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Ancient India

- Harappan (Indus Valley) cities: Mohenjo-daro, Harappa, Dholavira, Lothal, Kalibangan.
- Great Bath and granaries show advanced town planning and drainage.
- Mauryan empire founded by Chandragupta Maurya; Ashoka spread Dhamma after Kalinga.
- Sources: Arthashastra by Kautilya, Megasthenes' Indica, Ashokan edicts.

Medieval India

- Vijayanagara empire capital: Hampi; described by traveller Domingo Paes.
- Mughal chronicle Akbarnama and Ain-i-Akbari written by Abul Fazl.
- The zabt revenue system and mansabdari administrative system under Akbar.
- Bhakti and Sufi movements stressed devotion and social equality.

Modern India

- 1857 revolt began at Meerut; called the First War of Independence.
- Permanent Settlement (1793) introduced by Lord Cornwallis in Bengal.
- Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience (Dandi March 1930) and Quit India (1942) movements.
- Constitution framed by the Constituent Assembly; Dr B. R. Ambedkar chaired the drafting committee.
- Partition of India in 1947 and the making of the Republic in 1950.

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