**India After Gandhi**The History of the   
World’s Largest Democracy

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Prologue  
  
Unnatural Nation

Part I

The part talks about the division of a society and the partitioning of places by the British Crown. Mirza Asadullah Khan reflects some of his thoughts and emotions through a poem called ‘Chirag-i-Dair’ (Temple Lamps) during 1827. The First War of Indian Independence was fought by the native and the colonialists during 1857, but that led to more control of Crown powers as it didn’t succeed.

Part II

During 1888, the British Raj was solidly established in India with the help of one of the British Governor General’s Council members, none other than John Strachey as his lectures of success in Cambridge, published a book titled as *India*. He also experienced that the subcontinent like India was neither observed nor will be seen. Gradually Indian colonies with Indian National Congress parties started speaking of self governance and freedom. In 1891, Kipling, a journalist, visited Australia where the people thought the Indians' immature minds were incapable of self-governance. After Gandhi’s salt *satyagraha* in 1930, Winston Churchill started speaking to nationalists about the colony dominion status, but not fully agreed to hand it over the power as he predicted the perishment of services and authorities lead back to barbarism and privations of the Middle Ages.

Part III