Indian History: Indian History is a topic of interest to many people in India including foreigners because of the cultures and civilizations which existed in this sub-continent. History of India can be studied under political, cultural, religious or economic heads.

History of India
Indian History can be classified into three periods
Ancient India
Medieval India
Modern India

Ancient India (Pre-historic to AD 700)
- The History of India begins with the Indus Valley Civilization and the coming of the Aryans.
- These two phases are generally names has the pre-Vedic and Vedic periods.
- Ancient India can have a study under other heads like Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic period based on the type of stone/metal tools people used.

Paleolithic Period (2 million BC – 10,000 BC)
- In Paleolithic, the discovery of Period Fire has taken place.
- In this period tools design is done by using limestone.
Important Paleolithic sites: Bhimbetka (M.P), Hunsgi, Kurnool Caves, Narmada Valley (Hathnora, M.P), Kaladgi Basin

**Mesolithic Period (10,000 BC – 8,000 BC)**

- Major Climatic Change happened during this period
- Domestication of animals i.e. Cattle rearing started
- Microliths found at Brahmagiri (Mysore), Narmada, Vindya, Gujarat

**Neolithic Period (8000 BC – 4,000 BC)**

- During this period Agriculture Started
- The discovery of Wheel has taken place in this period

Important Neolithic Sites:

- Burzahom (Kashmir)
- Gufkral (Kashmir)
- Mehrgarh (Pakistan)
- Chirand (Bihar)
- Daojali Hading (Tripura/Assam)
- Koldihwa (UP)
- Mahagara (UP)
- Hallur (AP)
- Paiyampalli (AP)
- Maski
- Kodekal
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**Chalcolithic Period (4000 BC – 1,500 BC)**

- This age is called as Copper Age.
- It is a part of Bronze Age.
- Indus Valley Civilization (BC 2700 – BC 1900).
- Also cultures at Brahmagiri, Navada Toli (Narmada region), Mahishadal (W.Bengal), Chirand (Ganga region)

**Iron Age (BC 1500 – BC 200)**

Vedic Period (Arrival of Aryans i.e. BC 1600 – BC 600) has taken place in this period i.e Nearly 1000 years

- Jainism and Buddhism are the main religions in this period
- Mahajanapadas the major Civilization after Indus Valley is on banks of river Ganga.
- Magadha empire – Bimbisara of Haryanka Kula
- Sisunga dynasty – Kalasoka (Kakavarnin)
- Nanda empire – Mahapadma-Nanda, Dhana-Nanda
- Persian- Greek: Alexander 327 BC
Mauryan Empire (321-185 BC)

**Important rules of Mauryan Empire:**

- Chandra Gupta Maurya
- Bindusara
- Asoka

Gupta Kingdom (300AD – 800AD): Classical Period

**Important ruler of Gupta Period**

Samudra Gupta (Indian Napoleon)

Medieval India (AD 700 – AD 1857)

Kingdoms of South India During Medieval India

- Bhamini
- Vijayanagara
- Delhi Sultanate (1206 AD – 1526 AD)

The following dynasties flourished one after the other during the Delhi Sultanate period.

- Slave Dynasty
- Kilji Dynasty
- Tuglaq Dynasty
- Sayyid Dynasty
- Lodi Dynasty
Mughals (AD 1526 – AD 1857)

➢ The Mughals from Babar (1526) to Aurangzeb (1707) were more powerful and hence known as Great Mughals.
➢ Mughals who ruling is from 1707 to 1857 is Later Mughals.
➢ During this period, there was arrival of Europeans
➢ Marathas and Sikh are the other Kingdoms of North India.

Modern India (AD 1857 to present)

➢ In 1857 the first War of Indian Independence has started
➢ Formation of Indian National Congress has taken place in 1885.
➢ In 1906 they took the formation of Muslim League.
➢ Non-Co-operation Movement took a start in the year 1920.
➢ In the year 1930, the Civil Disobedience Movement has taken place.
➢ Quit India Movement started in the year 1942.
➢ In the year 1947 Partition of India has taken place from Pakistan and India won Independence from British people.
➢ From 1946 to 1950 the Constitutional Development of India took place.
➢ During this period, there were wars between India- Pakistan, and India-China.
➢ Formation of Bangladesh has taken place during this period
➢ New Economic Policy of 1991
- Nuclear, Space and Defense Development.
- New notes like 2000 and 200 came in to force during the period.

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