important Dates of Indian History



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| B.C. |
| 2500-1800 | Indus valley civilization. |
| 599 | Birth of Mahavir; Nirvana in 523. B.C. |
| 563 | Birth of Gautam Buddha; Nirvana in 483 B.C. |
| 327–26 | Alexander’s invasion of India and the opening of land route between India and Europe. |
| 269–232 | Ashoka’s reign. |
| 261 | Battle of Kalinga. |
| 57 | Beginning of Vikrama era. |
| 30 | Satvahana dynasty in Deccan. Pandyan empire in for south. |
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| A.D. |
| 78 | Beginning of Saka era. |
| 320 | Beginning of Gupta era. |
| 360 | Samudragupta conquers the whole of N. India and much of the Deccan. |
| 380–413 | Rule of Chandragupta Vikramaditya, age of Kalidasa, renewal of Hinduism. |
| 606–647 | Rule of Harshavardhana. |
| 629–645 | Hieun Tsang’s visit in India. |
| 622 | Beginning of Hijra era. |
| 712 | Arab invasion of Sind by Mohd. Bin Qasim. |
| 1001–27 | Repeated attacks of Mehmud Ghazni. |
| 1025 | Sacking of Somnath temple by Mehmud. |
| 1191 | First battle of Tarain in which Prithviraj Chauhan defeated Mohd. Gauri. |
| 1192 | Second battle of Tarain in which Mohd. Gauri defeated Prithviraj Chauhan. |
| 1206 | Qutubuddin Aibak founded the llbari/Slave dynasty. |
| 1290 | Jalaluddin Firuz Khilji established Khilji dynasty. |
| 1290 | Marco Polo visited India. |
| 1320 | Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq founded the Tughlaq dynasty. |
| 1333 | Iba Batuta arrived in India. |
| 1336 | Harihara and Bukka founded the Vijaynagar empire. |
| 1347 | Bahmani kingdome founded. |
| 1398 | Timur invades India. |
| 1451 | Lodi dynasty comes in power in Delhi Sultanate. |
| 1469 | Birth of Guru Nanak Dev. |
| 1498 | Vasco da Gama lands at Calicut. |
| 1510 | Portuguese capture Goa-Albuquerque Governor. |
| 1526 | First Battle of Panipat in which Babar defeated Ibrahim Lodhi and established the Mughal dynasty. |
| 1556 | Second battle of Panipat in Which Akbar defeated Hemu. |
| 1565 | Battle of Talikota in which Vijaynagar empire is defeated. |
| 1571 | Foundation of Fatehpur Sikri by Akbar. |
| 1576 | Battle of Haldighati in which Akbar defeated Maharana Pratap. |
| 1582 | Akbar started Din-i-Ilahi. |
| 1600 | English East India Company established. |
| 1604 | Compilation of Adi Granth. |
| 1605 | Death of Akbar. |
| 1611 | The English built a factory at Masulipatnam. |
| 1627 | Birth of Shivaji. |
| 1631 | Death of Shah Jahan’s wife Mumtaj Mahal. The building of Taj Mahal. |
| 1658 | Aurangzab became Emperor of Delhi. |
| 1666 | Birth of Guru Govind Singh. |
| 1699 | Guru Govind Singh creates ‘Khalsa’. |
| 1707 | Death of Aurangzab, fall of Mughal empire begins. |
| 1739 | Nadir Shah invaded India; the peacock throne and Kohinoor Diamond taken away from India. |
| 1757 | Battle of Plassey in which the English defeated Siraj-ud-daula, Nawab of Bengal. |
| 1760 | Battle of Wandiwash, end of French power in India. |
| 1761 | Third Battle of Panipat in which Ahmed Shah Abdali defeated the Marathas. |
| 1764 | Battle of Buxar in which the English defeated the triple alliance of Nawab Mir Qasim of Bengal, Nawab Shuja-ud-daula of Awadh and Mughal emperor Shah Alam. |
| 1793 | Permanent settlement in Bengal. |
| 1799 | Fourth Anglo Mysore War, death of Tipu Sultan, Ranjit Singh occupied Lahore and made it his capital. |
| 1817–19 | Marathas finally crushed. |
| 1828 | Lord William Bentick becomes Governor General; Era of social reforms; Prohibition of Sati (1829), Suppression of thugs (1830). |
| 1835 | Introduction of English as medium of instruction. |
| 1853 | First Indian railway from Bombay to Thane. |
| 1857–58 | First war of Indian Independence. |
| 1858 | British crown takes over the Indian Government; End of East India Company’s rule. |
| 1861 | Birth of Rabindra Nath Tagore. |
| 1869 | Birth of M. K. Gandhi. |
| 1885 | Formation of Indian National Congress. |
| 1905 | Partition of Bengal by Lord Curzon. |
| 1906 | Formation of All India Muslim League. |
| 1909 | Minto-Morley Reforms. |
| 1911 | Delhi durbar held, partition of Bengal cancelled, capital shifted from Calcutta to Delhi. |
| 1914 | World war I started. |
| 1918 | End of World war I . |
| 1919 | Rowlatt Act, Jallianwala Bagh masscare, Montague-Chelmsford reforms. |
| 1920 | Non-cooperation Movement launched. |
| 1921 | Moplah rebellion in Malabar; visit of Prince of Wales. |
| 1922 | Chauri-Chaura incidence. |
| 1923 | Swaraj party formed. |
| 1927 | Simon Commission appointed. |
| 1928 | Visit of Simon Commission to India, death of Lala Lajpat Rai. |
| 1929 | Congress demanded ‘Poorna Swaraj’ in Lahore session.  |
| 1930 | January 26 celebrated as independence Day throughout India, Dandi Salt Satyagraha, First Raound Table conference. |
| 1931 | Gandhi-Irvin Pact, Second Round Table Conference. |
| 1932 | Suppression of Congress Movement, Third Round Table conference, Communal Award, Poona Pact. |
| 1935 | Government of India Act.  |
| 1937 | Inauguration of Provincial Autonomy. Congress ministers formed in 8 out of 11 provinces. |
| 1939 | Resignation of Congress ministers, beginning of World War II. |
| 1942 | Cripps Mission Plan, Quit India Movement, Formation of Indian National Army by Subhas Chandra Bose. |
| 1945 | Simla conference held and the failure of Wavell Plan, INA trials at Red Fort, Delhi. |
| 1946 | Cabinet Mission Plan, Formation of Interim Government, Direct Action Resolution by Muslim League. |
| 1947 | Mountbatten Plan of June 3 in which partition of India resolution is proposed, India divided, Pakistan created, both achieve independence, Jawaharlal Nehru becomes the Ist Prime Minister of India. |