

**PARTITION OF INDIA**

In accordance with the Indian Independence Act, 1947, India was partitioned on 15 August 1947 into India and Pakistan. It also provided for the complete end of British control over the Indian affairs from 15 August 1947. The power to rule from British was fully and finally transferred to the two dominions. Bloodshed and violence marked the exodus of refugees. In October 1947, a Pathan tribal force entered Kashmir with Pakistani backing. But Maharaja Hari Singh decided to accede to the Indian Union, allowing Indian troops to be airlifted to the state. In October 1947 Lord Mountbatten was appointed the Governor-General of free India and Jinnah the first Governor-General of Pakistan. Liaquat Ali Khan became its first Prime Minister. Pakistan became a dominion within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The boundaries of Pakistan emerged on the map of the world in 1947. This was accomplished on the basis of the two-nation theory.

Nehru the first Prime Minister of India.

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**India immediately after independence** ★

In 1948, Sir C. Rajagopalachari was appointed the first and the last Indian Governor-General of independent India. Jawaharlal Nehru took over the responsibility of the government as the first Prime Minister in 1950. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel independently undertook the task of the accession of all the princely states. All the princely states were merged into the adjoining provinces. States of Kashmir, Hyderabad and Mysore were merged later. Mahatma Gandhi started a fast to safeguard the rights of the Muslims. On 30 January 1948, he was assassinated by Nathuram Vinayak Godse when he was at a prayer meeting in the Birla House in Delhi. On 13 September 1948, the Indian Army entered into Hyderabad after the Razakars resorted to violent activities. The state of Hyderabad acceded to the Indian Union. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent Assembly passed the new Constitution of India. On 26 January 1950, India was declared a republic and Dr. Rajendra Prasad became the first President, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-President and Jawaharlal