**ANCIENT HISTORY**

1. **HISTORY SOURCES**
   1. Literary Sources
      1. Books – written by travelers, scholars.
         * Script & Languages
      2. Manuscripts – writing on soft stuff like leaves
      3. Inscriptions – text written on hard stuff like rocks, caves
   2. Archaeological Sources
      1. For example by excavating sites on earth and finding items like knife, relating them to present day items and figuring out history.
   3. Sometimes archaeological sources also behave as literary sources – eg when we excavate earth and find book.
2. **CONCEPTS** 
   1. Britishers were of two types
      1. Anglicists – who did not supported original Indian education
      2. Orientalists – who supported original Indian education
         * William Jones
         * Charles Wilkens
         * Warren Hastings
   2. Time
      1. BCE – Before Christ Era
      2. 0th year – the year Jesus Christ was born.
      3. CE/AD – Christ Era/Adono Domini
3. **OUR PAST** 
   1. Pre-Historic Period 🡪 Language was there, but no script (no written evidence), whatever we know is from archaeological sources.
   2. Proto-Historic Period 🡪 Both language and script found, but unable to understand.
   3. History 🡪 Understandable language and script found.
4. **STONE AGE (Lithic Age)**

As we move down, we see development of rocks, advancement of man.

* 1. Paleolithic Age
     1. Man started to discover rocks of different types, hunters and food gatherers, also called Quartzite Men.
     2. In India – Uttar Bahini in J&K revelead Paleolithic artifacts (upper shivaliks)
     3. Divided in three parts
        + Lower Paleolithic (20 lakh BC – 1 lakh BC)
          1. Earth covered in snow
          2. Stones used for cutting
          3. Humans lived in caves
          4. Locations – Soan Valley, Mirzapur, Didwana, **Bhimbetka (MP)**
          5. Bhimbetka is famous for caves, powder of rocks also found in caves suggesting small factories of rock cutting.
        + Middle Paleolithic (1 lakh BC – 40,000 BC)
          1. Stone – made light and sharp
          2. Narmada Valley area, Tungabhadra area (south)
        + Upper Paleolithic (40,000 BC – 10,000 BC)
          1. Stone – sharp & proper shape, blades
          2. Kurnool Caves – ashes found meaning fire was also discovered
  2. Mesolithic Age
     1. Man started giving shape to rocks
     2. Variety of shapes of rock
     3. Man started to observe things, thinking why things are happening like this, plants, animals
     4. Observes change in climate, night, day, rain etc.
  3. Neolithic Age
     1. Man started to polish these custom shaped rocks
     2. Mehergarh (Pakistan), stone aged polished rocks.
  4. Chalcolithic Age
     1. Man started making items using copper + rock
     2. Faster development using metal like copper (tools, weapons)
     3. Lifestyle became easier.

1. **INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION (2600 BC – 1800 BC, 800 years)**
   1. Four major civilizations
      1. West to East : Egypt (Nile Valley) 🡪 Mesopotamia (Tigris-Euphrates Valley) 🡪 Harappan (Indus Valley) 🡪 China (Huang Ho Valley)
   2. Mesopotamia (Iran-Iraq) and Harappan are contemporaries, both have conducted trade between them and existed at the same time.
   3. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), 1861
      1. First Director General – Alexander Cunningham
         * Initially Alexander Cunningham said India’s history starts with Ganga River, proved wrong by Sir John Marshal.
      2. Second DG – Sir John Marshal
         * His mistake was putting all items excavated from different parts of land (different heights & depths) in same time zone, which is not correct.
      3. Third DG – REM Wheeler
         * Wheeler corrected this by digging a large area of uneven heights at the same depth.
   4. Founders of IVC
      1. Sir John Marshal
      2. Dayaram Sahani
      3. R.D. Banerjee
   5. S.N Roy – Book “The Story of Indian Archaeology”
      1. Said “John left India 3000 years older than he had found”
   6. Extremes
      1. Northernmost – Manda (J&K)
      2. Easternmost – Alamgirpur (Meerut, UP)
      3. Southernmost – Daimabad, Malwan?(last time bola tha)
      4. Westernmost – Sutkagondor (Balochistan, Pak)
      5. Smallest – Allahdino, Pakistan
      6. Largest – Rakhigarhi, Haryana
   7. There are no sites between the rivers Indus/Chenab/Jhelum. But many sites near Ghaggar river, hence it was once suggested to rename IVC to Saraswati Civilization,
   8. Stages of IVC
      1. Pre-Harappan – Hamlets(worse than villages) converted to villages
      2. Early Harappan – Villages converted to towns
      3. Mature Harappan – Towns converted to Cities, eg Kot Diji
      4. Decline – Cities abandoned
   9. Various theories of IVC
      1. Foreign Origin Theory - Some people from Mesopotamia Civilization came to Indus River and settled, we do not believe this theory.
      2. Compromise Theory – Some people from outside and some natural Indians settled, again rejected by us.
      3. Indigenous Theory - We believe that Indians were born here and settled near the river.
   10. Why **IVC** is called **Urban** Civilization?
       1. Urban – more than 5000 population & 75% population working in non-agriculture sector.
       2. Many people worked in non-agriculture sectors in IVC and saw many cultures, different standard of living and a good way of living with education.
       3. Eg; a sign board with rules & regulations was found in Dholavira, people had to follow this and live their life. Shows there was some structure.
       4. Good trade between Harappa, Mohenjodaro, Dholavira, Lothal, Kalibangan. Inter-site trade was evident.
   11. Features
       1. Planning (advanced)
          * Cities based on grid pattern (out of 4 big civilization, only IVC had this)
          * West side of sites – More Citadels found (kila, mahals), at height
          * East of IVC – More plain area
          * Same planning with different size of cities, houses
          * Main Road broad, other roads narrow
          * Drainage in roads
          * Street Light
          * Proper Garbage Collection – slope on roads to collect garbage of city at one point and burn it later.
          * Washrooms also found (Bathing and waste separated, no windows)
       2. Watch Tower – observation & security
       3. Gateway Ditches – Ditches dug around the city to protect from enemies
       4. Leisure Activities : Dice & Gambling, Chess-like game
       5. Cock fighting
       6. Seals & Stringed Musical Instruments
       7. Opium used in Mesopotamia, no evidence in IVC.
       8. No sign of warfare, no monuments of Glorify victory, no slavery or captured enemy
       9. No sign of punishment, less crime
       10. No Caste System, no Temple Construction
       11. Peaceful Society
       12. Iron was not known
       13. Harappan Script – 400 signs, right to left, bone rods & jewelry
       14. No tac system, no kings ministers
       15. Barter system(trade stone, metal & shells), seals & regulated weights
   12. SITES
       1. Harappa (Sahiwal, Punjab, Pakistan)
          * Founder – Daya Ram Sahini & M.S. Vatra
          * River – Ravi
          * Findings – Gateway City, Sand Statues of Human Anatomy, Granaries, Bullock Carts, Coffin Burial, first town to be excavated
       2. Mohenjo-Daro (Larkana, Sindh, Pakistan)
          * Founder – RD Banerjee, 1922
          * River – Indus
          * Findings – Great Bath, Bronze Dancing Girl, Great Granary, Bearded Man (Stealite Statue), Pashupati Seal, Woven Clothes, Double Storey Buildings(Burnt Bricks & Sun Dried Bricks), Baked Bricks
          * Chief Male Deity – Pashupati Mahadev (Lord of Animals), seal – elephant, tiger, rhino, buffalo & two deer)
          * Flooded 7 times
       3. Chahnudaro (Nawabshah, Sindh, Pakistan)
          * Founder – Earnest Mackey/Majumdar, 1925
          * River – Indus
          * Findings – Bead making, Lipstick, NO CITADEL, Footprint of dog chasing cat
       4. Amri
          * NG Majumdar, 1935
          * Evidence of Antelope
       5. Kalibangan (Hanumangarh, Rajasthan, India)
          * Founder – AN Ghosh, 1953 (found similarities b/w pre & mature Harappan)
          * River - Ghagghar
          * Findings – Fire Altar, Baked Bricks & Bangles, Camel Bones, Wooden Plough & Ploughed Field
       6. Lothal (Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India)
          * Founder – MS Vatsa, SR Rao, 1957
          * River – Bhogva
          * Findings – First manmade port/artificial port, Dockyard, Rice husk (rice cultivation), Chess playing, 7 times flooded???????
       7. Sutkagandor (Makran, Balochistan, Pakistan)
          * Founder – Stein, 1962
          * River – Dast
          * Findings – Bangles of Clay, Tradepoint b/w Harappa & Babylon
       8. Dholavira (Kutch, Gujarat, India)
          * Founder – Joshi/Bisht, 1967/91
          * River –
          * Findings – Known for water management (water harvesting/reservoirs), Chariot with bullocks, use of rocks for construction
          * Only site to be divided in 3 parts
            1. Higher Town
            2. Middle Town
            3. Lower Town
       9. Rupar (Rupnagar, Punjab, India) – Talwar & Bisht, 1953
       10. Surkotada (Kutch, Gujarat, India) – JP Joshi, 1964
       11. Banawali (Fatehbad, Haryana, India) – RS Bisht, 1973
       12. Alamgirpur (Yamuna River, Meerut, UP) – YD Sharma
   13. Animals – cow, monkey, parrots, bison, tiger, buffalo, ram, elephant
       1. Horses? (first time seen in Rig Veda? Brought by Aryans from Iran & central asia?) Bones found in Surkotada?????????
   14. Agriculture – Wheat, Barley, Rai, Peas, Sesame, Lentils, Chickpea, Mustards
       1. Backbone of IVC
       2. Millets in Gujarat, rice was less used
       3. Earliest people to produce cotton
       4. Traces of canals in Shortugai, Afghanistan
   15. Decline – Natural Calamities (floods, earthquakes), decrease in land fertility
2. **Timeline**
   1. 2600 BC – 1800 BC (800 years) – IVC
   2. 1800 BC – 1500 BC (300 years) – No info about this period
   3. 1500 BC – 600 BC (900 years) – Vedic Era
      1. 1500 BC – 1000 BC – Early Vedic Era (Rig Veda)
      2. 1000 BC – 600 BC – Later Vedic Era (Sam, Yajur, Atharva Veda)
3. **VEDIC AGE** 
   1. Early Vedic Era
      1. People were pastoral, farmers. This is the reason for only 1 book in 500 years.
      2. RIG VEDA
         * Aryans
           1. Mention of Aryans (came from southern Russia), Aryans were migrating in that period some went to Europe, some to Persia, some to India.
           2. Aryans came from (theories)

Eurasian Theory – Asia & Europe

Max Muller – Central Asia

Dayanand Saraswati – Tibet

B.G. Tilak – place where 6 months night 6 months day (arctic region)

L.D Kala – Kashmir

* + - * 1. Came on horses
        2. Aryans started racism naming local inhabitants Dasyu (darker), Dravidian language people used to live in north India, Aryans removed them, so they had to shift south, reason why Dravidian languages in south.
        3. Divided in 5 clans 🡪 2 most dangerous – Bharat & Tristu
        4. Battle of 10 Kings

Happened on the banks of river Purushni (Ravi, other name Iravati)

Bharat Clan vs (5 Aryans + 5 Non Aryans) 🡪 Bharat wins

Puru Clan joins hands with Bharat Clan forming new clan Kuru

Kuru clan lived near Purushni river for some time but later moved to the Ganga plains, hence the name Kurukshetra

* + - * 10 volumes (mandals), a collection of hymns to god (Rig – meaning praise)
      * Mandal 3 – Gayatri Mantra 🡪 Praise to Sun God Savitri
      * Mandal 10 – Purushasukta hymn 🡪 4 persons originated from the primeveal creater (Purusha), Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra (Varna System)
    1. Barter system was used, later coins called ‘Nishka’ were used.
    2. Male deities – Indra (thunder), Prithvi (land), Agni (fire), Varuna (rain), Vayu (air), all natural elements
    3. Female deities – Usha, Aditi, Ratri & Sandhya
    4. No temples and idols
    5. No caste system
    6. Tax known as Bali was voluntary.
    7. In Rig Veda, the word “Samundra” means any collection of water, big or small.
    8. Term “Gavishti” 🡪 practice of catching cows or search for cows (cow was like money)
    9. Term “Aghanya” 🡪 also used for cows.
    10. Person responsible for an area – Rajan (elected)
        - Sabha (body) to help Rajan (advice)
        - Purohita 🡪 Priest (most important)
        - Gramani 🡪 Military head (Senapati)
        - Kulapa 🡪 Family head
    11. Language Family
        - Indo-European Family – Spanish + English + Hindi + Sanskrit + German
        - Tibeto-Burman Family – Languages in North-East of India
        - Dravidian Family – Tamil + Telugu + Kannada + Malayalam
    12. Rivers Mentioned in Rig Veda
        - Sindhu 🡪 Indus
        - Vitasta 🡪 Jhelum
        - Askini 🡪 Chenab
        - Parushni 🡪 Ravi
        - Vipasa 🡪 Beas
        - Shatudri 🡪 Sutlej
        - Gomal 🡪 Gomati
        - Drishadvati 🡪 Ghaggar
        - Naditarna 🡪 Saraswati
        - Sadanira 🡪 Gandak
  1. Vedic books are not written by one single person, written over time by many people.
  2. Rig – Sam – Yajur Veda are interconnected. Atharva Veda completely separate.
     1. Rig Veda – mention of gayatri mantra, tone/sound mentioned in Sam Veda, which mantra to be used in which ritual mentioned in Yajur Veda
  3. LATER VEDIC AGE
     1. King 🡪 powerful, nepotism???, collected tax, proper mantri Parishad
     2. Yags like Ashvamedha Yags started.
     3. Male Gods 🡪 Vishnu, Prajapati, Rudra
     4. Iron was discovered for the first time in India (Iron was found in Later Vedic Era)
     5. Concept of Ashram system
        + If a person lives for 100 years, it can be divided in 4 parts
        + Brahmacharya – learning age
        + Grihasta – family life
        + Vanaprastha – retirement life
        + Sanyas – a choice to leave everything and live alone in forests, mountains, temples
        + To start Brahmacharya, a ritual named Upanayana is performed (white string around body) 🡪 Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, not Shudras.
     6. SAM VEDA
     7. YAJUR VEDA
     8. ATHARVA VEDA

1. **HINDU TEXTS**
   1. SHRUTI (can’t be changed)
      1. VEDA
      2. SAMHITA – how to read mantras
      3. BRAHAMANAS – details of the above mantras (explaining hidden meanings behind hymns)
      4. ARYANAKAS (forest book)– concluding part of Brahamanas (benefits of the above mantras)
      5. UPANISHADS – knowledge acquired by sitting close to teacher
   2. SMRITI (can be changed)
      1. EPICS – Mahabharata, Ramayana
      2. MANUSMRITI
      3. PURANA
      4. DHARMASHSTRAS
2. **MAHAJANAPADAS**
   1. Concept of 16 🡪 Anguttara Nikaya (Buddhist text)

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| Anga | Champa | Kuru | Indraprastha, Hastinapur |
| Asmaka | Pratisthan / Paithan / Potana | **Magadh** | Rajgriha 🡪 Pataliputra |
| Avanti | Ujjain / Mahismati | **Malla** | Kusinara & Pawa |
| Chedi | Sothivati / Shuktimati | **Matsya** | Viratanagara |
| Gandhar | Taxila | **Panchala** | Ahichhatra (North) Kampilya (South) |
| Kambhoj | Rajapura (Modern day Kashmir) | **Saurasena** | Mathura |
| Kasi | Kasi/Varanasi | **Vrijji (Vajji)** | Vaishali |
| Kosala | Sravasti | **Vatsa** | Kaushambi |

* 1. Largest and most powerful – Magadh (near Bihar, Chota Nagpur Plateau)
     1. Iron rich land, more weapons.
     2. Capital Rajgriha(Giriraj) was surrounded by mountains on all side, well protected
     3. Capital Pataliputra was protected by rivers (others did not have navy)
     4. Wild elephants used by Magadh to defend.
     5. Not Republic, only 1 king.
     6. Other powerful place Avanti main contender.
  2. Vrijji & Malla 🡪 Republic Mahajanapada (8-10 kings rule together) = Oligarchy

1. **HARYANKA DYNASTY**
   1. **Bimbisara (Sreniya)**
      1. Founder of Magadh empire & Haryanka Dynasty
      2. Son of Bhattiya
      3. Follower of Buddha, admired Mahavira
      4. Capital - Giriraja (Rajagir)
      5. First king – standing army
      6. Started Matrimonial Alliance to strengthen his political position
         * Kosaladevi – King Kosala
         * Chellana – Lichchavi chief of Vaishali, son Ajatshatru
         * Khema – King Modra, Punjab
      7. Followed policy of conquest and expansion 🡪 conquered ANGA
      8. Effective and excellent administration system, divided officers into Executive, Military & Judicial
   2. **AJATSHATRU**
      1. Son of Bimbisara & Chellana, killed father
      2. Followed Buddhism
      3. First Buddhist Council at Rajgriha, just after the death of Buddha
      4. Won wars against Kosala & Vaishali
   3. **UDAYIN**
      1. Son of Ajatshatru
      2. Shifted capital to Pataliputra (Patna)
      3. Succeeded by 3 kings 🡪 Aniruddha, Manda, Nagadasaka
2. **SISUNAGA DYNASTY**
   1. **MINISTER SISUNAGA**
      1. Viceroy of Kasi, killed last ruler of Haryanka Dynasty and became ruler of Magadha
      2. Capital at Giriraja, later shifted to Vaishali (2 times changed)
      3. Annexed Avanti, end to rivalry between Avanti vs Magadha
   2. **KALASOKA**
      1. Son of Sisunaga
      2. Shifted capital to Pataliputra
      3. Second Buddhist Council, Vaishali
      4. Killed in a palace revolution that brought Nanda Dynasty to the throne
3. **NANDA DYNASTY**  
   first non-kshatriya dynasty, founded by Mahapadma Nanda
   1. **MAHAPADMA NANDA** 
      1. Known as
         * Sarva Kshatriyantaka – killer of Kshatriyas
         * Ekrat – one ruler of an empire])
      2. First historical emperor of India (size increased under him and rose to Empire)
         * Magadha rose from Mahajanapada to Empire status
         * Conquered Kalinga
      3. Son of a barer & courtesan (Jain & Greek texts)
      4. As per Puranas, son of last Sisunaga King & a Sudra woman
   2. **DHANA NANDA**
      1. Known as Agrammes/Xandrames (Greek texts)
      2. Last Nanda ruler
      3. Alexander(Sikander from Macedonia) invaded north-western India, his army mutinied (seeing the large standing army of Dhananada) at the river Hyphasis (Beas)
      4. Overthrown by Chandragupta Maurya with Kautilya.
4. **BUDDHISM & JAINISM**
   1. **ORIGIN**
      1. Dominance of Brahmins – preached that no one is above them, many people against this.
      2. People wanted change, Kshatriyas (support of Vaishyas & Shudras) frustrated with them.
      3. How these new religions countered Brahmins?
         * Brahmins sacrificed animals, animals count was decreasing.
         * Buddhism and Jainism were against animal sacrifice, countering Brahmins.
         * Similarly many things were new in these 2 religions that decreased Brahmin following.
      4. Gautam Buddha & Vardhamana Mahavira 🡪 Kshatriyas (both from royal families)
         * Both contemporaries but never met each other.
   2. **BUDDHISM**
      1. GAUTAM BUDDHA
         * Known as
           1. Sakyamuni – Father Suddhodhana head of Sakya Clan
           2. Tathagat – Buddha called himself this instead of all other names, it means “One who as thus come/gone/not gone”. In short meant “avatar”
         * Born as Prince Siddharta at Lumbini (near Kapilvastu, Nepal) in 556 BCE
         * Mother died, brought up by maternal aunt Prajapati Gautami (named him Gautama)
         * Married to Yashodhara, son Rahula.
         * His Charioteer was Channa, horse – Kanthak.
         * Left home at age 29, to become an ascetic (not allowing yourself physical pleasures, leave everything behind) 🡪 incident is called Mahabishkramana (great going forth)
         * Siddharta encountered "four signs" which altered his life forever 🡪 an old man, a sick man, a corpse and a monk
         * Wandered for 7 years
           1. Meditating under a banyan tree on the banks of river Niranjana (Bihar) 49 days
           2. At 35 attained enlightenment at Uruvela
           3. Tree 🡪 Bodhi Tree and place became Bodh Gaya (Bihar).
         * King Bimbisara (Haryanka Dynasty) offered Gautam to rule in his place seeing troubled Gautam when he was wandering.
           1. Gautam decline and promised to meet Bimbisara after he finds answers to his questions
         * Alara Kalama 🡪 First teacher of Gautam Buddha, he had good knowledge of philosophy. He offers Gautam to teach in his place observing Gautama’s competence. Gautam declines.
         * Udaka Ramagupta 🡪 Gautam Buddha saw him meditating under a tree, impressed. Yoga teacher
         * First sermon 🡪 Sarnath(Rishipattan – ancient name) near Varanasi
           1. Event known as Dharma Chakrapravartana/Dhammachakkappavattna
         * After achieving enlightenment, Guatam decided to solves problems in this world, he meets with Bimbisara in Magadh.
         * Formation of Sangh – Gautam Buddha and his followers
           1. Five closest disciples

Saripatta

Mahakashyapa

Ananda (imp)

Aniruddh

Maudgalyana

* + - * 1. Women initially not allowed (fear of corruption) but after Ananda insisted, women are allowed with rules & regulations
      * After some time, Gautam’s father is worried for him and sends 10 people one by one to look for him.
        1. Each person that came looking for him, join Gautam’s Sangh
        2. The 10th person, Kaludayi (Suddhodhana warned him not to join Sangh), convinces him to return and he returns to meet family.
        3. Ananda, Anirudh (cousins) & son Rahula join Sangh.
      * Died under a Sal Tree in Kushinagar, UP 🡪 Mahaparinirvana
        1. Ananda insisted Gautam to die at a different place as Kushinagar was enemy territory.
      * Events in life
        1. Left home 🡪 Mahabishkramana
        2. First sermon 🡪 Dharmachakre Pravartana (Sarnath, Varanasi)
        3. Death 🡪 Mahaparinirvana (Kushinagar, UP)
      * Unique personality 🡪 one incident where some people were abusing him with bad words in front of his followers, Gautam replied with an example. If you give a gift to someone and they do not accept, the gift remains with them. Similarly if you do not accept bad words, they remain with the giver.
    1. TEACHINGS
       - Language used in Buddhism 🡪 Pali
       - Teaches Middle Path (neither extreme nor no interest), Jainism teaches the opposite where one should do extremes in whatever they do.
       - Pattimokha 🡪 basic code of monastic discipline (227 rules for monks/bhikkus & 311 for nun/bhikhunis)
       - Kutargosshala 🡪 place where Buddhist monks discuss religious issues.
       - Buddhacharita 🡪 Book on life of Buddha by Asvaghosa in Sanskrit. (Dharmaksema made a Chinese translation)
       - Stupa & Vihara
         1. Stupa 🡪 doomed monuments with relics of Buddha
         2. Vihara 🡪 monastery halls for monks to study, meditate, worship
       - The Four Noble Truths (Arya Satya)
         1. World is full of sorrow
         2. Desire is the root cause of all sorrow
         3. Sorrow can be conquered by conquering desire
         4. Desire can be conquered by following Eight-Fold Paths
       - Eight Fold Paths (Ashtangirka Marga)
         1. Right Observation
         2. Right Action
         3. Right Determination
         4. Right Speech
         5. Right Livelihood
         6. Right Exercise
         7. Right Memory
         8. Right Medidation
       - Code of Conduct
         1. No property
         2. No Violence
         3. No use of intoxicants
         4. Not speak lie
         5. Not to indulge in corrupt practices
       - Tri-ratnas/Three Fold Refuge
         1. Buddha (enlightenment)
         2. Dharma (doctrine)
         3. Sangha (commune)
    2. BUDDHIST COUNCILS (promoting Buddhism)
       - First Council
         1. Held – Sattapani Cave at Rajgriha
         2. Under – King Ajatshatru
         3. Presided by – Mahakasyapa (monk)
         4. Purpose – preserve Buddha’s teachings (sutta) & rules for discipline after his death.
         5. Teachings of Buddha divide into three parts 🡪 Tripitakas

Vinay pitaka 🡪 rules for monastic discipline for monks

Sutta pitaka 🡪 collection of Buddha’s sermon, Buddha’s principles

Excerpts from Ananda, Sariputta

Abhidhama pitaka 🡪 philosophy of Buddha’s teachings

500 senior monks adopted Vinay & Sutta pitaka

* + - * Second Council
        1. Held – Vaishali
        2. Under – King Kalasoka
        3. Presided by – Sabakami
      * Third Council
        1. Held – Pataliputra
        2. Under – King Ashoka
        3. Presided by – Mogalliputta Tissa (Monk)
      * Fourth Council
        1. Held – Kundalvana, Kashmor
        2. Under – King Kanishka (Kushan Empire)
        3. Presided by – Vasumitra
        4. Buddhism divided into three sects

Mahayana

Gautam Buddha as God, idol worship

“Great Vehicle”

Kushans (Kanishka) promoted it.

Hinayana (Therawada Buddhism)

Gautam Buddha as Teacher, no idol worship

“Lesser Vehicle”

Vajrayana

Believers in magical powers ‘Vajra’

* 1. **JAINISM**
     1. INTRODUCTION
        + Any person who has conquered over sukh-dukh is called Jina. People who follow Jina are Jains. (Jaina/Jina 🡪 Conquerer)
        + Jains recognize existence of god, but place him lower than Jina.
        + Jainism did not condemn varna system, rejected Vedas
        + Tirthankars (Teacher/Guru, 24)
          1. 1st – Rishabnath/Rishabdev (FOUNDER) [Bull]
          2. 2nd – Ajitnath [Elephant]
          3. 23rd – Parsavanth [Serpent]
          4. 24th – Vardhman Mahavira (REAL FOUNDER, took Jainism to its best level)
        + Division
          1. Digambaras

Bhadrabahu (Kalpa Sutra)

Went south of Magadh

Nudity

* + - * 1. Svetambaras

Stulbhadra

Stayed in north

White garments.

* + 1. VARDHAMAN MAHAVIRA
       - Born in a village Kundagrama (Vaishali) in 540 BCE
       - Father – Siddharta (head of Jnatrika Clan)
       - Mother – Trishala (sister of King Chetaka, Vaishali)
       - Left home at age 30 🡪 to find fundamentals of life
       - Practiced for 12 years
       - Attained highest spiritual knowledge 🡪 Kaivalya/Kavelin (Perfect knowledge, conquered misery & happiness)
         1. Under sal tree at Jambhikragama
         2. On the banks of river Rijupalika
       - First sermon – Pava
       - First Disciple – Jamili
       - Mahavira’s symbol – Lion
       - Mahavira adopted women in his followers
       - Died at age 72 at Pavapuri (near Rajgir)
    2. PREACHINGS/LITERATURE
       - Doctrines of Jainism
         1. Syadvada – theory of maybe/perhaps

Also called Anekantavada – theory of plurality/multi-sidedness

There are many ends to one thing (half full/half empty water in glass)

Not everything is 100% true, people lie

* + - * 1. Nyayvada – different perspectives of looking at anything
        2. Saptabhangi Nyaya – 7 points of view to understand object of knowledge
      * Three Ratnas (Way of Nirvana) - Triya
        1. Samyak Vishwas – Right faith
        2. Samyak Gyan – Right knowledge
        3. Samyak Karma – Right conduct
      * Five Doctrines of Jainism (Panchmahavartas) 🡪 1st four by Parsavanath
        1. Ahimsa – non injury to living
        2. Satya – do not lie
        3. Asteya – do not steal
        4. Aparigraha – do not acquire property
        5. Brahmacharya – observe constinence (simple life) – added by Mahavira
      * Seven Fundamental Elements
        1. Jiva – Aatma/Soul
        2. Ajivaa – Body/person, manmade
        3. Asarava – effect of karma
        4. Bandha – consequences/block from moving forward (find issues)
        5. Samvara – remove those consequences/blocks (remove issues)
        6. Nirjara – open up ways (find solutions, next step)
        7. Moksha – ultimate goal
      * Religious literature?? – *Agamas*, language – Prakrit
    1. JAIN COUNCILS
       - First Council 🡪 held at Pataliputra by Stulbhadra
       - Second Council 🡪 held at Vallabhi by Devardhi Kshmasramana
    2. JAIN ARCHITECTURE
       - Layana/Gumphas (Caves)
         1. Maharashtra

Ellora Caves (cave 30-35)

Mangi Tungi Cave,

Gajapantha Cave

* + - * 1. Odisha

Udaygiri-Khandagiri Caves

Hathi-Gumpha Caves

* + - * 1. Tamil Nadu – Sittanavasal Cave
      * Statues
        1. Gomateshwara/Bahubali 🡪 Shravanabelagola, Karnataka
        2. Statue of Ahimsa (Rishabnath) 🡪 Mangi Tungi hills, Maharashtra
      * Jainalaya (Temples)
        1. Dilwara Temple 🡪 Mount Abu, Rajasthan
        2. Girnar & Palitana Temple 🡪 Gujarat
        3. Muktagiri Temple 🡪 Maharashtra
  1. **COMPARISION**

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| BUDDHISM | JAINISM |
| Did not believe in god. | Did not believe in god except in one condition, where god would be the 25th tirthankar (after all 24 Gurus) |
| Middle Path | Extreme Path |
| Doesn’t believe in soul | Believe in soul |
| Tried to implement only to the extent practicable (non-violence)  Example – if no veg food available, can eat non-veg | Emphasized on the practices of non-violence  Example – extremes like if no veg food, then can’t eat non-veg at all.  Eating non-veg is considered violence. |
| Easy to follow, more famous. | Very typical, difficult to follow |
| King Ashoka, spread Buddhism over a large area. | No king could spread it to the level of Kings in Buddhism. |

* 1. REASONS FOR DECLINE of BOTH RELIGIONS
     1. Brahmins corrected themselves, abolished animal sacrifice. Improved their image.
     2. Later Buddhist monks started taking huge donations, increase sexual activity, Sanskrit was used instead of Pali and no discipline made people lose respect for Buddhism.
     3. These monks were later looted by Turkish Invaders

1. **MAURYAN EMPIRE (Contemporary with Buddhism & Jainism**)
   1. Background
      1. At this time, 2 empires were prominent around the world with the goal to conquer all land 🡪 Persian (Iranian) & Greeks (Macedonian)
      2. The north-west front of India was weak as it was not well protected by Mahajanapadas like Gandhara & Khamboj (they were fighting amongst themselves)
      3. There empire were foreign invaders in India where Persians entered first.
      4. Persians
         * Cyrus – captured Gandhara, tribes near west of Indus river submitted to him.
         * Darius – grandson of Cyrus, conquered all of Indus valley region, annexed Punjab
         * Xerxes – deployed Indian infantry (enrolled Indians in his army)
         * Darius III – contemporary with Alexander, lost to Alexander and all the territory of Persians went to Greeks.
      5. Greeks
         * Alexander
           1. Porus (Punjab-Kingdom of Porus) ruled over area near Jhelum river

Battle of Hydapses (on the bank of Jhelum)

Jhelum river old name – Hydapses

Porus lost to Alexander, Alexander seeing the bravery of Porus, returned all won territory back.

* + - * 1. Taxila ruler King Ambhi surrendered to Alexander, Chanakya wanted to find a ruler who can defend India against Alexander, went to Dhanananda (ruler of Magadh) for help. Dhananada insults Chanakya. Chanakya wows to destroy Dhana Nanda and keeps his choti untied till he did so.
        2. When Alexander reached Beas (Hyphasis), his soldiers refused (tired & large army of Dhana Nanda) so he was forced to retreat. He erected 12 stone altars to mark the farthest point of his advance.
  1. **CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA**
     1. Chanakya defeated Dhana Nanda with Chandragupta Maurya
        + He used the army of many small kings and defeated army of Selecus Nicator
     2. Information about his empire
        + “*Indica*” 🡪 Megasthenese (Greek Ambassador)
          1. Megasthenese was the Ambassador of Selecus Nicator (left behind by Alexander after his retreat)
          2. He writes King was an autocrat, master of unlimited powers
          3. King was aware about event in his kingdom though spies.
          4. He says there was absence of usury (unnecessary tax)
        + “*Arthashashtra*” 🡪 Chanakya
          1. Chanakya’s real name – Vishnugupta, nickname – Kautilya
          2. Administration system of Mauryan Empire
          3. Qualities of a King, how a king should rule and the king who does not divide power is successful, one with supreme power.
        + “*Mahavamsa*” & “ *Dipavamsa*” 🡪 Buddhist literature, details of admin
     3. First ruler who unified India under one political unit
     4. Led Policy of expansion
     5. Chanakya considered as real architect of the Mauryan Empire
     6. Adopted Jainism 🡪 went(South India) to Sravanbelagola (Karnataka) with Bhadrabahu (leader of Digambaras – naked clan)
     7. Dies of starvation (Sallekhana Santhara) at Chandragiri Hill (Karnataka)
  2. **BINDUSARA** 
     1. Known as “Amitraghata” – Slayer of foes, Amitrochates (Greek Sources)
     2. Greek Ambassador of his court – Deimachus
     3. Appointed elder son Sushima – Taxila, Ashoka – Ujjain
     4. Bindusara wanted Sushima to be king, but his minister Radhagupta saw more qualities in Ashoka.
     5. Adopted Ajivikasm religion
  3. **ASHOKA The Great**
     1. Became king by killing 99 brothers with help of Minister Radhagupta, spared smallest brother Tissa
     2. Empire reached its Zenith (highest point)
     3. He was governor of Ujjain earlier, went to capital Pataliputra for rule.
     4. Life changing event 🡪 Kalinga War
        + There was trade between Ujjain & Patliputra via Kalinga. Kalinga refused trade route, so attacks Kalinga.
        + Ashoka killed lakhs and lakhs of Kalingans, killed maximum of population.
        + Rock Edict XIII (13)
        + Embraced Buddhism under the influence of Buddhist Monk – Upagupta
        + Spread Buddhism under him – Bhadrabahu Inscriptions ???? (Bairat, Rajasthan)
     5. Ashoka’s Dhamma (Rock Edict V)
        + Way of life, a code of conduct and a set of principles to be adopted
        + Main features of Dhamma Edicts
          1. Service to father & mother, practice of ahimsa, love of truth, reverence to teachers & good treatment of relatives
          2. Prohibition of animal sacrifices & festive gatherings, avoiding expensive & meaningless ceremonies & rituals
          3. Efficient organization of administration for social welfare, maintenance of constant contact with people through system of Dharmmayatras.
     6. Rock Edicts
        + 1 – Prohibition of animal sacrifices
        + 4 – Practice of ahimsa
        + 5 – Ashoka’s Dhamma
        + 12 – Religious tolerance
        + 13 – Kalinga war
     7. Sarnath Lion Capital
        + Elephant – dream of Queen Maya of a white elephant
        + Bull – desire during the life of Buddha as a prince
        + Horse – Buddha’s departure from palatal life
        + Lion(4) – accomplishment of Buddha hood
  4. DECLINE OF MAURYAN EMPIRE
     1. Weak rulers after Ashoka
     2. Financial crisis created problems (money spent on spreading dhammas, kalinga war)
     3. Iron Crisis, demand high(large area) low supply
  5. SUCCESSORS
     1. After Ashoka came Jaluka, ruled over Kashmir
     2. Last King – Brihadratha (killed by Pushyamitra Sunga (Brahmin)
  6. ADMINISTRATION
     1. Capital – Pataliputra
     2. City was administered by 6 committees with 5 members each
     3. Committees entrusted with departments like sanitation, registration, regulations etc.
     4. Armed forces (30 officers divided in 6 committees) 🡪 army, cavalry, elephants, chariots, navy, transport.
     5. Mauryan Empire was divided into 5 provinces:

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|  | Northern  (**Taxila**) |  |
| Western  (**Ujjain**) | Central Province  (**Magadha**) | Eastern  (**Toshali**/**Kalinga**) |
|  | Southern  (**Suvarngiri**) |  |

* + 1. Administration was highly centralized, king supreme, placed governors at provinces
    2. Slavery was present (Indian sources), denied by Megasthenese.
    3. Megasthenese in *Indica* mentioned 7 castes in society.
    4. Council of Ministers (Mantri Parishad) to help the king, (POST-WORK)
       - Mahamattas – Highest minister
       - Vyavharika Mahamatta – Judiciary Officers
       - Pilisanj – Public Relations Officers
       - Durgapala – Governor of forts
       - Antapala – Governor of frontiers (gates of empire)
       - Akshapatala – Accountant General
       - Sita adhyaksha – Superintendent of Agriculture
       - Nav adhyaksha – Superintendent of Ships (trade)
       - Loh adhyaksha – Superintendent of Iron
       - Pauthav adhyaksha – Superintendent of Weights & Measures
       - Akar adhyaksha – Superintendent of Mines
       - Sansth adhyaksha – Superintendent of Mint
       - Samasth adhyaksha – Superintendent of Market
    5. Registration of births & deaths, foreigners, industries, trade, manufacture, sales of goods, tax collection under the administrations control.
    6. Revenue Department
       - Samaharta – Tax collector (collects and gives to sannidhata)
       - Sannidhata – Treasurer
       - Punch marked coins
    7. Espionage System (Spies)
       - Sansthana – lives and reports in same place
       - Sanchari – lives outside and reports another
       - Vishkanyas (female)

1. **FOREIGN INVASIONS**
   1. **INDO GREEKS (Bactrians)**
      1. Scythians (Shakas) living near Oxus River attacked and pushed Greeks into India by the northwest front.
      2. Introduced gold coins in India, Hellenistic Art (curly hair), influenced Gandhara School of Art.
      3. First coins to bear names & images of rulers
      4. Called cotton as Sindon.
      5. King Menander (Milinda)
         * Capital at Sankal (Sialkot), Punjab
         * Follower Jupiter religion, converted to Buddhism by Nagasena/Nagarjuna
         * Conversion story in book *Milindapanho*/*Question* *of* *Milinda* (Sanskrit originally, later converted to Pali)
      6. Decline – Attack of The Scythians (Iranian Tribe)
   2. **SCYTHIANS/SHAKAS**
      1. The Satrap System
         * For eg: their area was divided into 5 parts, each part will have their own king, 5 kings
         * They were spread all over, no one king to rule all their territory.
      2. Iranian Nomadic Tribe, known to be dangerous and ruthless.
      3. Ujjain’s King Vikramaditya once defeated a group of scythians (difficult task, big victory). His name was famous now and used as a title by many kings after victory.
      4. King Rudradaman
         * Repaired Sudharshana Lake (Kathiawar Gujarat)
         * Inscriptions on Junagarh Inscriptions
         * Converted to Hinduism, married many Hindu women.
      5. Decline 🡪 Due to Satavanahas, lot of coins left behind, Satavanahas imprinted their kings on Scythians coins.
   3. **PARTHIANS**
      1. Iranian Origin
      2. Ruled over a small area in northwest India
      3. Most renowned king was Gondophernes
         * Christian missionary – St. Thomas
      4. Sources – Takht-i-Bahi Inscription (Mardan, near Peshawar, Pakistan)
   4. **KUSHANS**
      1. Came from Central Asia near China (Chinese Tribe), empire in North India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran
      2. Coins had god on one face, king on other (kings compared to gods)
      3. King Kanishka
         * 4th Buddhist Council
         * Scholars
           1. Ashvaghosha – wrote *Buddhacharita* (Buddha’s biography), *Sutralankar*
           2. Vasumitra – presided 4th Buddhist Council
           3. Charaka – Physician, book – *Charakhsamhita*
         * Propagated Mahayan Buddhism
         * Trade through silk route flourished (at peak), silk route passed through Kushans Empire (collected tax, Kushans got richer)
         * Introduced uniform for Cavalry
      4. Link to Gupta Empire – Feudal System
         * Feudal Lord – A person appointed by king to look after a piece of land
         * Took advantage and made this position hereditary
         * One Feudal lord named Sri Gupta took land and illegally declared it for himself, named it Gupta Empire. Kushans were weak at the time.
         * Guptas are feudatories of Kushans (Kushans se hi Guptas nikal ke aye hai)
2. **GUPTA EMPIRE**
   1. Sources
      1. Literary – *Devichandraguptam* & *Mudrarakshasam* by Vishakadutta (Rise of Guptas)
      2. Fa-Hein (Chinese traveler)
         * Chandragupta II’s reign
         * Social, Economic and Religious accounts left by him
      3. Epigraphical Sources (Information from inscriptions)
         * Mehrauli Iron Pillar, Delhi 🡪 Chandragupta I
         * Allahabad Pillar Inscription, UP 🡪 Samudragupta
           1. An Ashokan Pillar(RE 1 to 6)
           2. , written in Sanskrit, 33 lines by Harisena
         * Bairut Inscription, Rajasthan 🡪 Ashoka
         * Hathigumpha Inscription, Orrissa 🡪 Kalinga Ruler Kharavela
         * Junagarh Pillar, Gujarat 🡪 Rudradaman I (Scythian)
      4. Numismatic Sources
         * Coins by Gupta Kings – titles and sacrifices performed by Guptas.
   2. RULERS
      1. **SRI GUPTA** – Founder, Title “Maharaja”
      2. **GHATOTKACHA** – Son of Sri Gupta, Title “Maharaja”
      3. **CHANDRAGUPTA I** (Maharajadhiraja)
         * Son of Ghatotkacha
         * Guptas were Vaishyas till now, to level up he marries Kshatriyan.
         * Married Kumardevi (Lichchhavi Princess, Magadha), two sons Kachagupta & Samudragupta.
         * Considered 1st great king of Guptas
         * Issued coins in his names of queen and himself
      4. **SAMUDRAGUPTA** (Vikramanka/Kaviraja)
         * Title “Indian Napolean” by Vincent Smith, military genius
         * Called “Restorer of Ashvamedha” mentioned in his coins.
         * Allahabad Inscriptions (Harisena-court poet)
         * Region 🡪 Himalayas to Krishna/Godavari Rivers & Balkh (Afghanistan) to Brahmaputra Rivers
         * It is said he defeated 9 kings in Ganges Valley, 12 Kings in southern region & 18 forest tribes.
         * Followed Vaishnavite Hinduism (tolerant of other faiths)
         * Gave permission to Sri Lankan King Meghverman for building monastery in Bodh Gaya
         * Played Veena, expert in Veena.
      5. **CHANDRAGUPTA II**
         * Known as “Vikramaditya”/”Sakari” (destroyer of Shakas)
         * Son of Samudragupta & Dattadevi
         * Chinese traveler – Fa Hein
         * Mehrauli Iron Pillar, Qutub Minar, Delhi – conquests details
         * Story 🡪 Ramagupta, elder brother lost to Shakas, promised his wife in exchange for his life.
         * Chandragupta II wore Dhruvadevi’s sari and went in place of her, killed Shakas and saved Dhruvadevi, killed his brother & married her later 🡪 *Devichandraguptam* by Vishkhadutta.
         * Political Marriages
           1. Nagas (Saurashtra, Gujarat), Vakatakas (Maharashtra)
           2. Married to Kubernaga, their daughter (Prabhadevi Gupta) to Vakataka ruler Rudrasena II of Maharashtra.
         * First to issue silver coins
         * Navratnas
           1. Kalidas (Poet)
           2. Amarsimha (Poet)
           3. Harisena (Poet)
           4. Varahamihira (Writer)
           5. Vararuchi (Grammatist)
           6. Kahapanaka (Astrologer)
           7. Dhanvantri (Physician)
           8. Shanku (Architect)
           9. Vetalbhatta (Magician)
      6. **KUMARGUPTA I** (Mahendraditya)
         * Son of Dhruvadevi
         * Founded Nalanda University (Rajgir, Bihar)
         * Kalidas (Shakespeare of India) flourished
         * Hunas tribe of central Asia attacked.
      7. **SKANDAGUPTA** (Vikramaditya)
         * Last great ruler of Gupta Dynasty
         * Repulsed Hunas Attack twice
         * Bhitari Pillar (Ghazipur, UP)
      8. **Vishnugupta** 🡪 last known ruler of Guptas
   3. ADMINISTRATION
      1. Issued largest no. of gold coins – Dinar
      2. Forced labour/Vishti was practiced.
      3. Kinship was hereditary
      4. Absence of primogeniture (jisme quality hogi wo raja banega, no seniority)
      5. No registration of people movement
      6. No spy system
      7. No fear of thieves (strict rules)
   4. Officials & their functions
      1. Sarvadhyaksha 🡪 Inspector of all central departments
      2. Mahashwapati 🡪 Cavalry
      3. Mahamahipalapati 🡪 Elephants
      4. Vianyapura 🡪 Respresented guests to King’s court
      5. Khadyapakika 🡪 Arms and Ammunition stores
      6. Mahanarpati 🡪 Infantry
   5. **LITERATURE WORKS**
      1. KALIDASA
         * Classical Sanskrit writer, greatest poet and dramatist of Gupta Period
         * Six Major Works
           1. *Abhigyanashakuntalam*
           2. *Meghdutam*
           3. *Kumarsambhavam*
           4. *Malvikagnimitram*
           5. *Vikramorvarshiyam*
           6. *Raghuvamsha*
      2. SHUDRAKA
         * King as well as poet
         * Famous 3 Sanskrit plays contributed by him
           1. *Mrichchhakatika* (The Little Clay Cart)
           2. *Vinavasavadatta*
           3. *A Bhana* (Short one-act monologue)
           4. *Padamaprabharitaka*
      3. HARISENA
         * Was a panegyrist (hard rock writing), Sanskrit poet and govt minister
         * Wrote poems praising the bravery of Samudragupta, engraved on Allahabad Pillar
      4. DANDIN
         * *Kavyadarshana* and *Dasakumarcharita* were famous works by him
         * *Dasa kumar charita* ‘The Tale of Ten Princess’ represents the adventures of 10 princess
      5. ARYABHATTA
         * Book ‘*Suryasiddanta*’ 🡪 explains true cause of the solar and lunar eclipses
         * Calculation of size of earth is very near to Modern Estimation
         * First astronomer to discover and declare the earth rotates around its axis
         * Author of *Aryabhattiyam* 🡪 arithmetic’s geometry, algebra, trigonometry
         * First to use decimal system, calculated the value of pie
      6. VARAHAMIHIRA
         * Book ‘*Brihatsamhita’* 🡪 encyclopedia of astronomy, botany, physical geography and natural history
         * Other works 🡪*Pancha* *Siddhantika*, *Brihatjataka*
      7. VISHAKHADUTTA
         * *Devichandraguptam* – Story of Chandragupta II and Shakas
         * *Mudrarakshasam* – ascent of King Chandragupta Maurya (Chanakya) in Sanskrit
      8. Works of Medicine 🡪 *Charaka samhita, Sushruta Samhita* 
         * Hospitals were setup, use of mercury & iron in medicine
   6. UNIVERSITIES
      1. Odantpuri (Buddhist) – Gopala
      2. Vallabhi University – Bhattarka
      3. Jagadai University – Rampala
      4. Nalanda Univ – Kumargupta
   7. GOLDEN AGE – lot of development/research in fields of medicine, education, literature. Heavy tax collection made Gupta’s rich.
   8. KEY POINTS
      1. Land grants
         * Agrahara – Tax free land gifted to Brahmans by Gupta Kings
         * Devagrahara – Worship place(eg: temple) that is broken, land given to repair this place (earn money from this land)
         * Secular Grant – When officers retired, King would give them land so they can spend their rest of their lives easily.
3. **SATAVAHANAS**
   1. Also called as “Andhra Dynasty” in Puranas
   2. They were Brahmans, came to restore Brahmin superiority.
   3. Settles in Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra, capital – Junnar(near Pune)
   4. Sources
      1. Puranas
      2. Naneghat Inscription, near Junnar, Maharashtraf
      3. Hathi-Gumpha Inscription, Udyagiri Hills, Bhuvaneswar, Odisha
      4. Nahapana Coins
   5. RULERS
      1. Simuka – 1st ruler
      2. Sri Satakarni
      3. Gautamiputra Satakarni (The only Brahmana, Destroyer of Sakas)
         * Son is known from mother’s name, something special. Respect to female
      4. Vashistiputra Pulamayi
         * First king who started portraits on coins, learnt from Indo-Greeks
      5. Vashistputra Satakarni
      6. Yajna Sri Satakarni
         * Last great king
   6. ADMINISTRATION
      1. Top 3 powerful people
         * Highest Level – King
         * 2nd Level – Mahabhuja
         * 3rd Level – Senapati
      2. Religion – Brahmanism
         * Ashwamedh yagya common
   7. IMPORTANT POINTS
      1. Used gold to make bricks instead of coins
      2. Made coins of bronze, copper, lead
      3. Districts/Provinces – Aharas
      4. Language – Prakrit (Script – Brahmani)
         * Prakrit Text – Gathasattasai (about a life of this King Halas)
      5. Gods – Krishna, Vasudeva
      6. Satavahanas promoted Buddhism (shocking)
      7. Build Nagajuna & Amravati Stupa
      8. Construction of Chaityas (worship place) & Viharas (accommodation for monks)
      9. Diverse culture
4. **PUSHYABHUTI DYNASTY/VARDHAN DYNASTY**
   1. SOURCES
      1. Book *Harshacharita* – by Banabhatta (life of Harsha)
      2. Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang
      3. Aihole Inscription (Karnataka) – Harsha was defeated (river Narmada) by Pulakesin II (Chalukya King of Badami), Hiuen Tsang also mentioned this in his book *Si-Yu-Ki.*
   2. **PUSHYABHUTI VARDHANA**
      1. Possible a mythical lord, was a feudal lord, did the same thing with Guptas which Guptas did with Kushans. Took land illegally from Guptas when they were weak and attacked from Huns
   3. **HARSHA VARDHANA**
      1. Younger son of Prabhakara Vardhana.
      2. First converted from Hinduism 🡪 Hinayana Buddhism 🡪 Mahayana Buddhism (Tsang’s influence).
      3. Patron of arts, accomplished writer. Credited Sanskrit works 🡪 *Ratnavali, Priyadarshika, Nagananda*
      4. Capital – Kannauj (UP), described Lord of the North (Sakalauttarapathanatha), Kanauj important tax collection point in trade routes.
      5. Supported Nalanda University.
      6. Dynasty achieved imperial status.
      7. Empire disintegrated without any heirs.
   4. ADMINISTRATION
      1. Officer to decide about war and peace Mahasandhi Vigzahak
      2. Highest official of the Army Mahabaladhikrit
      3. The Commander Baladhikrit
      4. Head of Cavalry Vrihadeshwar
      5. Ordinary officer Ayuktak
      6. Head of elephant brigade Katuk
      7. Foreign minister Doot Rajastharuya
      8. Provincial head Uparik Maharaj
   5. SOCIETY
      1. Varna system was followed (B,K,V,S)
      2. Women position declined (no swayamwar, dowry, sati, no widow remarriage)
      3. 3 ways of disposal of dead bodies (Cremations, Water Burials, Exposure in woods)
      4. Not well maintained Law and Order
         * Several punishment for crimes
         * Robbery was equal to second treason
         * Punishment 🡪 Robber’s right hand was amputed
         * Under the influence of Buddhism, punishment changed to Life Imprisonment
      5. Kannauj Assembly
         * Event for 23 days
         * Ek bahut bada mela, tribute to Hiuen Tsang. He will be honored here in front of scholars of all religions.
      6. Allahabad Conference
         * Every 5 years, a big meeting for donation organized by Harsha. According to Hiuen Tsang, Harsha’s was a lavish that he emptied and even gave away clothes and jewels he was wearing.
   6. REVENUE
      1. Hieun Tsang tells that revenue divide into 4 parts
         * One Earmarked for expenditure by King
         * Second Scholars
         * Third Endowment of officials and public servants
         * Fourth Religious purposes
      2. Good tax structure, 1/4th of all taxes for charity and for cultural purposes
5. Harsha dies in 647 AD and some year back, in 571 AD Prophet Mohammad was born in Mecca (Saudi Arabia). He grew up and founded the religion of Islam. He wanted to propagate Islam all over the world.

**Other Dynasties towards the end of Ancient History**

1. **CHALUKYAS**
   1. Mixture of both North & South Indian culture.
   2. Large coastal boundary (+ve 🡪 trade, -ve 🡪 prone to more attacks)
   3. Source – Aihole Inscription (written by court poet Ravikirti), Karnataka.
   4. Pulkeshin I (founder) 🡪 Capital – Badami(other name Vatapi), Karnataka
   5. Pulkeshin II
      1. Ganga ruler Durvita accepted him as the supreme among all, above god (overlordship), Durvita’s daughter married him.
      2. Defeated
         * Harsha Vardhan on the banks of river Narmada.
         * Pallava King
      3. Battle of Vatapi/Badami (Narsimhavarman I vs Pulkeshin II)
         * Narshima wins and gave him title “Vatapikunda”
   6. Last ruler – Kirtivarman II, lost to Dantidurga (Rashtrakuta King)
   7. ADMINISTRATION & SOCIAL LIFE
      1. Administration is highly centralized, more power to king.
      2. Village autonomy was absent.
      3. Strong maritime power, strong navy.
      4. Small standing army.
      5. Religion – Brahmincal Hindus, respected other religions also.
      6. Acc. to Hiuen Tsang, Hindu religion is spreading fast in Western Deccan area, Buddhism is declining. Economy is also rising.
      7. Chalukyas started building a lot of Hindu temples (attracting), employment & businesses improving economy.
   8. TEMPLES
2. **RASHTRAKUTAS**
   1. Kannada Origin, rose up against Chalukyas under Dantidurga
   2. Language – Kannada, Area – Karnataka
      1. DANTIDURGA
         * Defeated Kirtivarman II (last ruler of Chalukya), estd Rashtrakutas
         * Defeated Gurjars
      2. KRISHNA I
         * Defeated Eastern Chalukya region
         * Built Kailash Temple (rock cut) in Ellora, Maharashtra. (Magnificent temple)
      3. GOVINDA III
         * Achieved victories over North-Indian kingdoms
      4. AMOGHAVARSHA I
         * Compared to Vikramaditya, famous for cultural development
         * Followed Jainism
         * Built the capital – Malkhed/Manyakheta
         * Teacher – Jinasena (Book – *Parsvabhudaya, on* 23rd Tirthankar Parsavnath)
         * Kannada poetry – *Kavirajmarg* (first poetic work in Kannada Language), *Prashnottar* *Mallika*
      5. KRISHNA III
         * Marched against Cholas, captured Tanjore.
         * After him the dynasty started to decline.
         * Set up pillar of victory and temple at Rameshvaram
   3. Rashtrakutas after victory over any land, would build temples in that place.
   4. Administration (imp)
      1. Today – Country 🡪 State 🡪 Districts 🡪 Blokcks 🡪 Villages
      2. Back then – Empire 🡪 Rashtra 🡪 VIshya 🡪 Bhukti 🡪 Grama
      3. Heads – King 🡪 Rashtrapati 🡪 Vishyapati 🡪 Bhogapati 🡪 Gramapati
   5. Society & Economy
      1. Promoted/supported Jainism, even though they worshipped Lord Shiva (hindus), Jainism was famous in Karnataka because of Bhadrabahu & Chandragupta Maurya (a great king who dies of Sallekhana, a Jain ritual, this influenced Kannada people).
      2. 1/3rd population in Deccan region followed Jainism
      3. Growing economy – temples, started trade with Arabs (Muslims), reason why Muslims connected with India and later came to loot rich India.
      4. Kailash Temple
         * 16 square pillars
         * One Sculpture – Ravana was making attempts to lift Mount Kailash
      5. Great Mathematician – Viracharya
         * Book – *Ganitasaram*
      6. Kannada Poets –
         * Pampa – Book (Vikramasenavijaya)
         * Ponna – Book (Santipurana)
      7. Grammar Book – *Amogavritti* (Poet Sakatayana)
   6. DECLINE 🡪 South Indian king together attacked and finished this dynasty. Cholas took advantage of this.
3. **CHOLAS**
   1. With the decline of Rashtrakutas, Cholas started growing.
   2. Cholas were the feudatories of Pallavas.
      1. Vijaylaya (founder) – A feudal lord under Pallava, captured land illegally and started Chola Empire.
   3. Capital – Tanjore
   4. RULERS
      1. Raja Raja I
         * Biggest contribution to expansion of Chola Empire.
         * Destroyed the navy of Cheras.
         * Attacked Pandyas, captured Madurai
         * Invaded & captured Sri Lanka (northern part only)
         * Conquered Maldives
         * Annexed North west part of Gangas
         * Constructed Brihadeshwara (Rajarajeshwar Temple) Temple, Tanjore, TN – Lord Shiva
         * Followed Lord Shiva (Shaivism)
      2. Rajendra I
         * Baap ki kami puri kar di, followed only Annexation Policy” only when he came to throne. He had the same thinking as his father.
         * Finished remenants of Pandyas & Cheras
         * Finally did the complete annexation of Pandyas, Cheras & Sri Lanka (captured southern part)
         * Complete annexation of Gangas – titled himself “Gangaikondachola”
         * Attacks & captured Indonesian SriVijay Dynasty, to establish sea trade route with China via Indonesia.(Malacca Strait)
         * BoB 🡪 Chola Lake
   5. SOCIETY
      1. King is the center, assisted by Council of Ministers.
      2. Acc. to Marco Polo, in there empire, if King dies then his bodyguard also have to sacrifice their lives later.
      3. Kings were highly discipline, took regular inspections.
      4. Armed Forces
         * Army – Elephants, Infantry, Cavalry, Bodygaurds
         * Navy – Malabar coast & Coromandal Coast
      5. Built a royal network of roads
      6. Sources of occupation 🡪 Agriculture, stealing
   6. DECLINE 🡪 New rulers like Kakatiayas, Hoysalas, Yadavs have replaced Cholas
   7. Kannauj Triangle (tripartite struggle) 🡪 Kannauj is very important place for tax collection as trade route passes through. It was surrounded by Gurjara Pratiharas in North, Palas in east and Rashtrakutas in south.
      1. Strongest – Rashtrakutas but can’t focus well as struggling with south indian kings, so in the north Pratiharas are gaining an advantage.