• Governor-General of Independent India—Lord Lewis Mountbatten

• Indian Governor-General of Independent India—Chakravarti  Rajgopalachari

• Indian Commander-in-Chief of Free India —General Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, 1949

• Field Marshall—General S. H. F. J. Manekshaw

• Speaker of loksabha—Shri G.V. Mavalankar (15 May 1952- 27 February 1956).

• President—Dr. Rajendra Prasad

• Vice-President—Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan

• Prime-Minister—Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru

• Home Minister—Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel

• Finance Minister of India—R. K. Shanmukham Chetty

• Auditor General of India—V. Narahari Rao

• Director of CBI— DP Kohli

• National Security Adviser— Brijesh Mishra

• Governor of RBI— Sir Osborne Smith

• Non-Congress Prime-Minister— Morarji Desai from Janata Party in 1977-79.

• British Governor-General of Bengal—Warren-Hastings

• Space traveller—S. Leader-Rakesh Sharma

• C. S.—Satendra Nath Tagore

• Woman IAS—Anna Ranjan George, 1950

• Sportsperson to received Bharat Ratna—Sachin Tendulkar

• Swimmer who crossed over the English channel by swimming—Mihir Sen

• Woman to swim across the English Channel—Arati Saha, 1959

• Raman-Magsaysay awardee—Acharya Vinoba Bhave

• Novel prize winner—Rabindra Nath Tagore

• Nobel Prize in Physics—C. V. Raman in 1930

• President of National Congress—Vyomesh Chand Banerjee

• Chairman of Lok Sabha—G. B. Mavlankar

• First Woman Chief Minister—Sucheta Kriplani

• Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha—Smt. Meira Kumar, 2009

• Chief Election Commissioner—Sukumar Sen

• Indian Chairman in International Court—Justice Dr. Nagendra Singh

• Foreigner awardee of Bharat Ratna—Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan

• Leader of the Indian Antarctica Mission—Dr. Syed Zahuv Quasim

• Chief Justice of Supreme Court—Justice Hiralal J. Kaniya

• Awarded with ‘Bharat Ratnas’—Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, Chakravarti Rajgopalachari, Sir C. B. Raman

• Woman Awarded with ‘Bharat Ratnas’— Indira Gandhi

• Commandeur of the Order of Arts and Letters— Mrinal Sen

• Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letter—Sivaji Ganeshan

• Posthumally Bharat Ratna Awardee—Lal Bahadur Shastri

• Person awarded Bhartiya-Gyan-Peeth Purskar—G. Shankar Kurup (Malayalam–1965)

• Woman awarded with Bhartiya-Gyan-Peeth Purskar—Ashapurna Devi, 1976

• Woman Sahitya Akademi Award Winner—Amrita Pritam, 1956

• Woman Honours Graduate—Kamini Roy

• Woman Director General of Police—Kanchan C Bhattacharya

• Successful Surgeon who transplanted heart—Dr. P. Venugopal

• Woman to received Nobal Prize— Mother Teresa

• Woman Governor—Sarojini Naidu

• Licensed Pilot— J R D Tata

• Woman Air Pilot—Durba Banerjee

• Woman Teacher—Savitribai Phule

• Successful heart transplanted person—Devi Ram (1994)

• President of National Human Rights Commission—Justice Rangnath Mishra

• Hindi Literature person-awarded Bhartiya Gyan Peeth Purskar—Sumitra Nandan Pant (1968)

• Indian who won the World Billiard award—Wilson Jans

• Indian who won the Grammy award—Pt. Ravi Shankar

• Person delivered the Lecture in Hindi in U.N.O.— Atal Bihari Bajpai (1977)

• Indian member in British House of Commons— Dada Bhai Naoroji (1892)

• First President of Indian Science Congress—Sir Asutosh Mukherjee

• Mountaineer who scaled Mount Everest 8 times—Sherpa-Augarita

• Writer who was awarded ‘Vyas Samman’—Ramvilas Sharma

• Indian Managing Director of World Bank—Gautam Kazi

• Player awarded ‘Padam Bhusan’—C. K. Naidu

• Actress to win Padma Shri Award—Nargis Dutt, 1958

• Indian players played Davis Cup—M. Salim and S. M. Jacob (Singles), A. A. Faiyaz and L. S. Dare (Doubles) (1921)

• Tennis Grandslam title winner—Mahesh Bhupati

• Indian player who played the test cricket—K. S. Ranjeet Singh (from England)

• Scientist elected for Lok Sabha—Dr. Meghnad Saha

• Scientist awarded Ghanshyam Das Birla award—Prof. Ashish Datta (1991)

• Literature who was awarded Murti Devi Purskar—C. K. Nagraj Rao (1993)

• Person, who became High Commission in Great Britain—V. K. Krishna-Menon

• Indian who was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize—Dr. Safuddin Kichlu (1952)

• First Indian who contested the election for British Parliament—Lal Mohan Ghose

• Woman Graduates—Kadambini Ganguly and Chandramukhi Basu, 1883

• Woman Chief Justice of High Court—Leila Seth, Himachal Pradesh, 1991

• An Indian, appointed the judge of High Court, during the British period—Ram Prasad Ram

• Indian member of Viceroy Executive Council—Sir. S. P. Sinha

• Leanin Peace Prize— Saifuddin Kitchlew

• Chairman of Finance Commission—K. C. Niogi

• Woman Doctorate of Science—Asima Chatterjee (1944)

• Woman IPS—Kiran Bedi

• Woman Supreme Court judge—Kumari Fathima Beevi

• Indian member of American Congress—Deleep Singh

• Editor of Time Magazine—Bobby Ghosh

• Director of CBI becoming Governor—Ashwani Kumar

• Person to reach the North Pole—Squadron Leader Sanjay Thapar

• Person to reach the South Pole—Col Jatinder Kumar Bajaj

• Nishan-e-Pakistan—Morarji Desai, 1990

• Magsaysay Award—Vinoba Bhave, 1958

• Miss World—Reita Faria in 1966

• Miss Asia Pacific—Zeenat Aman in 1970

• Miss Universe—Sushmita Sen in 1994

• Miss Earth—Nicole Faria in 2010

• Place to get electricity—Darjeeling in 1897

• Sound film—Alam Ara (1931) directed by Ardeshir Irani

• Colour film—Kisan Kanya (1937), directed by Moti B. Gidvani

• Oscar winner—Bhanu Athaiya for Best Costume Design for Gandhi (film) in 1982.

• Dadasaheb Phalke Award—Devika Rani in 1969

• Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters—Sivaji Ganesan

• Test-tube baby—Durga Agarwal, born 1978

• Newspaper—Hickey's Bengal Gazette started in 1760

• First Lady Doctor—Anandibai Joshi

• Satellite—Aryabhata, launched on 19 April 1975

• Man to climb Mt Everest—Tenzing Norgay

• Man to climb Mt Everest without oxygen—Phu Dorjee, 1984

• Woman to climb Mt everest—Bachendri Pal

• District to achieve 100% literacy rate—Ernakulam district, Kerala, 1990

• Captain in Tests—C. K. Nayudu for the 1932 tour of England

• ODI captain—Ajit Wadekar

• Bowler who made hat-trick in Test Cricket—Harbhajan Singh

• Batsman who made 300 runs in test Cricket—Virendra Sehwag

• First Marshal of Indian Air Force—Arjan Singh

• Individual Medal in Olympic games—KD Jadhav

• Grandmaster— Viswanathan Anad

• Woman Grandmaster—Koneru Humpy

• First Indian who individually won the Gold medal in Olympic games—Abhinav Bindra

• First Indian who won the Bronze medal in Boxing in Olympic games—Vijendra Kumar

• Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge—Srinivasa Ramanujan

• Fellow of the Royal Society—Ardaseer Cursetjee

• Woman External Affairs Minister—Sushma Swaraj

*Highest, Longest, Largest, Tallest, Smallest etc... in India*

Highest mountain peak ----------- Godwin Austin (k2)

Highest Dam ----------- Tehri Dam, Uttarakhand

Highest Waterfall ----------- Kunchikal waterfall, Karnataka

Highest Gateway ----------- Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri, Uttap Pradesh

Highest Award ----------- Bharat Ratna

Highest Gallantry Award ----------- Paramveer Chakra

Highest Battle field ----------- Siachin Glacier

Highest rainfall Place ----------- Mawsynram, Meghalaya

Highest Airport ----------- Leh, Laddakh

Highest Lake ----------- Cholamu Lake, Sikkim

Highest Tower ----------- Qutub Minar, Delhi

Highest populated State ----------- Uttar Pradesh

Highest Radio Station ----------- The Leh station of AIR

Highest Statue ----------- Jain Saint Gomateswara, Karnataka

Largest lake of Fresh water ----------- Wular lake, Kashmir

Largest Temple ----------- Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Tamil Nadu

Largest Mosque ----------- Jama Masjid, Delhi

Largest Church ----------- Se Cathedral, Goa

Largest Gurudwara ----------- Golden Temple, Amritsar

Largest Monastery ----------- Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh

Largest populated city ----------- Mumbai, Maharastra

Largest Building ----------- Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi

Largest Museum ----------- National Museum, Kolkata

Largest Auditorium ----------- Sri Shanmukhananda Hall, Mumbai

Largest Cinema Theatre ----------- Thangam, Madurai

Largest Barrage ----------- Farakka Barrage, Ganga

Largest Delta ----------- Sunderban Delta, West Bengal

Largest Dome ----------- Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur, Karnataka

Largest Zoo ----------- Zoological Gardens, Alipur, Kolkata

Largest Exhibition Ground ----------- Pragati Maidan Complex, New Delhi

Largest Desert ----------- Thar, Rajasthan

Largest cave temple ----------- Kailash temple, Ellora, Maharashtra

Largest Cave ----------- Amarnath Cave, Jammu and Kashmir

Largest Hotel ----------- Oberoi –Sheraton, Mumbai

Largest State by Area ----------- Rajasthan

Largest State by Population ----------- Uttar Pradesh

Largest Hospital ----------- B. J Medical College and Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad

Largest corridor ----------- Rameshwaram temple corridor, Tamil Nadu

Largest Post Office ----------- Mumbai GPO

Largest forest area state ----------- Madhya Pradesh

Largest Prison ----------- Tihar Central Jail, Delhi

Largest Stadium ----------- Salt lake Stadium, Kolkata

Largest Port ----------- Mumbai

Largest Lake of Saline water ----------- Chika lake, Orissa

Largest river island ----------- Majuli, Brahmaputra river, Assam

Largest Planetarium ----------- Birla Planetarium, Kolkata

Largest man-made lake ----------- Govind Sagar, Bhakra Dam

Largest Cantilever Span Bridge ----------- Howrah Bridge, Kolkata

Largest library ----------- National Library, Kolkata

Largest Lok Sabha Contituency by area ----------- Ladhak

Largest Lok Sabha Contituency by population ----------- Outer Delhi

Longest River ----------- Ganga

Longest tributary river of India ----------- Yamuna

Longest coastline State ----------- Gujarat

Longest tunnel ----------- Jawahar tunnel, Jammu & Kashmir

Longest national highway ----------- NH-7which runs from Varanasi to Kanyakumari

Longest Dam ----------- Hirakud Dam, Orissa

Longest River Bridge ----------- Mahatma Gandhi Setu, Patna

Longest Electric railway line ----------- From Delhi to Kolkata via Patna

Longest Railway Platform ----------- Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Longest river which forms estuary ----------- Narmada

Logest bridge above water ----------- Bandra-Worli Sea Link, Maharastra

Logest distance run train ----------- Vivek Express

Longest nonstop run train ----------- Trivandrum Rajdhani

Longest railway bridge ----------- Vembanad Rail bridge, Kerala

Longest Beach ----------- Marina Beach, Chennai

Smallest State by Area ----------- Goa

Smallest State by Population ----------- Sikkim

Smallest Lok Sabha Contituency by area ----------- Chandni Chowk

Smallest Lok Sabha Contituency by population ----------- Lakshdweep

Tallest building ----------- Imperial Tower, Mumbai

First Indian Women

• President of India ----------- Pratibha Patil, 2007

• Prime Minister of India ----------- Indira Gandhi, 1966

• Central Minister in a government ----------- Rajkumari Amrit Kaur

• Railway Minister of India ----------- Mamata Banerjee

• Speaker of the Lok Sabha ----------- Meira Kumar

• Chairperson of Rajya Sabha ----------- Violet Alva

• Governor ----------- Sarojini Naidu, Uttar Pradesh (1947–1949)

• Chief Minister ----------- Sucheta Kripalani, Uttar Pradesh (1963–1967)

• Speaker of State Assembly ----------- Mrs. Shano Devi

• Nominated member of the Rajya Sabha ----------- Rukmini Devi Arundale

• Nobel Prize ----------- Mother Teresa

• Bharat Ratna ----------- Indira Gandhi

• Chief Justice of a High Court ----------- Leila Seth, 1991 (Himachal Pradesh)

• Supreme Court judge ----------- Kumari Fathima Beevi

• High Court Judge ----------- Anna Chandy

• Lawyer ----------- Cornelia Sorabji, 1892

• Honours Graduate ----------- Kamini Roy, 1886

• Graduates ----------- Kadambini Ganguly and Chandramukhi Basu, 1883

• Doctorate of Science ----------- Asima Chatterjee, 1944

• Director General of Police ----------- Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya

• IPS Officer ----------- Kiran Bedi

• IAS officer ----------- Anna Rajan George, 1950

• Indian National Congress President ----------- Annie Besant

• Chairperson of State Bank of India ----------- Arundhati Bhattacharya

• Chairman of UPSC ----------- Roze Millian Bethew

• Chairperson of Indian Airlines ----------- Sushma Chawla

• President of Indian Science Congress ----------- Dr. Ashima Chatterjee

• Woman Ambassador ----------- C.B. Muthamma

• Mount Everest ----------- Bachendri Pal, 1984

• In space ----------- Kalpana Chawla

• Airline Pilot ----------- Durba Banerjee

• Gold Medal in Asian Games ----------- Kamaljeet Sandhu, 1970

• Magasasay Award ----------- Kamladevi Chattopadhyay

• Miss Universe ----------- Sushmita Sen

• Miss World ----------- Rita Faria

• To Climb Mount Everest twice ----------- Santosh Yadav

• Jnanpith Award ----------- Ashapurna Devi

• Booker Prize ----------- Arundhati Roy

• Sahitya Akademi Award ----------- Amrita Pritam

• Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna ----------- Karnam Malleswari

• WTA Title ----------- Sania Mirza

• Lieutenent General ----------- Puneeta Arora

• Vice admiral of Indian Navy ----------- Puneeta Arora

• Ashoka Chakra ----------- Nirja Bhanot

• Commercial Pilot ----------- Prem Mathur

• Woman to qualify for Olympic Games ----------- Sini Abrahim

• Cross Gobi Desert ----------- Sucheta Kadethankar

• Pilot in Indian Air Force ----------- Harita Kaur Deol

• Grand Slam junior title ----------- Sania Mirza, 2003 Wimbledon Championships

• Chess Grandmaster ----------- Koneru Humpy, 2002

• Member of Legion of Honour ----------- Asha Pande

• Monarch of Delhi Sultanate ----------- Razia Sultan

• To cross English Channel ----------- Aarti Saha

• Physician ----------- Kadambini Ganguly

• President of the UN General Assembly ----------- Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, 1953

• Air Vice Marshal ----------- Padmavathy Bandopadhyay

• Head a Navratna PSU company ----------- Nishi Vasudeva

• External Affairs Minister ----------- Sushma Swaraj

• Women's Doubles Grand Slam trophy ----------- Sania Mirza

• Gymnast to qualify for Olympics ----------- Dipa Karmakar

*Timeline of Indian History ......*

• **2800 BC**          Indus Valley Civilization begins in the northwestern region of India

• **2600 BC**          Mohenjo-daro and Harappa phase of the Indus Valley Civilization begins, in Punjab and Sindh. Other cities like Lothal, Mehrgarh also emerged during this period.

• **1600 BC**           India is invaded by the Aryans from the west

• **1400 BC**           The Vedas, the Hindu scripture, was written

• **600 BC**             The Upanishads written

• **599 BC**             Mahavira, 24th Tirthankar of Jainism is born

• **563 BC**             Gautam Buddha, founder of Buddhism is born in Lumbini

• **527 BC**             Nirvana of Mahavira

• **492 BC**             Bimbisara dies and is succeeded by Ajatashatru in Magadha Empire

• **483 BC**             Death of Gautama Buddha in Kushinagar

• **326 BC**             Alexander the Great moved into India, King Porus who ruled parts of the Punjab, fought Alexander at the Battle of the Hydaspes River.

• **321 BC**             Chandragupta Maurya established Mauryan dynasty defeating Dhana Nanda

• **305 BC**             Chandragupta Maurya defeats Seleucus Nicator of the Seleucid Empire.

• **300 BC**             Chola dynasty establishes his kingdom over southern India with capital in Thanjavur

• **269 BC**             Ashoka the Great, grandson of Chandragupta Maurya, becomes the emperor of India

• **261 BC**             Kalinga War takes place between Magadha Empire and the kingdom of Kalinga.

• **232 BC**             Death of King Ashoka

• **185 BC**             The Mauryan Empire, collapsed after its emperor Brihadrata was assassinated by his general Pusyamitra Sunga who then established the Sunga dynasty

• **50 AD**              Establishment of the Kushan empire by Kujula Kadphises, first Buddhist stupa is   
constructed at Sanchi

• **300**                  The Pallava dynasty is established in Kanchi

• **320**                  The Gupta dynasty founded by Maharaja Sri Gupta, reunited northern India initiating   
the "golden Age" of India

• **335**                   King Samudragupta ascends the Gupta throne and expands the empire.

• **380**                   Chandragupta II, Samudragupta's son becomes the Gupta Emperor.

• **450**                   Invasions by the Huna.

• **606**                   Harshavardhana crowned Monarch.

• **712**                   First Muslim, Md. Bin Qasim defeats Raja Dahir

• **1021**                 Mahmud Ghazni defeats Tarnochalpal and annexes Punjab

• **1206**                 Qutb ub-din Aybak establishes the Delhi Sultanate

• **1221**                 Genghis Khan invades Punjab

• **1236**                 Razia Sultana, only lady ruler of Delhi

• **1290**                  Jalal ud-Din Firuz establishes the Khilji sultanate at Delhi

• **1298**                 Marco Polo visits India

• **1336**                 Vijayanagara Empire established by Harihara I and his brother Bukka Raya I

• **1398**                 Timur conquered India resulting in the decline of the Delhi Sultanate

• **1469**                 Birth of Guru Nanak Dev

• **1497**                 Vasco de Gama's first voyage from Europe to India and back (to 1499)

• **1526**                 Babur established the Mughal Empire

• **1555**                 Mughal king Humayun comes to fight Sher Shah and regains India

• **1556**                 Humayun dies, and is succeeded by Akbar

• **1600**                 Queen Elizabeth I granted a charter to the East India Company established trading posts in Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras

• **1605**                 Akbar dies, and is succeeded by his son Jehangir.

• **1612**                 British arrives India

• **1632**                 Taj Mahal construction initiated by Mughal ruler Shah Jahan

• **1653**                 Shah Jahan completes Taj Mahal. Shah Jahan dies, and is succeeded by his son Aurangzeb.

• **1675**                 Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru of Sikhs is executed in Delhi. Guru Gobind Singh becomes tenth Guru of Sikhs.

• **1680**                 Shivaji dies at Raigad, Sambhaji became 2nd Chhatrapati of the Maratha Empire

• **1707**                 Death of Aurangzeb the Mughal emperor.

• **1757**                 In Battle of Plassey, Robert Clive, leads British forces which defeated the Mughal governor of Bengal Mir Jafar

• **1774**                 Warren Hastings appointed the first governor general of India by the East India Company

• **1775**                 First Anglo-Maratha War

• **1799**                 Death of Tipu Sultan

• **1853**                 Started Post Service

• **1853**First Railway established between Bombay and Thane

• **1857**                 Indian Mutiny Rebellion of 1857(10th May)

• **1857**                 Establishment of University of Mumbai, University of Madras and University of Calcutta in India

• **1858**                 The British government ruled India, Lord Dalhousie becomes the Governor-General of  India

• **1862**                 Death of Bahadur Shah Zafar

• **1869**                 "Arya Samaj" Established

• **1876**                 Queen Victoria was given the title Empress of India by the British Parliament

• **1885**                 Burma became an Indian province

• **1885**                 The Indian National Congress was formed (28th December)

• **1905**                 The British government divided Bengal into separate Hindu and Muslim sections

• **1909**                 Morley-Minto Reforms

• **1914**                 World War 1

• **1915**                 Mahatma Gandhi returns back to India

• **1919**                 Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (13th April)

• **1920**                 Mahatma Gandhi became president of Indian National Congress, Non-cooperation movement Khilafat Movement

• **1927**                 Simon Commission

• **1929**                 Central Assembly Bombed by Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt.

• **1930**                 Purna Swaraj resolution in Lahore, Salt Satyagraha started

• **1931**                 Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev Martyred (23rd March)

• **1935**                 Government of India Act

• **1939**                 World War 2 began

• **1940**                 Muhammad Ali Jinnah demanded that a new country be formed from India for the Muslims, which would be called Pakistan

• **1942**                 Quit India Movement

• **1942**                 Indian National Army Established by Subhas Chandra Bose

• **1945**World War II ended when United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki (August)

• **1946**                 Royal Indian Navy Mutiny

• **1946**                 The British government agreed to grant India independence

• **1947**                 British and Indian leaders agreed to divide the country into India and Pakistan

• **1947**                 India became independent (15th August)

• **1948**                 Mahatma Gandhi assassinated Nathuram Godse (30th January)

• **1950**                 Constitution of India came into effect and Jawaharlal Nehru became the Indian first prime minister (26th January)

*Sobriquets, Nick Name of Indians*

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| Nick Name | Person |
| Father of Nation | Mahatma Gandhi |
| Iron man of India | Vallabhbhai Patel |
| Lokmanya | Bal Gangadhar Tilak |
| Nightingale of India | Sarojini Naidu |
| Kaviguru | Rabindranath Tagore |
| Frontier Gandhi | Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan |
| Sahid-e-Azam | Bhagat Singh |
| Birdman of India | Salim Ali |
| Grand Old man of India | Dadabhai Naoroji |
| Deshbandhu | Chitta Ranjan Das |
| Loknayak | Jayaprakash Narayan |
| Missile man of India | A. P. J. Abdul Kalam |
| Missile woman of India | Tessy Thomas |
| Gurudev | Rabindranath Tagore |
| Chachaji | Jawaharlal Nehru |
| Netaji | Subhash Chandra Bose |
| Father of Indian nuclear programme | Homi J. Bhabha |
| Father of Indian space program | Vikram Sarabhai |
| Father of Indian cinema | Dadasaheb Phalke |
| Father of Indian constitution | Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar |
| Father of Green Revolution in India | M. S. Swaminathan |
| Lion of Punjab | Ranjit Singh |
| Napoleon of India | Samudragupta |
| Payyoli Express | P.T. Usha |
| Man of Peace | Lal Bahadur Shastri |
| Mahamana | Madan Mohan Malaviya |
| Hockey Wizard | Dhyan Chand |
| Hryana Hurrican | Kapil Dev |
| Little Master | Sachin Tendulkar |
| Adi Kavi | Valmeeki |
| Tiger Mysor | Tipu Siltan |
| Waterman of India | Rajendra Singh |
| Flying Sikh | Milkha Singh |
| Metro man of India | E. Sreedharan |