolstoy
We, The Nation: The Lost Decades	:	N. A. Palkhivala
Wealth of Nations	:	Adam Smith
Wings of Fire	:	A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
Women in Love	:	D. H. Lawrence
Wuthering Heights	:	Emily Bronte
Who Moved My Cheese?	:	Spencer Johnson
Yayati	:	V. S. Khandekar
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance	:	Robert Pirsig

International Organisations

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The ADB was initially sponsored by the ECAFF and started functioning in 1966. It has 48 member countries from Asia and Pacific and 19 other non-regional members.

HQ: Manila, The Philippines.

President: Takehiko Nakao

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

The ASEAN is a regional organisation formed by the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines, Singapore and Thailand through the Bangkok Declaration which was signed in 1967. Its aim is to accelerate economic progress and maintain economic stability of South East Asia. Members in addition to the above four are: Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

HQ: Jakarta, Indonesia.

Secretary-General: Le Luong Minh

The Commonwealth of Nations

The Commonwealth is an organisation of nations and dependencies that were once part of the former British Empire. There are 54 members. The British Monarch is the symbolic head of the Commonwealth. Commonwealth Heads of Government Meet (CHOGM) has become an important international event.

HQ: London.

Secretary-General: Patricia Janet Scotland

European Union (EU)

Known as the European Community (EC) until 1994 - the collective designation of three organisations with common membership: the European Economic Community (Common Market), the European Coal and Steel Community, and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). There are currently 27 countries in EU.

HQ: Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary General: Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen

European Parliament

The European parliament is the directly elected parliamentary body of European union. The parliament is composed of 785 MEPs [Member of European parliament].

HQ: Strasbourg, France

President: Martin Schulz

Group of Eight (G-8)

Established in 1985, G-7 is an organisation of seven major industrial democracies. Members are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States of America, Russia joined it later. In 1998, the name was changed to G-8.

Interpol

International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) was created in 1950 to promote mutual assistance among all police authorities within the limits of the law existing in the different countries.

HQ: Lyon, France.

Secretary General: Jurgen Stock

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

Established in 1949. Members are Belgium, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, UK, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, USA, Turkey, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, and Greece.

HQ: Brussels, Belgium.

Secretary-General: Jens Stoltenberg.

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Established in 1971, it has 56 members including PLO.

HQ: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Secretary-General: Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen

The Arab League

Established in 1945, it has 21 member countries.

HQ: Cairo, Egypt

Secretary-General: Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Created in 1960, OPEC attempts to set world oil prices by controlling oil production. It has 12 member countries:

HQ: Vienna, Austria.

Secretary-General: Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

The principles of non-alignment were defined in the Bandung (Indonesia) Declaration of 1955 and reiterated in the Brioni (Yugoslavia) Declaration of 1956 by Jawaharlal Nehru, Josip Broz Tito, and Gamel Abdul Nasser. Currently, it has 120 member nations.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

The SAARC comprises of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan. It was launched following the Dhaka (Dacca) Summit in 1985.

HQ: Kathmandu, Nepal.

Secretary-General: Amjad Hussein B Sial

Amnesty International

A world-wide human rights organisation with headquarters in London. The organisation was established on May 28, 1961, by the British lawyer Peter Berenson. It won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.

HQ: London, United Kingdom

Secretary-General: Salil Shetty

Red Cross (ICRC)

International Committee of Red Cross was founded in 1863 on advocacy of J. H. Dunant. It is an international society for relief of suffering in times of war or disaster. Awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1917, 1944 and 1963.

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

President: Tadateru Konoe

World Organization of the Scout Movement

Scouts and Guides Scouting is a worldwide organised movement for young people started by an Englishman, Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1907.

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

Secretary-General: Scott Teare.

A similar movement for girls – the Girl Guide Movement – was founded by Baden Powell and his sister Agnes in 1910.

Important Awards (World)

The Nobel Prizes:

The Nobel Prizes are given under the will of Alfred Bernhard Nobel who died in 1896. He was a noted Swedish chemist and engineer who discovered Nitroglycerine and its use in the manufacture of dynamite.

These prizes are given each year in six fields. The Nobel Prizes for peace, physics, chemistry, medicine and literature were started in 1901. The Nobel Prize for economics was instituted in 1967 by the Swedish Bank (Sveriges Riksbank), in celebration of its 300th anniversary and was given for the first time in 1969. These prizes are the most prestigious awards in the world. These are supported by the Nobel Foundation set up in 1900.

Booker Prize:

The Booker Prize, instituted in 1968, is Britain's most important literary award. It is given to the most celebrated work of fiction every year.

Carnegie Medal:

The Carnegie Medal is given by the British Library Association every year. The medal is considered the children's literature's equivalent of the Booker Prize.

Ella Award:

The Ella Award is presented by the Society of Singers, a non-profit organisation. The award is given to singers whose stellar music careers are paralleled by contributions to humanitarian causes.

Emmy Awards:

The Emmy Awards are given for excellence in television programmes and performances.

Golden Bear Award:

The Golden Bear Award is given to the 'Best Film' at the International Berlin Film Festival.

Golden Lion Award:

The Golden Lion Award is given to the 'Best Film' at the Venice Film Festival.

Grammy Awards:

The Grammy Awards, nick-named Oscars of the music world, are given for outstanding performances in the world of music.

Jesse Owens Award:

The Jesse Owens Award is given annually to the most outstanding amateur athlete.

Kalinga Prize:

Established in 1951 by UNESCO, the Kalinga Prize is presented annually to a person(s) in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the popularisation of science and technology.

Order of Friendship Award:

The Order of Friendship Award is Russia's most prestigious award for foreign nationals.

Order of the Sacred Treasure, Golden Rays with Neck Ribbon:

The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Golden Rays with Neck Ribbon is Japan's most prestigious civilian award.

Polar Music Prize:

The Polar Music Prize is given to persons, groups or organisations who have made a decisive contribution in the music field.

Presidential Medal of Freedom:

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is America's highest civilian honour.

Pulitzer Prizes:

The Pulitzer Prizes are bestowed on distinguished people who excel in the field of journalism and other print media. The prize is given for best novel, best drama, best poetry, best breaking news, best photography, best general non-fiction international reporting, best music, etc.

Pyramid Gold Award:

The Pyramid Gold Award is presented to the 'Best Film' at the Cairo Film Festival.

Ramon Magsaysay Awards:

The Ramon Magsaysay Award is conferred on distinguished people and organisations who have excelled in and made contributions in the fields of

- (1) Community Leadership;
- (2) Emergent Leadership;
- (3) Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication.

Templeton Prize:

The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion is given for making an outstanding contribution to the promotion of religion and religious harmony.

Wolf Prize:

The Wolf Prize, Israel's equivalent of the Oscars, is given annually for outstanding contribution made in the field of physics, agriculture research, mathematics, and music.

Important Awards (Indian)

Bharat Ratna

The award is given for exceptional work of the advancement of art, literature and science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order.

The decoration is in the form of a peepal leaf, about 5.8 cm long, 4.7 cm wide and 3.1 mm thick. It is of toned bronze. On its obverse is embossed a replica of the Sun, 1.6 cm in diameter, below which the words, "Bharat Ratna" are embossed in Hindi. On the reverse are the State emblem and the motto, also in Hindi. The emblem, the Sun and the rim are of platinum. The inscriptions are in burnished bronze.

Padma Vibhushan

The award is given for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by government servants. The decoration is circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle. The diameter of the circular portion is 4.4 cm and the thickness about 0.6mm. On the obverse, there is a lotus flower embossed on the circular space. The word "Padma" is embossed in Hindi above and the word 'Vibhushan' below the lotus flower. On the reverse are the state emblem and the motto in Hindi. It is of toned bronze.

Padma Bhushan

The award is given for distinguished service of a high order in any field, including service rendered by government servants. It has the same design as the "Padma Vibhushan". On its obverse the word "Padma" appears above and the word "Bhushan" below the lotus flower.

Padma Shri

The award is given for distinguished service in any field including service rendered by government servants. The name of the decoration is embossed in Hindi with the word "Padma" above and the word "Shri" below the lotus flower on the obverse.

Avantika National Award

The Avantika National Award for social service is presented to a distinguished person for his/her contribution in the field of education, environment, conservation and development of Indian culture, and development of children.

Chandrasekharendra Saraswati National Eminence Award

The award is instituted by the South Indian Education Society (SIES), Mumbai, and is named after the 68th Sankaracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati. It is given for public leadership, community service, science and technology and 'pravachana katha'.

G. D. Birla Award

The G.D.Birla Awards are given in the field of social and cultural excellence. The awards carry a cash prize of ₹2 lakh and a citation.

Jamnalal Bajaj Awards

The Jamnalal Bajaj Awards instituted by the Bajaj Foundation, are given in the fields of constructive work, application of science and technology, outstanding work for upliftment and welfare of children and for promoting Gandhian values outside India.

JRD Tata Corporate Excellence Award

The JRD Tata Corporate Excellence Award is presented by the Tatachem Golden Jubilee Foundation to a corporate leader for his / her contribution to the society and the nation at large with a strong commitment to globalisation of the Indian economy and achievement of high standards of excellence in professional management and industry.

Kalidas Samman

The Kalidas Samman instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Government is given to eminent personalities for their outstanding contributions in the fields of classical music, classical dance, visual arts, and theatre.

Lata Mangeshkar Award

The Lata Mangeshkar Award, instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Government, is presented to eminent personalities for their outstanding contributions to the promotion of music and cinema.

M. A. Thomas National Human Rights Award

Instituted by Vigil India Movement in the memory of its founder President, Rev. Dr. M. A. Thomas, a leading human rights activist, the award honours and recognises individuals or organisations who have made significant contributions in the field of human rights.

Mahavir Awards

The Mahavir Awards instituted by Bhagwan Mahavir Foundation for Excellence in Human endeavour are given to distinguished personalities for their contribution to promotion of non-violence, vegetarianism, education, medicine, and social service.

Saraswati Samman Awards

The Saraswati Samman, India's highest literary honour instituted by the K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991, is awarded every year to an outstanding literary work of an Indian citizen published during the preceding 10 years in any of the languages mentioned in Schedule VIII of the Constitution.

Shankar Puraskar

The Shankar Puraskar, instituted by K. K. Birla Foundation, is presented for outstanding work in Hindi in Indian philosophy, art and culture.

Tansen Samman

Tansen Samman, the highest award in the field of classical music instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Government, carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a plaque.

Vachaspati Puraskar

Instituted by the K. K. Birla Foundation, the Vachaspati Puraskar is conferred on the best Sanskrit work published during the last 10 years.

Vyas Samman

The Vyas Samman is given to an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

Gandhi Peace Prize

The Gandhi Peace Prize is given in recognition of exemplary work resulting in social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and Gandhian means. The award carries a cash amount of ₹1 crore or its equivalent in foreign currency and a citation.

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development, instituted by the Government of India, is given to distinguished people for their efforts to usher in a new international economic order and enrich the human spirit.

Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding

The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and friendship among the people of the world.

Gallantry Awards

Param Vir Chakra

The highest decoration for valour is the Param Vir Chakra which is awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air. The decoration is made of bronze and is circular in shape. It has on the obverse, four replicas of "Indra's Vajra" embossed with the State emblem in the centre. On the reverse the words "Param Vir Chakra" are embossed both in Hindi and English with two lotus flowers in the middle. The decoration is worn on the left breast with a plain purple coloured riband about 3.2 cm in width.

Maha Vir Chakra

Mahavir Chakra is the second highest decoration and is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of enemy whether on land, at sea or in the air. It is made of standard silver and is circular in shape. The decoration is worn on the left-breast with a half white and half-orange riband about 3.2 cm in width, the orange being near the left shoulder.

Vir Chakra

Vir Chakra is third in the order of awards given for act of gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air. The decoration is made of standard silver and is circular in shape. The Chakra is worn on the left breast with a half-blue and half orange riband, about 3.2 cm in width, the orange being nearer the left shoulder.

Ashoka Chakra

The Ashok Chakra is the highest peace-time gallantry award. The medal is awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valour or self-sacrifice on land, at sea or in the air. The Chakra is worn on the left breast with a green silk riband, about 3.2 cm in width and divided into two equal segments by an orange vertical line.

Kirti Chakra

The decoration is awarded for conspicuous gallantry. It is the second highest peace-time gallantry award. It is made of standard silver and is circular in shape. The Chakra is worn on the left breast with a green silk riband about 3.2 cm in width and divided into equal segments by two orange vertical lines.

Shaurya Chakra

The decoration is awarded for an act of gallantry. It is exactly like Ashok Chakra, except that it is made of bronze. The Chakra is worn on the left breast with a green silk riband, about 3.2 cm in width and divided into four equal segments by three orange vertical lines.

Bharat Ratnas

The following are the recipients of Bharat Ratna so far.

1. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	1954
2. C. Rajagopalachari	1954
3. Dr. C. V. Raman	1954
4. Dr. Bhagwan Das	1955
5. Dr. M. Visweswariah	1955
6. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	1955
7. Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant	1957
8. Dr. D. K. Karve	1958
9. Dr. B. C. Roy	1961
10. P. D. Tandon	1961
11. Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1962
12. Dr. Zakir Hussain	1963
13. Dr. P. V. Kane	1963
14. Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous)	1966
15. Indira Gandhi	1971
16. V. V. Giri	1975

Firsts in India

First British Governor General
First Viceroy
First British Governor-General of Independent India
First Chief Justice of India
First Commander-in-Chief of independent India
First Chief of Air Staff
First Indian Chief of Air Staff
First Chief of Naval Staff
First Chief of Army Staff
First Cosmonaut
First Field Marshal
First Governor-General of Indian Union
First Indian to get an Oscar
First to reach the South Pole
First Indian Civil Service officer
First member of the Viceroy's Executive Council
First man to swim across the English Channel
First woman to swim across the English Channel
First woman to climb Mount Everest
First man to climb Mount Everest
First man to climb Mount Everest without oxygen
First Muslim woman to sit on the throne of Delhi
First Nobel Prize winner
First Magsaysay award winner
First Indian batsman to score five centuries in five consecutive test matches
First President of Indian National Congress
First woman President of the Indian National Congress
First woman Indian National Congress President (Indian native)
First President to die in harness (office)
First Prime Minister to lose an election
First Prime Minister to resign from office
First Deputy Prime Minister

17. K. Kamaraj (Posthumous)	1976
18. Mother Teresa	1980
19. Acharya Vinoba Bhave	1983
20. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan(Pak)	1987
21. M. G. Ramachandran (Posthumous)	1988
22. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	1990
23. Dr. Nelson Mandela (S.Africa)	1990
24. Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	1991
25. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	1991
26. Morarji Desai	1991
27. J. R. D. Tata	1992
28. Satyajit Ray	1992
29. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Posthumous)	1992
30. Gulzarilal Nanda	1997
31. Aruna Asaf Ali (Posthumous)	1997
32. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam	1997
33. M. S. Subbulakshmi	1998
34. C. Subramaniam	1998
35. Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (Posthumous)	1999
36. Prof. Amartya Sen	1999
37. Pt. Ravi Shankar	1999
38. LokpriyaGopinath Bordoloi (Posthumous)	1999
39. Ustad Bismillah Khan	2001
40. Lata Mangeshkar	2001
41. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi	2008
42. Prof. C.N.R. Rao	2013
43. Sachin Tendulkar	2013
44. Madan Mohan Malaviya	2014
45. Atal Bihari Vajpayee	2014

Warren Hastings
Lord Canning
Lord Mountbatten
Harilal Kania
General K. M. Cariappa
Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst
Air Marshal S. Mukherjee
Vice Admiral R. D. Katri
General M. Rajendra Sinhji
Sqn Ldr Rakesh Sharma
SHFJ Manekshaw
C. Rajagopalachari
Bhanu Athaiya (for "Gandhi")
Colonel I. K. Bajaj
Satyendranath Tagore
Sir S. P. Sinha
Mihir Sen
Arati Saha
Bachendri Pal
Tenzing Norgay
Phu Dorjee
Razia Sultana
Rabindranath Tagore (1913)
Acharya Vinoba Bhave (1958)

Gautam Gambir
W. C. Banerjee
Annie Besant (1917)
Sarojini Naidu (1925)
Dr. Zakir Hussain
Indira Gandhi
Morarji Desai
Vallabhai Patel

First talkie film	Alam Ara (1931)
First test-tube baby	Indira (Baby Harsha)
First woman Central Minister	Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
First woman Chief Minister of a State	Sucheta Kripalani (UP)
First woman Governor	Sarojini Naidu
First woman minister	Vijayalakshmi Pandit (of Uttar Pradesh)
First woman Prime Minister	Indira Gandhi
First woman Speaker of a State Assembly	Shanno Devi
First woman airline pilot	Durga Banerjee
First woman to win an Asiad gold	Kanwaljit Sandhu
First woman Judge of the Supreme Court	Meera Sahib Fathima Beevi
First woman IPS officer	Kiran Bedi (1975)
First woman to reach Antarctica (South Pole)	Reena Kausal.
First Indian in the British Parliament	Dadabhai Naoroji
First to win Miss Universe title	Sushmita Sen (1994)
First woman President of United Nations	Vijayalakshmi Pandit (1953)
First woman to win the Nobel Prize	Mother Teresa (1979)
First woman to win Miss World title	Reita Faria (1966)
First Speaker of the Lok Sabha	G. V. Mavalankar (1952-57)
First to pass ICS	Surendranath Banerji (1862)
First Pilot	J. R. D. Tata (1929)
First to reach Antarctica	Lt Ram Charan (1960)
First Judge to face impeachment proceedings in Lok Sabha (1993)	Justice V. Ramaswami
First newspaper	Bengal Gazette (1781)
First vernacular daily	Samachar Darpan (1818)
First post office opened at	Calcutta (1727)
First telegraph line installed between	Diamond Harbour and Calcutta (1851)
First train steamed off from	Mumbai to Thane (1853)
First electric train	Mumbai VT to Kurla (1925)
First silent movie	"Raja Harishchandra" made by Dadasaheb
	Phalke (1913)
First coloured cinemascope film	Pyar ki Pyas (1961)
First satellite launched	Aryabhatta (1975)
First indigenously built satellite	INSAT – 2A (1992)
First Atomic device exploded at	Pokharan in Rajasthan (1974)
First hydro-electric station set up at	Darjeeling (1898)
First indigenously designed and built missile	Prithvi (1988)
First mobile police station set up at	Hoshiarpur
First electric train started between	Ludhiana and New Delhi
First Science City inaugurated in	Kolkata
First Oceanarium set up in	Goa
First woman pilot of IAF	Harita Deol
First Infrastructure project completed on a build operate-transfer basis without any foreign borrowing	Konkan Railway Project
First to win the Booker Prize	Arundhati Roy
First musician to be awarded the Bharat Ratna	M. S. Subbulakshmi
First woman to go into space	Kalpana Chawla
First Chairman of the Prasar Bharati Board	(Late) Nikhil Chakravarthi
First institution to be awarded Gandhi Peace Prize	Ramakrishna Mission
First CNG (compressed natural gas) – run bus started in	Anandpur Sahib
First Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)	Astra
India's first Nuclear Powered Submarine	INS Arihant
First Indian state to enact compulsory voting in local bodies elections	Gujarat
First woman amputee to climb Mount Everest	Arunima Sinha

Commissioned Ranks of the Three Services

The following are the commissioned ranks in the three services – Army, Navy and Air Force; each rank is shown opposite to its equivalent in the other services.

Army	Navy	Air Force
Field Marshal / Marshal	Admiral of the Fleet	Marshal of the Air Force
General	Admiral	Air Chief Marshal
Lieutenant-General	Vice-Admiral	Air Marshal
Major-General	Rear-Admiral	Air Vice Marshal
Brigadier	Commodore	Air Commodore
Colonel	Captain	Group Captain
Lieutenant-Colonel	Commander	Wing Commander
Major	Lieutenant-Commander	Squadron Leader

Captain
Lieutenant
Second Lieutenant

Lieutenant
Sub-Lieutenant
Acting Sub-Lieutenant

Flight Lieutenant
Flying Officer
Pilot Officer

Who's Who

Persons: Past And Present

- * **Abdullah, Sheik Mohammed (1906-1982):** Founder of National conference and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Popularly known as Sher-e-Kashmir (Lion of Kashmir).
- * **Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998):** The celebrated Japanese film director. His films – 'The Seven Samurai', 'Rashomon' and 'Kagemusha' are considered world classics.
- * **Alberuni (AD 973 --- ?):** Persian scholar and historian. Accompanied Mahmud of Ghazni during his invasion of India. Authored "Kitab-ul-Hind".
- * **Albuquerque, Alfonso de (AD 16C):** Founder of Portuguese empire in the East. Conquered Goa from Sultan of Bijapur in 1510.
- * **Ambedkar, B. R. (1891-1956):** Indian jurist, statesman, social reformer and scheduled castes leader. Chairman of Constitution Drafting Committee. Minister of Law (1946-51). Posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 1990.
- * **Andrews, C. F. (1871-1940):** British missionary, lived in India from 1904, devoted himself to India's struggle for freedom and worked with Indian leaders; came to be known as "Deenabandhu".
- * **Archimedes (287-212 BC):** Greek mathematician and physicist. Discovered the laws of floating bodies and Archimedes' Principle. Known for his doctrine of levers, conception of specific gravity, etc. Invented Archimedes screw. Killed by Romans during siege of Syracuse.
- * **Aristotle (384-322 BC):** Greek philosopher and poet. Founder of the science of logic or rules of reasoning. Established a school of philosophy at Athens. Was a disciple of Plato and teacher of Alexander the Great. Author of 'Poetics', and 'The Ethics'.
- * **Aryabhatta (AD 476-520):** Indian astronomer and mathematician. Adorned the court of Chandragupta Vikramaditya. Credited with the invention of algebra. India's first satellite, Aryabhatta, is named after him.
- * **Asvagosha (AD 2nd C):** Buddhist philosopher. Spiritual advisor of King Kanishka. Participated in the 4th Buddhist Council. Author of 'Sariputra Prakarma'.
- * **Augustus (63 BC-AD 14):** First Roman Emperor, Patronised art and literature. Writers like Horace and Virgil flourished during his time.
- * **Azad, Chandra Sekhar (1906-1931):** Indian revolutionary leader. Was involved in the Non-Cooperation Movement, Assembly bomb incident, Delhi Conspiracy, Lahore Conspiracy, Kakori Conspiracy, etc.
- * **Alexander the Great (356-323 BC):** King of Macedonia. Conquered South-West Asia and Egypt

and founded Alexandria. Invaded India in 326 BC. Defeated King Porus. Died on his return journey to Macedonia at Babylon.

- * **Asoka (3rd C. BC):** Emperor of India. Believed in conquest by love (dhamma vijaya) rather than by force (bheri ghosha). Renounced war after Battle of Kalinga (261 BC).
- * **Attlee, Clement Richard (1883-1967):** Labour Prime Minister of Britain (1945-51). During his tenure of Prime Ministership, India won freedom in 1947.
- * **Azad, Maulana Abul Kalam (1888-1958):** President of Indian National Congress. Founded Al-Hilal and Al-Balagh, Urdu weeklies. Minister of Education and Arts in Interim Government. Free India's first Union Education Minister. Established UGC, IIT (Kharagpur). Posthumously conferred Bharat Ratna in 1992. Author of 'India Wins Freedom'.
- * **Bentinck, William (19th C):** Governor – General of India (1828 to 1835). Known for his social reforms such as outlawing of sati, suppression of thugs and human sacrifice, etc. Spread English education in India.
- * **Bismil, Ramprasad (1897-1927):** Indian revolutionary leader of militant Hindustan Republican Association. Involved in Kakori train dacoity case (1925). Executed.
- * **Bonaparte, Napoleon (1776-1821):** French military leader. Nicknamed "Little Corporal". Emperor of France from 1804 to 1815. Victorious in battles against England, Russia, and Austria. Was finally defeated at Waterloo in 1815. Exiled to St. Helena where he died in 1821.
- * **Bose, Khudiram (1889-1908):** Indian revolutionary. Took part in looting of mailbags at Hatgachha and in bomb attack on Bengal Governor's special train in 1907. Organised a plot in collaboration with Prafulla Chaki, and threw a bomb at the carriage of Kingsford, the Sessions Judge at Muzaffarpur. Was hanged to death.
- * **Buddha, Gautam (563-483 BC):** Founder of Buddhism. Was born as a Kshatriya prince to Suddhodana, King of Kapilavastu, in Nepal. His birth place is stated to be Lumbini village. Renounced worldly pleasures. Attained enlightenment under a Bodhi tree at Bodh Gaya in Bihar. Preached his first sermon at Sarnath.
- * **Baden-Powell, Robert (1857-1941):** Founded Boy Scouts in 1908 and Girl Guides in 1910.
- * **Balboa, Vasco Nunez de (1475-1517):** Spanish explorer. Discovered the Pacific Ocean in AD1513.
- * **Banabhatta (AD 7th C):** Sanskrit scholar. Court poet of Harshavardhana wrote 'Kadambari' and 'Harsha Charita'.
- * **Bannerjee, Womesh Chandra (1844-1906):** First President of Indian National Congress in 1885. Migrated to England in 1902 and worked for the Indian cause from there.

- * **Batuta, Ibn (AD 14th C):** African scholar and traveller. Visited India in 1334, spent eight years in India and wrote about the reign of Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
- * **Besant, Annie (1847-1933):** An Irish by birth, became a staunch supporter of India's freedom movement. Founded Indian Boy Scouts' Association, Theosophical Society of India, and Home Rule League. First woman president of Indian National Congress (1917).
- * **Bhaskara I (AD 7th C.):** Indian astronomer. A contemporary of Brahmgupta, another Indian astronomer. India's second satellite for earth observation, 'Bhaskara', is named after him.
- * **Bhaskaracharya (AD 12th C):** Indian mathematician and astronomer. First to state that anything divided by zero is equal to infinity. Invented Calculus long before Newton and Leibnitz. Author of 'Siddhanta Shiromani'.
- * **Bhave, Acharya Vinoba (1895-1982):** Sarvodaya leader. Known for Shramdan and Bhoodan Movements. Established Paramdham Ashram at Paunar. Winner of first Magsaysay Award. Posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 1983.
- * **Bismarck, Otto Von (1815-1898):** German statesman. Known as "Iron Chancellor" for his blood and iron policy. Founder of German empire.
- * **Bolivar, Simon (1783-1830):** South American revolutionist, called the Liberator. He founded Grand Colombia (now Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador).
- * **Bose, J. C. (1853-1937):** Great Indian scientist. Did original work in wireless technology. Also made a special study of plant physiology and claimed that plants have life and soul. Founded Bose Research Institute, Kolkata. Invented Crescograph.
- * **Bose, Satyendra Nath (1894-1974):** Indian physicist. Boson, an elementary particle is named after him.
- * **Bose, Subhash Chandra (1897-1945):** Great Indian national leader. President of INC. Founder of Forward Bloc. During World War II, he formed Azad Hind Fauj (INA). Fondly remembered as 'Netaji'. Was conferred Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1992 (withdrawn).
- * **Brahmagupta (AD 598-680):** Indian Mathematician. First to treat zero as a number. Author of 'Brahma Siddhantha'.
- * **Cama, Bhikaji (1861-1936):** Indian revolutionary leader. First to unfurl the flag of Indian freedom at Stuttgart during Socialist Congress Session (1907). Founded Free India Society in England. Started a journal 'Bande Mataram'.
- * **Chanakya (4th C BC):** Also known by the name Vishnugupta and Kautilya. Prime Minister of Chandragupta Maurya. Author of 'Arthashastra'.
- * **Charaka (AD 2nd C):** Indian physician. Adorned the court of Kanishka. Author of 'Charaka Samhita'.
- * **Chatterjee, Bankim Chandra (1838-1894):** Indian patriot, poet and novelist from Bengal. Composer of Vande Mataram (Anand Math), the national song of India.
- * **Chishti, Moin-ud-din (AD 8th C):** Sufi saint, buried in Ajmer. The Urs is held there every year in his honour.
- * **Columbus, Christopher (1451-1506):** Italian navigator. In 1492, discovered the route to America, Bahamas, Cuba and the Caribbean islands. In 1498, landed in South America.
- * **Confucius (551-479 BC):** Chinese philosopher. Founded Confucianism. His teachings have been compiled as the 'Analects' (or Conversations).
- * **Cook, James (1728-1779):** British navigator. Discovered Hawaiian islands. Was killed by natives in Hawaii.
- * **Copernicus, Nicolaus (1473-1543):** Polish astronomer. Founder of modern astronomy. Discovered that the earth is a planet revolving around the Sun, with other planets, and that the earth was not the centre of the universe.
- * **Cornwallis, Lord (1738-1805):** Governor-General of India (1786-1793). Got Pitt's India Act, 1784, amended to have more power. Introduced Permanent Settlement for the Zamindars and the ryots in Bengal in 1793.
- * **Caesar, Julius (104-44 BC):** Roman general, invaded Gaul and Britain, defeated Pompeii in Civil War. Fell in love with Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt. Killed by Brutus, his friend. Started the Julian Calendar.
- * **Canning, Lord (AD 19th C):** The last Governor General of East India Company (1856-58), and the first Viceroy of India (1858-62). The Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 broke out during his tenure of office.
- * **Chaitanya, Mahaprabhu (1445-1533):** Born at Nadia in Bengal, he was a pioneer of Bhakti movement. Regarded as the greatest among the Vaishnava saints, he was devoted to Lord Krishna and preached the doctrine of love.
- * **Chand, Dhyan (1905-1979):** Indian hockey star. Was known as "Wizard of Hockey". Won Olympic golds in 1928, 1932 and 1936 for the country.
- * **Chandragupta Vikramaditya (AD 4-5th C):** Emperor of Gupta Dynasty. Golden Age of literature, music and other arts. Fa-Hien, the Chinese pilgrim visited India during his reign.
- * **Charlemagne (AD 742-814):** Founder of a new Roman Empire comprising Gaul, Italy and parts of Spain and Germany. Ranked as one of the greatest military generals.
- * **Chola, Rajaraja (AD 985-1014):** Great Chola ruler, revived Chola power. Pioneered reforms in local self government. Built Brihadeswara temple at Thanjavur.
- * **Chola, Rajendra (AD 1014-1044):** Extended Chola empire to South East Asia. Built a strong navy. Chola empire reached its zenith under his rule.

- * **Christ, Jesus (6 BC-AD33):** Founder of Christianity. Believed by Christians to be son of God. Crucified by Jews for blasphemy.
- * **Churchill, Winston (1874-1965):** British statesman and author. Prime Minister during most of the Second World War (1940-45 and 1951-55). In 1953, awarded Nobel Prize for Literature. His works include 'The Second World War' 'The History of English Speaking People; and 'The Gathering Storm'.
- * **Cleopatra (69-30 BC):** Egyptian queen. Fascinated Julius Caesar and accompanied him to Rome. Known for her romance with Antony, dramatised by Shakespeare in Antony and Cleopatra. Committed suicide.
- * **Clive, Robert (1725-1774):** A clerk in the East India Company. Fought the French in India and finally led the British army to many victories. After the Battle of Plassey in 1757, was made Governor of Bengal in 1765. Committed suicide.
- * **Cromwell, Oliver (1599-1658):** British soldier-politician. Abolished Monarchy in England (1644). Established a Common wealth in Britain and became its head as Lord Protector (1653).
- * **Curzon, Lord (1859-1925):** British statesman. Viceroy of India (1899-1905). First partition of Bengal (1905) took place during his tenure.
- * **Dahir (AD 7-8th C):** Hindu King of Sind, repulsed the first attack of the Arabs on the Indian soil (AD 712). Was later defeated and killed.
- * **Dalhousie, Lord (19th C):** Governor General of India (1848-1856). Introduced Doctrine of Lapse. Introduced railways and telegraph in India.
- * **Darwin, Charles Robert (1809-1882):** British naturalist scientist. After studying animal life, he wrote "The Origin of Species" on the theory of evolution. In "The Descent of Man", he relates how man has descended from animal-like ancestors.
- * **Das, Chittaranjan (1870-1925):** Indian freedom fighter. As defence lawyer, defended and got Aurobindo Ghosh freed in Alipore Bomb Case. Founded Swaraj Party in 1923. Known as "Deshbandhu".
- * **Desai, Morarji (1896-1995):** Noted Gandhian and freedom fighter. Deputy PM and Finance Minister under Congress rule. First non-Congress PM, during Janata regime in 1977. Oldest first time PM in the world. Recipient of Bharat Ratna. (1991) and also the title of Nishan-e-Pakistan, the highest civilian award of Pakistan. Author of 'Discourses on Gita'.
- * **Descartes, Rene (1596-1650):** French philosopher and mathematician. Invented analytic geometry. Applied the techniques of mathematical reasoning to his philosophical thinking.
- * **Disraeli, Benjamin (1804-1881):** Englishman of Jewish parents. Was PM under Queen Victoria. Made Britain the controller of Suez Canal (1875).
- * **Dunant, Jean Henri (1828-1910):** Swiss philanthropist. Established International Red Cross in 1863, after the Battle of Solferino. Shared the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.
- * **Dupleix, J. F. (1697-1763):** Governor General of French possessions in India. Attempted to build an empire for France in India. Won the Second Carnatic War against the British. He was, however, recalled to France in 1754.
- * **Eisenhower, D. David (1890-1969):** American General turned statesman. Was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Europe from 1943 to 1945. Nicknamed "Ike". Known for Eisenhower Doctrine – a doctrine for the Middle East to ward off Communism.
- * **Elizabeth I, Queen (1533-1603):** Daughter of King Henry VIII, was Queen of England and Ireland (1558-1603). Succeeded her sister Mary Tudor to the throne.
- * **Fa-Hien (AD 4-5th C):** First Buddhist pilgrim from China to visit India. Came during the reign of Chandragupta-II.
- * **Fazl, Abul (1561-1602):** Persian scholar. Was the PM of Akbar. Author of "Ain-i-Akbari" and "Akbarnama".
- * **Firdausi (AD 930-1020):** A Persian poet. Author of an epic poem, "Shahnama".
- * **Galileo, Galilei (1564-1642):** Italian scientist and professor of mathematics. Although telescope was invented by Hans Lippershey in 1608, Galileo is the first person to study the sky using a telescope. First to see the satellites of Jupiter.
- * **Gama, Vasco da (1469-1524):** Portuguese sailor. Discovered the sea route to India from Europe via the Cape of Good Hope when he reached Calicut in 1498.
- * **Gandhiji, Mohandas Karamchand (1869-1948):** "Father of the Indian Nation". Apostle of peace. Led the Indian struggle for freedom. Propounded the non-violent philosophy of 'Satyagraha'. Studied Law in London. Lived in South Africa till 1914. Came to India in 1915. Assassinated by Nathuram Godse. His autobiographical work is "My Experiments with Truth".
- * **Garibaldi, Giuseppe (1807-1882):** Italian General. With Mazzini and Cavour, liberated his country from foreign rule and created a united Italy.
- * **Ghori, Mohammad (AD 12th C):** Founder of Muslim rule in India. In the First Battle of Tarain in 1191, he was defeated by Prithviraj Chauhan, King of Delhi. But he avenged the defeat in 1192 at the same place.
- * **Ghosh, Aurobindo (1872-1950):** Indian Revolutionary leader. Founded 'Jugantar', 'Karma Yugin' and 'Dharma'. Became a Yogi later. Author of "Savitri", "Life Divine", "Essays on Gita", etc.

- * **Gokhale, Gopal Krishna (1866-1915):** Indian statesman. Political guru of Gandhiji. Founded 'Servants of India Society' (1905). President of INC in 1907.
- * **Hardayal, Lala (1884-1939):** Indian nationalist leader. Was General Secretary of Hindustani Association, which was later known as "Gadar Party" (1913), with its headquarters at San Francisco. Published a magazine, Vande Mataram.
- * **Harshavardhana (AD 590-647):** Ruler of Kanauj. Conquered whole of North India. Pulakesin II of the Chalukyas and Narasimha Varman of the Pallavas were his contemporaries. Embraced Buddhism. Hieun Tsang visited his court. Banabhatta, the great poet, adorned his court. Authored 'Nagananda' and 'Priyadarshika'.
- * **Hastings, Warren (1732-1818):** First Governor-General of British India in 1773. Laid foundations of Indian Civil Services. Faced impeachment in England. Acquitted after seven years of oppression.
- * **Herodotus (484-425 BC):** Greek historian. Was called "Father of History" by Cicero.
- * **Hitler, Adolf (1889-1945):** German Nazi dictator. Became Chancellor in 1933 and Fuhrer in 1934. Invaded Austria and Czechoslovakia. His invasion of Poland sparked the Second World War in 1939. Killed millions of Jews in concentration camps. Committed suicide in 1945, following complete rout of German Nazi armies. Author of "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle).
- * **Hiuen Tsang (AD 7th C):** Buddhist pilgrim from China. Visited King Harshavardhan's court.
- * **Homer (8th CBC):** Greek poet. Credited with authorship of two great books on Trojan War, the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey".
- * **Hume, A. O. (1829-1912):** Scottish citizen. Retired from Bengal Civil Service in 1882, and helped form Indian National Congress (1885). Became its first Secretary-General.
- * **Jayadeva (AD 12th C):** Sanskrit poet. Author of "Gita Govinda".
- * **Jinnah, Mohammed Ali (1876-1948):** Founder of Pakistan. Was President of Muslim League. Advocated a separate state of Pakistan for Muslims. First Governor-General of Pakistan (1947).
- * **Kabir (AD 12th C):** Indian saint poet of Nirguna Bhakti Movement. Disciple of Ramananda. Author of 'Beejak', 'Sakhi', etc.
- * **Kalhana (AD 11th C):** Kashmiri poet- historian. His 'Rajatarangini' gives history of Kashmir upto AD 10th Century.
- * **Kalidas (AD 4-5th C):** One of the India's greatest dramatists. Lived in Ujjain during the reign of Chandragupta Vikramaditya. Author of "Abhigyan Sakuntalam", "Raghuvamsa", "Meghadootam", "Kumar- asambhavam". etc.
- * **Kanishka (AD 2nd C):** The third and the greatest of the Kushan monarchs who ruled NW India. Patron of Buddhism.
- * **Khan, Chengiz (1162-1227):** Mongol conqueror, invaded India during the reign of Sultan Ilutmish. Founded the world's biggest empire, the Mongol Empire.
- * **Khan, Khan Abdul Gaffar (1890-1988):** Various known as "Frontier Gandhi", "Badshah Khan", and "Fakr-e-Afghan". Freedom Fighter. Inspired by Gandhiji, he organised "Khudai Khidmatgar" (Servants of God) movement. Leader of Red Shirts. First foreigner to receive Bharat Ratna in 1987.
- * **Khusro, Amir (1253-1325):** Persian scholar, saint, music exponent and courtier during reigns of five Delhi Sultans. 'Qawwali' and 'Chaupai' Style are his contributions. Regarded as Father of Sahatara (Sitar).
- * **Krishnamurthi, Jiddu (1895-1986):** Indian philosopher. Was considered a Messiah by members of "Order of the Star of the East", the society he headed at age 20. World teacher. His works include "The Songs of Life".
- * **Lajpat Rai, Lala (1865-1928):** Freedom fighter. Known as Punjab Kesari (Lion of Punjab) Founder-editor of "Bande Mataram". Died of injuries sustained during a police lathicharge. Author of "Young India", "Arya Samaj" and "England's Debt to India".
- * **Lakshmi Bai, Rani (1835-1858):** Real name – Manikarnika. Queen of Jhansi. Fought against the British Army led by Hugh Rose when her kingdom was annexed under the Doctrine of Lapse.
- * **Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich (1870-1924):** Founder of modern Communist Russia. Led Russian Revolution of October 1917. Became Head of Russia's first Communist Government (1917-1924).
- * **Lincoln, Abraham (1809-1865):** 16th President of USA (1861-65). Won Civil War, defeating the secessionist Southern States. Ended Slavery, 1863. Assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at a theatre.
- * **Louis XIV (1638-1715):** French autocrat. Ruled for 61 years – the longest reign in French history. Nicknamed 'the Grand Monarque' (The Grand Monarch). Built Versailles.
- * **Louis XVI (1754-1793):** Ruler of France during the French Revolution. Guillotined along with his queen wife Marie Antoinette, by French revolutionaries.
- * **Luther King, Martin (1929-1968):** American Civil Rights activist. Inspired by Gandhiji's philosophy of non-violence and civil disobedience, he led a mass movement to obtain full civil rights for blacks. Awarded 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. Assassinated. Authored works like "Why Can't We Wait", "Where Do We Go From Here".

- * **Luther, Martin (1473-1546):** German religious reformer. Protested against certain corrupt practices in the Roman Catholic Church. Excommunicated from the RCC. Progenitor of Protestantism.
- * **Macaulay, Thomas (1800-1859):** British poet and historian. As a civil servant in India, he was instrumental in introducing English as a medium of instruction and education. Author of "History of England".
- * **Machiavelli, Niccolo (1469-1527):** Italian statesman and historian. Author of the classic "The Prince". Advocated that the end justifies the means.
- * **Mahalanobis P. C (1893-1972):** Indian economist, statistician, known for "Mahalanobis Model" in planning. Founded the CSO, Indian Statistical Institute, and National Sample Survey Organisation.
- * **Mahavira, Vardhamana (599-528 BC):** 24th Jain Thirtankara. Added the fifth principle of "Celibacy" to the four preached by Parshvanath. Founder of Jainism. Called Jina, the Conqueror.
- * **Malaviya, Madan Mohan (1861-1946):** Freedom Fighter. Founded Banaras Hindu University and Hindu Mahasabha. Was Congress President twice.
- * **Malthus, Thomas R (1766-1834):** British economist. Gave the theory that population increases faster than means of subsistence. Author of "An Essay on the Principle of Population".
- * **Marx, Karl (1881-1883):** German thinker and philosopher. Propounded Communism. Authored Das Kapital; also co-authored "The Communist Manifesto" with Friedrich Engels.
- * **Maurya, Chandragupta (340-286 BC):** Founder of Maurya Empire, the first historical empire in India. Abdicated throne. Embraced Jainism.
- * **Mazzini, Guiseppe (1805-1872):** Italian nationalist. Dictator of Italian Republic, 1848. Driven out of Italy. With Garibaldi, he fought for a united Italy.
- * **Megasthenes (4th C BC):** Greek ambassador of King Seleucus in the court of Chandragupta Maurya. Wrote 'Indica', where he left an elaborate account of the administration of Mauryan empire.
- * **Michaelangelo (1475-1564):** Italian painter and sculptor. His famous paintings include "The Last Judgment". Sculptural masterpieces include 'David', 'Moses', etc. His best works are in the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel.
- * **Mountbatten, Louis (1900-1979):** Britain's last Viceroy in India. Became Independent India's first Governor-General. Britain's Supreme Allied Commander in SE Asia during WW II. Advocated the June 3rd Plan for the partition of India. Assassinated by Irish terrorists.
- * **Mussolini, Benito (1883-1945):** Founder of Italy's Fascist Party. PM of Italy (1922). Dictator of Italy (1925-1943). Supported Germany during WWII. Surrendered after humiliating defeat in 1943. Executed by his own countrymen.
- * **Nagarjuna (AD 2nd C):** Indian philosopher. Adorned the court of Kanishka. Authored 'Madhyamika Sutra'. Enunciated the theory of Sunyavada.
- * **Naoroji, Dadabhai (1825-1917):** Indian freedom fighter, Known as 'Grand Old Man of India'. First Indian to be elected member of British House of Commons. First to calculate India's national income and enunciated the Brain Drain Theory in his book, 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India'. Thrice president of INC.
- * **Narayan, Jayaprakash (1902-1979):** Indian freedom fighter. Sarvodaya leader and Socialist. Rallied Janata Party to defeat the Congress in 1977. Known as Loknayak. Awarded Bharat Ratna (Posthumous) in 1998. His works include 'Why Socialism', 'Towards Struggle', 'From Socialism to Sarvodaya', etc.
- * **Nehru, Jawaharlal (1889-1964):** Freedom fighter. First Prime Minister of India (1947 –1964). Co-founder of Non-Aligned Movement. Propounded Panchsheel with China. Authored 'Glimpses of World History', 'The Discovery of India' and 'An Autobiography'. Bharat Ratna – 1955.
- * **Nelson, Horatio (1758-1805):** British admiral. Lost his right eye at the siege of Calvi in 1794; lost his right arm at the siege of Santa Cruz in 1797. In 1798 defeated the French at Nile; in 1805 defeated the French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar, but was fatally wounded.
- * **Newton, Isaac (1642-1726):** British physicist and mathematician. Discovered the Laws of Gravitation. His Laws of Motion form the foundation of science of mechanics. Author of 'Principia'.
- * **Nobel, Alfred (1833-1896):** Swedish scientist, invented dynamite. Bequeathed his entire wealth to a trust which gives away annual prizes (now called Nobel Prizes) in the fields of Physics, Literature, Chemistry, Physiology and Medicine. (Please note: the Nobel Prize for Economics was instituted by the Bank of Sweden in 1968.)
- * **Norgay, Tenzing (1914-1986):** Nicknamed 'Tiger of Snows'. Along with Edmund Hillary, became the first to conquer Mount Everest in 1953.
- * **Pal, Bipin Chandra (1858-1932):** Indian nationalist. Founded 'Bande Mataram' and 'New India'. With B. G. Tilak, and Lala Lajpat Rai (the famous trio of Lal, Bal, Pal) formed the extremist group in Congress known as 'Garam Dal'.
- * **Pandey, Mangal (d. 1857):** At Barrackpore, he fired the first shot in the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny. Also became its first martyr after being courtmartialled and hanged.
- * **Pandit, Vijayalakshmi (1900-1990):** Daughter of Motilal Nehru and sister of Jawaharlal. First woman President of UN General Assembly. First woman Minister of a State (UP) and India's first High Commissioner to U.K.

- * **Panini (5th C BC):** Sanskrit grammarian. Wrote 'Ashtadhyayi' and laid down rules of syntax, sentence construction, etc.
- * **Pasteur, Louis (1822-1895):** French scientist. Founder of microbiology and immunology. First to show that germs are the cause of infectious diseases. Devised the process of pasteurisation of milk.
- * **Patanjali (2nd C BC):** Indian grammarian. Founder of Yoga School of Philosophy. Author of Yogasutra.
- * **Patel, Sardar Vallabhbhai (1825-1950):** Freedom fighter. Led Bardoli Satyagraha. Founder of 'Satyagraha Patrika'. INC President, 1931. First Deputy PM of India. Chiefly credited with integration of princely states into Indian Union. Famously nicknamed "Iron Man of India", and "Bismarck of India". Posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna, 1991.
- * **Pauling, Linus Carl (1901-1994):** Legendary American scientist, and anti nuclear activist. Only person to win two Nobel Prizes (Chemistry – 1954; Peace – 1962) on his own.
- * **Picasso, Pablo (1881-1973):** Spanish painter. Father of Cubism. Major artworks include 'Les Femmes d'Alger' and 'Guernica'. The latter showcases the horrors of the Spanish Civil War.
- * **Plato (427-347 BC):** Greek master philosopher. Disciple of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle. Authored 'Republic'.
- * **Pratap, Maharana (16th Century):** Most famous king of Mewar. Defeated in 1576 at the Battle of Haldighati by Akbar's army led by Raja Man Singh.
- * **Prasad, Rajendra (1884-1963):** Freedom fighter. First President of India. Chairman of the Constituent Assembly. Editor of 'Desh' and author of 'India Divided'. Bharat Ratna, 1962. Minister of Food and Agriculture in the Interim Government.
- * **Qasim, Muhammad bin (AD 7-8th C):** The first Muslim invader of India. Conquered Sind (AD 712) and made it, for a brief time, a province of Arab dominions, after defeating Dahir, the Hindu king of Sind.
- * **Radhakrishnan, Sarvepalli (1888-1975):** Philosopher. First Vice-President, and second President of India. Author of many books including 'Recovery of Faith', 'The Hindu View of Life, etc. Bharat Ratna, 1954. Teacher's Day on September 5 is observed on his birth anniversary.
- * **Rahman, Mujibur (1920-1975):** "Bangabandhu". Founding Father of Bangladesh. First President and Prime Minister. Assassinated by radical Islamic army officers in 1975.
- * **Rajagopalachari, Chakravarti (1878-1972):** Known as 'Rajaji'. First and last Indian Governor-General of India (1948-50). Was Minister for Industry, Supply, Education, and Finance in Interim Government. Bharat Ratna, 1954.
- * **Raman, C. V. (1888-1970):** Founder of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Physicist. Discovered the "Raman Effect" which won him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. Bharat Ratna, 1954.
- * **Ray, Satyajit (1922-1972):** Indian film maker. His films include 'Pather Panchali', 'Charulata', 'Agantuk', 'Apur Sansar', etc. Winner of Bharat Ratna (1992), Special Oscar for Lifetime Achievement (1991) and many other awards. Creator of the fictional detective character, 'Feluda'.
- * **Razia, Sultana (AD 13th C):** Daughter of Sultan Iltutmish. First and only Muslim woman ruler to sit on the throne of Delhi.
- * **Roosevelt, F. D. (1882-1945):** American President. Only American to be elected four times as President. During his tenure, the US entered WWII. Advocated the 'New Deal'.
- * **Rousseau, Jean Jacques (1712-1778):** French political philosopher. Advocated 'Social Contract Theory'. One of the inspirations behind the French Revolution. Wrote 'Confessions'.
- * **Roy, Raja Rammohan (1772-1833):** Founder of Brahma Samaj. Social reformer. Advocated banning of Sati, child marriage.
- * **Rutherford, Ernest (1871-1937):** Father of Nuclear Physics. First to split atom and obtain nuclei of hydrogen. Awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1908.
- * **Samudragupta (AD 330-380):** Gupta Emperor. Conquered North, Central and South India. Shown as playing the Lyre on his gold coins. Also known as "Indian Napoleon".
- * **Sankara Acharya (AD b. 788):** Founder and proponent of Advaita philosophy. Established four 'Mutts' in four corners of India. Also known as 'Adi Sankara'.
- * **Saraswati, Dayanand (1824-1883):** Founder of Arya Samaj. Social reformer. Advocated widow remarriage, abolition of untouchability. Wrote "Satyarth Prakash".
- * **Savarkar, Veer Damodar (1883-1966):** Indian extremist. Founder of 'Mitra Mandal', 'Abhinav Bharat', both societies aimed at a revolution to throw out the British. Arrested and convicted in Nasik Conspiracy Case. Author of "Indian War of Independence".
- * **Shakespeare, William (1564-1616):** 'Bard of Avon'. Greatest dramatist. Born at 'Stratford-on-Avon'. Major plays include 'Hamlet', 'Macbeth', 'Tempest', etc.
- * **Shastri, Lal Bahadur (1904-1966):** Second Prime Minister of India. Oversaw Indo-Pak War (1965). Signed Tashkent Declaration with Pakistan. Died in Tashkent. Bharat Ratna (posthumous) 1966.
- * **Sher Shah Suri (AD 16th C):** Defeated Humayun and occupied the throne at Agra. Great administrator. Built Grand Trunk Road.

- * **Shivaji (1627-1680):** Maratha king. Fought the Mughal army throughout his life. Proved to be a thorn in the body-politic of Aurangzeb.
- * **Singh, Bhagat (1907-1931):** Known as Shahid-e-Azam. Founded 'Naujavan Bharat Sabha'. Arrested and convicted in the Central Legislative Assembly Bomb Case in 1929. Hanged for participation in Lahore Conspiracy Case in 1931.
- * **Singh, Guru Gobind (1666-1708):** Tenth and last Sikh Guru. Founded Khalsa Panth (military brotherhood) and organised the Sikhs into a martial race.
- * **Singh, Udham (1898-1940):** Indian extremist. Shot dead Michael O' Dwyer, Governor of Punjab responsible for Jallianwala Bagh Massacre. Hanged in London in 1940.
- * **Siraj-ud-Daulah (1728-1775):** Nawab of Bengal. Locked up about 100 Europeans in a dungeon for one night in summer. All the occupants died, except one who later wrote an account of the episode. The episode to be known as the 'Black Hole' incident. Defeated by Robert Clive at the Battle of Plassey in 1757.
- * **Smith, Adam (1723-1790):** Father of Economics. Author of "The Wealth of Nations". Proponent of free trade and division of labour.
- * **Stalin, Joseph (1879-1953):** Soviet dictator. Became Head of Government in 1924. Introduced Five-Year plans.
- * **Sunga, Pushyamitra (2nd C BC):** Brahmin Commander-in-Chief of the last Mauryan King, Brihadratha. Killed his master and founded the Sunga dynasty in 185 BC.
- * **Susruta (AD 4th C):** Father of Plastic Surgery. Devised an artificial nose, diagnosed cataract.
- * **Tagore, Rabindranath (1861-1941):** Indian poet, novelist, patriot and philosopher. Founded Shantiniketan (now Vishwabharati University) in Bengal. First Asian to receive Nobel Prize (for Gitanjali) in 1913. Writer of National Anthems of India and Bangladesh. His works include 'Gora', 'Post Office', etc.
- * **Tata, J. R. D. (1929-1993):** The doyen of Indian industry for several years. Father of Civil Aviation in India. Founded TISCO.
- * **Teg Bahadur, Guru (AD 17th C):** Ninth Guru of the Sikhs. Captured and beheaded by Aurangzeb for refusing to become a Muslim. Real name Tyagmal.
- * **Teresa, Mother (1910-1997):** Founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata. Nobel Peace Prize, 1979; Bharat Ratna, 1980. Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003.
- * **Tilak, Bal Gangadhar (1856-1920):** Freedom fighter "Lokmanya", Founded Nationalist Party (with Lala Lajpat Rai and Bipin Chandra Pal). Gave the slogan, "Swaraj is my birthright". Nicknamed "Father of Indian Unrest". Founder – editor of Mahratta (English) and Kesari (Marathi), Wrote 'Geetarahasya'.
- * **Tipu Sultan (1750-1799):** Ruler of Mysore. Killed in the Battle of Seringapatnam (Fourth Carnatic War) in 1799, against the British. Nicknamed "Tiger of Mysore".
- * **Tse-Tung, Mao (1893-1976):** Architect of Chinese Revolution. First Chairman of Communist Party of People's Republic of China, 1949. Led Cultural Revolution.
- * **Tughlaq, Muhammad bin (1325-1351):** Nicknamed "The Wisest Fool". Delhi Sultan. Exceptional ideas but poor executional capacity led to repeated failures. Shifted his Capital from Delhi to Devagiri (now Daulatabad); and then due to public resentment, reshifted the Capital to Delhi.
- * **Vinci, Leonardo da (1452-1519):** Italian painter, architect, sculptor, scientist. His most famous paintings include 'The Last Supper', and 'Mona Lisa'.
- * **Vivekananda, Swami (1863-1902):** Disciple of Ramakrishna Paramahansa; founder of Ramakrishna Mission at Belur. His lectures abroad, especially at Chicago in 1893, brought to the fore the greatness of Hinduism to the Western World.
- * **Washington George (1732-1799):** American General. Led armed revolt against the British. Led American independence in 1776. First President of the US (1789–1797), held office for two terms.
- * **Wellesley, Lord (1760-1842):** Governor-General of India. Through his doctrine of 'Subsidiary Alliance', brought much of India under British control.
- * **Wilson, Woodrow (1856-1924):** American President during WWI. Advocated his 14-point Peace Proposal. Played a major role in setting up League of Nations. Nobel Peace Prize, 1920.
- * **Xiaoping, Deng (d. 1997):** Nicknamed 'Builder of Modern China'. Advocated "State-backed Capitalism". Initiated economic reforms in 1977.
- * **Zafar, Bahadur Shah (1796-1882):** Last ruler of Mughal Empire. Nominal head of the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny. The British exiled him to Rangoon where he breathed his last.
- * **Zoroaster (Zarathustra) (6th C BC):** Founder of Zoroastrianism. His teachings are collected as 'Zend Avesta'.