

History of India

Ancient India

India's history dates back to the prehistoric period, with evidence of human activity as early as 75,000 years ago. The Indus Valley Civilization (3300–1300 BCE) was one of the earliest urban cultures in the world. This period also saw the emergence of the Vedic Age (1500–500 BCE), which laid the foundations of Hinduism and early social structures.

Table: Key Aspects of Ancient India

Period	Event	Significance
3300–1300 BCE	Indus Valley Civilization	One of the world's first urban cultures
1500–500 BCE	Vedic Age	Introduction of Vedic texts, early Hinduism
6th Century BCE	Rise of Buddhism & Jainism	Spiritual revolutions led by Buddha & Mahavira
322–185 BCE	Maurya Empire	Expansion under Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka

Medieval India

Medieval India saw the rise of powerful empires such as the Gupta Empire (320–550 CE) and the Delhi Sultanate (1206–1526 CE). This period was marked by cultural and scientific advancements, including developments in mathematics, astronomy, and literature.

Table: Key Aspects of Medieval India

Period	Event	Significance
320–550 CE	Gupta Empire	Golden Age of Indian culture & science
1206–1526 CE	Delhi Sultanate	Introduction of Islamic rule in India
1526–1857 CE	Mughal Empire	Peak of Indo-Islamic art, architecture, and governance
1600 CE	Arrival of European traders	Beginning of colonial influence

Modern India

The modern period saw India's struggle for independence from British rule (1857–1947) and its emergence as a democratic nation. Key movements such as the Indian National Congress and leaders like Mahatma Gandhi played crucial roles in achieving independence in 1947.

Table: Key Aspects of Modern India

Period	Event	Significance
1857	Revolt of 1857	First war of independence
1885	Formation of Indian National Congress	Political mobilization against British rule
1942	Quit India Movement	Mass protest demanding British exit
1947	Independence & Partition	Formation of India & Pakistan as separate nations

This document provides a concise yet informative overview of India's history, structured in an easy-to-read format with tables highlighting key events and their significance.