



Physical Map of India

Glossary

Alienated: Made to feel separated, unwanted, or no longer a part of something.

Apparatus: The complete structure of institutions and processes organized for a specific purpose, such as conducting elections.

Assent: Formal approval or agreement, especially by the President for a bill to become law.

Ballads: Song-like poems that tell a story, often passed down orally.

Ballot paper: A sheet of paper listing the candidates or parties that voters mark to indicate their choice in an election.

Barbaric: Extremely cruel or brutal; lacking civilization or culture.

Bibliophile: A person who loves and collects books.

Bureaucrats: Government officials who are not elected but help run departments and carry out laws and policies.

Cognitive development: How a child's brain grows and develops as they learn to think, understand, and solve problems.

Confederacy: A group of leaders or states that join together for a common cause.

Consortium: A group of separate organizations joining together for a common purpose or goal.

Corporate Social Responsibility: The responsibility of businesses to contribute to the wellbeing of society and the environment, beyond just making profits.

De facto: In reality or in practice, even if not officially stated.

Decolonisation: The process by which a country becomes free from foreign rule, and begins to recover its own control, identity, and way of life.

Demographic: Information about groups of people, such as their age, gender, income, and where they live.

Denounced: Publicly declared something to be wrong or evil.

Desecrate: To damage or treat a holy place or object with disrespect.

Devanagari: A script used to write Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi, and several other Indian languages.

Enterprises: They undertake business or commercial activities that include both profit and non-profit entities.

Epoch: A very important or significant period in history or in someone's life.

Guerrilla warfare: A fighting style where small groups use speed, surprise, and knowledge of the local terrain to defeat larger armies.

Impelled: Forced by a feeling or idea.

Incensed: Very angry or enraged.

Indigenous: Native to or naturally existing in a particular place; originating from that area.

Innocuous: Harmless; not likely to offend or provoke.

Insignia: A symbol or badge representing a kingdom or ruler.

Kaizen: A Japanese approach to work that focuses on making small, continuous improvements in how things are done.

Legacy: Something valuable (like knowledge, traditions, or achievements) passed down from earlier times.

Martyrdom: Dying or suffering greatly for a cause, especially religious or moral.

Mercenaries: Soldiers hired to serve in a foreign army group, or organization.

Mulching: Covering the soil with a layer of material (like straw or leaves) to protect it and improve its condition.

Notorious: Famous for something bad.

Ornate: Highly decorated, often with complex and fancy designs.

Persecution: The act of treating someone unfairly and cruelly, especially because of their religion, race, or political beliefs.

Philanthropist: A person who helps others by giving money, time, or effort to good causes, especially to improve people's lives.

Plunder: To steal goods by force during a war or invasion.

Premium prices: Higher-than-average price for a product or service.

Proxy voting: Voting in someone else's name (which is not allowed in fair elections).

Repatriation: The act of bringing back something or someone to their own country.

Resurgence: A rise or comeback of something after a period of little activity.

Retaliatory: Done in response to an attack or harmful action.

Riverine: Relating to or situated on a river or riverbank.

Sacked: (In warfare) Captured and looted a town or city.

Sanctum: The most sacred part of a temple (often where the main idol is placed).

Scion: A descendant of a notable family.

Siege: Surrounding a place (like a fort or temple) with an army to make the people inside surrender.

Spawning: The production or depositing of eggs by fish, amphibians, or other aquatic animals.

Stewards/Stewardship: The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Stratagem: A clever plan used to trick someone or to gain an advantage.

Subduing: Bringing under control by force.

Subjugation: The act of bringing someone or something under domination or control.

Succumbed: Gave in to pressure or force; failed to resist.

Summon: To officially call people (like Parliament members) to meet.

Swarajya: Self-rule or self-governance; the concept of an independent kingdom that became central to Shivaji's vision.

SWAYAM: Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds. It is an online platform that makes learning accessible to all.

Syncretic: Combining different beliefs, practices, or philosophies.

Tenacity: The quality of being determined and persistent.

Thrive: Grow and develop.

Torrent: A large, fast, and uncontrolled flow — like a rushing stream or crowd.

Treachery: A betrayal of trust; disloyal behavior.

Treatise: A formal written work that deals with a particular subject in detail.

Tribunal: A type of court set up to deal with a particular problem or dispute.

Windfall: An unexpected, unearned, or sudden gain or advantage.

Workmanship: The skill, quality, and craftsmanship shown in making something.

Wretches: People who are in a very bad or miserable condition.

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