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DYNASTIES AND TIMELINES

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ANCIENT INDIA

S.No.	Dynasty	Time Period	Region	Remarks
1	Indus Valley Civilization	c. 2600 – 1900 BCE	Northwestern India & Pakistan	Prehistoric urban culture
2	Vedic Period (Early)	c. 1500 – 1000 BCE	North & Northwest India	Rig Veda composed
3	Vedic Period (Later)	c. 1000 – 600 BCE	Ganga-Yamuna Doab	Rise of Mahajanapadas
4	Mahajanapadas	c. 600 – 300 BCE	Northern India	16 Kingdoms including Magadha
5	Haryanka Dynasty	c. 544 – 413 BCE	Magadha	Bimbisara, Ajatashatru
6	Shishunaga Dynasty	c. 413 – 345 BCE	Magadha	Replaced Haryankas
7	Nanda Dynasty	c. 345 – 321 BCE	Magadha	Huge army, overthrown by Mauryas
8	Maurya Dynasty	c. 321 – 185 BCE	Pan-India	Chandragupta, Ashoka
9	Shunga Dynasty	c. 185 – 73 BCE	North India	Post-Maurya, Pushyamitra Shunga
10	Kanva Dynasty	c. 73 – 28 BCE	Magadha	Replaced Shungas
11	Satavahana Dynasty	c. 1st c. BCE – 3rd c. CE	Deccan	Post-Mauryan Deccan power
12	Indo-Greek Kingdom	c. 180 BCE – 10 CE	Northwest India	Cultural fusion, Menander
13	Saka (Western Kshatrapas)	c. 1st c. BCE – 4th c. CE	Western India	Saka era started in 78 CE
14	Kushan Dynasty	c. 1st – 3rd c. CE	Northwest India	Kanishka, Mahayana Buddhism
15	Gupta Dynasty	c. 320 – 550 CE	North India	Golden Age of India
16	Vakataka Dynasty	c. 250 – 500 CE	Deccan	Contemporary of Guptas
17	Pallava Dynasty	c. 275 – 897 CE	Tamil Nadu	Temple architecture

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				flourished
18	Kadamba Dynasty	c. 345 – 525 CE	Karnataka	Early Kannada rulers
19	Pushyabhuti (Vardhana) Dynasty	c. 6th – 7th c. CE	North India	Harshavardhana
20	Chalukya Dynasty	c. 543 – 753 CE	Karnataka	Badami Chalukyas
21	Rashtrakuta Dynasty	c. 753 – 982 CE	Deccan	Patron of arts & architecture
22	Pala Dynasty	c. 750 – 1174 CE	Bengal	Patronized Nalanda University
23	Pratihara Dynasty	c. 650 – 1036 CE	North India	Tripartite struggle
24	Paramara Dynasty	c. 800 – 1305 CE	Malwa	Bhoja Paramara
25	Chola Dynasty	c. 850 – 1279 CE	Tamil Nadu	Rajaraja & Rajendra Chola
26	Chalukyas of Kalyani	c. 973 – 1189 CE	Karnataka	Western Chalukyas
27	Chandela Dynasty	c. 9th – 13th c. CE	Central India	Built Khajuraho temples

MEDIEVAL INDIA

S.No	Dynasty/Empire	Time Period	Region	Remarks
1	Palas	c. 750 – 1174 CE	Bengal, Bihar	Patron of Buddhism, Nalanda
2	Pratiharas	c. 650 – 1036 CE	Rajasthan, U.P.	Tripartite struggle
3	Rashtrakutas	c. 753 – 982 CE	Deccan	Patron of art, Ellora
4	Cholas (Imperial)	c. 850 – 1279 CE	Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka, SE Asia	Naval power, temple architecture
5	Chahamanas (Chauhans)	c. 950 – 1192 CE	Rajasthan	Defeated by Ghori in 1192 (Tarain)
6	Ghaznavid Dynasty	c. 971 – 1186 CE	Punjab (from Ghazni, Afghanistan)	Mahmud of Ghazni's raids
7	Ghurid Dynasty	c. 1173 – 1206 CE	North India (Delhi conquest)	Muhammad Ghori established control
8	Delhi Sultanate (Total)	1206 – 1526 CE	North & parts of South India	5 Dynasties listed below ↓
8.1	Mamluk/Slave Dynasty	1206 – 1290 CE	Delhi	Qutb-ud-din Aibak, Iltutmish
8.2	- Khilji Dynasty	1290 – 1320 CE	Delhi	Alauddin Khilji's market reforms
8.3	- Tughlaq	1320 –	Delhi	Muhammad bin

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	Dynasty	1414 CE		Tughlaq's experiments
8.4	- Sayyid Dynasty	1414 – 1451 CE	Delhi	Weakened rule post-Timur's invasion
8.5	- Lodi Dynasty	1451 – 1526 CE	Delhi	Defeated by Babur in 1st Battle of Panipat
9	Vijayanagara Empire	1336 – 1646 CE	South India	Krishnadevaraya, temple architecture
10	Bahmani Sultanate	1347 – 1527 CE	Deccan	Later split into 5 Deccan Sultanates
11	Deccan Sultanates	c. 1490 – 1686 CE	Bijapur, Golconda, Ahmednagar etc.	Cultural centers, Indo-Islamic art
12	Mughal Empire	1526 – 1857 CE	Pan-India	Akbar to Aurangzeb, administrative excellence
13	Sur Empire	1540 – 1556 CE	North India	Sher Shah Suri, Grand Trunk Road
14	Sikh Confederacy (Early)	c. 1699 – 1799 CE	Punjab	Guru Gobind Singh, Khalsa formation
15	Maratha Confederacy	c. 1674 – 1818 CE	Maharashtra & Central India	Shivaji, Peshwas
16	Mysore Kingdom	c. 1399 – 1799 CE	Karnataka	Haider Ali, Tipu Sultan
17	Ahom Kingdom	1228 – 1826 CE	Assam	Longest ruling dynasty of medieval India

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18	Rajput States (Post-Chauhan)	13th – 18th Century	Rajasthan	Mewar, Marwar—resisted Mughals
19	Portuguese India	1498 – 1961 (Goa)	Coastal India (Goa, Daman, Diu)	First Europeans in India

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