## INDIAN PRINCELY STATES

A LIST OF EARLY-STAGE TO DECEMBER 1947



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#### HISTORY

The history of princely states in India dates back to the precolonial period, when the Indian subcontinent was divided into various territories ruled by local monarchs or chieftains. These princely states enjoyed varying degrees of autonomy and were often in a tributary relationship with larger empires.

During British colonial rule, the British Crown established suzerainty over these princely states through treaties, agreements, and alliances. The rulers of these states were allowed to maintain their local authority under the overall control of the British government.

The process of integration of princely states into independent India after 1947 was complex. After India gained independence, the princely states were given the option to join either India or Pakistan or to remain independent. The majority chose to accede to either India or Pakistan based on factors like geographic location, religious composition, and political considerations.

Some notable examples of princely states include Hyderabad, Junagadh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Mysore. The integration of these states into the newly independent India involved negotiations, political maneuvering, and in some cases, military action.

By the early 1950s, the integration process was largely completed, and the princely states ceased to exist as independent entities. They were merged into the new states and union territories of India. The legacies of these princely states are still visible in various aspects of modern Indian society and culture.

### ACKNOWLEDGE

Indian princely states were semi-autonomous territories within the Indian subcontinent that were ruled by local monarchs known as "maharajas," "nawabs," "rajas," or other titles. These states maintained a certain level of sovereignty under the suzerainty of the British Crown during the colonial era. They existed prior to India's independence in 1947 and were integrated into the newly formed Republic of India, or in some cases, into Pakistan. The integration process varied, with some states willingly acceding to India or Pakistan, while others required negotiations or even military action.

The culture of Indian princely states varied widely, as each state had its own distinct traditions, languages, art forms, and customs. These states existed prior to India's independence in 1947 and were ruled by local monarchs. The princely states contributed to India's cultural diversity with their unique heritage, including architectural marvels, music, dance, festivals, and clothing styles. Some well-known princely states include Rajasthan, Gujarat, Mysore, and Hyderabad, each with its own rich cultural tapestry.

Indian princely states were semi-autonomous territories under the suzerainty of the British Crown during the colonial era. Each princely state had its own local ruler, often referred to as a Maharaja or Nawab, who held significant power within their respective territories. These states had varying degrees of administrative and judicial authority, and they maintained their own systems of governance, laws, and customs. However, British Residents or political agents were usually stationed in these states to advise and influence their rulers in matters of administration and foreign policy.

After India gained independence in 1947, the princely states were given the choice to join either India or Pakistan or to remain independent. The majority chose to accede to either India or Pakistan based on factors like geographical location and population demographics. This process of integrating the princely states into the newly formed republics was known as the "Instrument of Accession."

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs, played a crucial role in negotiating the integration of these princely states into the Indian Union. Through diplomacy and sometimes force, most of the princely states became part of India by 1949, completing the process of territorial consolidation.

The era of princely states officially ended with the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1950, which established a democratic and federal structure for the country. The rulers of these states were granted privy purses and other privileges for some time, but these were gradually abolished, and their titles and privileges were largely discontinued by the government in the 1970s.

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#### List of princely states of British India (alphabetical)

enjoyed a British protectorate under a <u>subsidiary alliance</u> and some <u>indirect</u> <u>rule</u>. They were the parts of the <u>Indian</u> <u>subcontinent</u> which had not been conquered or annexed by the British, often former vassals of the Mughal <u>Baadshah</u> (Emperor).

The states are listed alphabetically; this list complements the <u>List of princely</u> <u>states of British India</u>, which is arranged by region and agency.

Geographical and administrative assigning is indicative, as various names and borders have changed significantly, even entities (provinces, principalities) split, merged, renamed *et cetera*.

Furthermore, criteria of statehood (used for inclusion) differ between sources.

In some cases, several name variations or completely different names are included.

# Sortable list of former princely states

Name	Salute	R	eign	Merged into
Name	type	from	up to	Merged Into
Ajaigarh	11	1765	1949	India
Akkalkot		1708	1948	India
Aligarh			1947	India
Alipura		1757	1950	India
Alirajpur	11	1437	1948	India
Alwar	15	1296	1949	India
Mini (Tanawal)		18xx	1969	Pakistan
Ambliara		1619	1943	India
Angadh	9	1874	1947	India
Arakkal	7	1545	1819	India
Athgarh		1178	1949	India
<u>Athamallik</u>		1874	1948	India
Aundh		1699	1948	India
Babariawad				India
Baghal		1643	1948	India
Baghat		1500	1948	India
Bahawalpur	17	1802	1955	Pakistan
Balasinor	9	1758	1948	India
Ballabhgarh		1710	1867	British Raj, India
Bamra		1545	1948	India
	9	1665	1948	India
Bansda	9	1781	1948	India
Banswara	15	1527	1949	India

Name	Salute	Rei	gn	Merged into
Name	type	from	up to	merged into
Bantva Manavadar		1733	1947	India
Baoni	11	1784	1948	India
Baramba		1305	1949	India
Baraundha	9	1549	1950	India
Baria	9	1524	1948	India
Baroda	21	1721	1949	India
Barwani	11	836	1948	India
Bashahr		1412	1948	India
Basoda		1753	1947	India
Bastar		1324	1948	India
Baudh		1874	1948	India
<u>Beja</u>		18th century	1948	India
Benares	13	18th century	1948	India
Beri		c.1750	1950	India
<u>Bhaddaiyan</u>			1858	India
Bhaisunda		1812	1948	India
<u>Bhajji</u>		late 18th century	1948	India
Bharatpur	17	17th century	1947	India
Bhavnagar	13	1723	1948	India
Bhopal	19	1707	1949	India
Bhor	9	1697	1948	India
Bhith Bhagwanpur	?	1711	1948	India
<u>Bijawar</u>	11	1765	1950	India
<u>Bijairaghogarh</u>		1826	1858	British Raj, India
Bikaner	17	1465	1947	India
Bonai		12th century	1948	India
Bundi	17	1342	1949	India

	Name	Salute	Rei	gn	Merged into
		type	from	up to	merged into
ŵ.	Cambay	11	1730	1948	India
6	Nawab of the Carnatic		c.1690	1801	British Raj, India
٠	<u>Chamba</u>	11	c.550	1948	India
	Changbhakar		c.1790	1948	India
ġ,	Charkhari	11	1765	1950	India
	Chaube Jagirs		1812	1948	India
-	Chhatarpur	11	1785	1950	India
¢.	Chhota Udaipur	9	1743	1948	India
	Chhuikhadan		1750	1948	India
-	Chitral	11	1560	1969	Pakistan
	Chota Nagpur		12th century	1948	India
	Chuda				India
<b>8</b> .	Cooch Behar	13	1586	1949	India
es:	Cutch	17	1147	1948	India
	Charkha				India
Ψ.,	Danta	9	1061	1948	India
	<u>Darkoti</u>		11th century	1948	India
_	Daspalla		1498	1948	India
	Datarpur		c.1550	1849	British Raj, India
	<u>Datia</u>	15	1626	1950	India
	Dedhrota		late 19th century	1947	India
	Dewas Junior	15	1728	1948	India
4	Dewas Senior	15	1728	1948	India
	Dhami		1815	1948	India
-	Dhar	15	1730	1947	India
•	Dharampur	9	1262	1948	India
>	Dhenkanal		1529	1948	India

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Name	type	from	up to	merged into
Dholpur	15	c.700	1949	India
Dhrangadhra		1742	1948	India
Dhrol	9	1595	1948	India
Dhurwai		1690	1950	India
Dir		19th century	1969	Pakistan
Dungarpur.	15	1197	1947	India
Faridkot	11	1803	1947	India
Gangpur		1821	1948	India
Garhwal	11	888	1949	India
Gaurihar		1807ý	1950	India
Gondal	11	1634	1949	India
Guler		1415	1813	British Raj, India
	21	1761	1948	India
Hasht-Bhaiya		1690	1948	India
Hindol		1554	1948	India
👷 Hunza		15th century	1974	Pakistan
Hyderabad	21	1803	1948	India
ldar Idar	15	c.1257	1948	India
Indore	19	1818	1948	India
Jafarabad		c.1650	1948	India
Jaipur	17	1128	1949	India
Jaisalmer	15	1156	1947	India
Jaitpur		1731	1840	British Raj, India
Jalaun		1806	1840	British Raj, India
Jambughoda		late 14th century	1948	India
Jamkhandi		1811	1948	India
Jammu and Kashmir	21	1846	1952	India

Name	Salute	Rei	gn	Merged into
Name	type	from	up to	werged into
Jandol		c. 1830	1948	Pakistan
Janjira	11	1489	1948	India
Jaoli		17th century		Maratha Empire, India
Jasdan		1665	1948	India
Jaora	13	1808	1948	India
Jashpur		18th century	1948	India
Jaso		1732	1948	India
Jasrota				India
Jaswan		1170	1849	British Raj, India
Jath		1686	1948	India
Jawhar	9	1343	1947	India
Jesar				India
Jhabua	11	1584	1948	India
Jhalawar	13	1838	1949	India
Jhansi		1804	1858	British Raj, India
Jigni		1730	1950	India
Jind	13	1763	1948	India
Jobat		15th century	1948	India
Jodhpur (Marwar)	17	1250	1949	India
Junagadh	13	1730	1948	India
Kahlur	11	697	1948	India
Kalahandi	g	1760	1947	India
Z Kalat	19	1666	1955	Pakistan
Kalsia		1006	1949	India
Kamta-Rajaula		1812	1948	India
Kangra		11th century	1846	British Raj, India
Kanker			1947	India

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Name	type	from	up to	
Exapurthala	13	1772	1947	India
Karauli	17	1348	1949	India
Kapshi Jagir		Mid-17th century	1956	India
Katosan		1674	1947	India
Kawardha		1751	1948	India
Keonjhar		12th century	1948	India
Keonthal		late 18th century	1948	India
Khairagarh		1833	1948	India
Khandpara		c.1599	1948	India
Khaniadhana		1724	1948	India
Kharan		1697	1955	Pakistan
Kharsawan		1650	1948	India
Khayrpur	15	1775	1955	Pakistan
Khilchipur	9	1544	1948	India
Kishangarh		1611	1948	India
Cochin	17	12th century	1949	India
Kolhapur	19	1707	1949	India
Koriya		17th century	1948	India
Kota	17	17th century	1949	India
Kotharia, Rajasthan		c.1527	20th century	India
Kotharia, Rajkot		c.1733	20th century	India
Kothi		18th century	1950	India
Kulpahar		1700	1858	British Raj, India
Kumharsain		15th century	1947	India
Kurundvad Junior		1854	1948	India

Name	Salute	Rei	gn	Merged into
Name	type	from	up to	
Kurundvad Senior		1733	1948	India
Kurwai		1713	1948	India
Kuthar		17th century	19th century	India
Kutlehar		750	1810	British Raj, India
Lakhahi Raj		c.1461	1952	India
Lakhtar		1604	1947	India
Las Bela		1742	1955	Pakistan
Lathi		1340	1948	India
Lawa Thikana		1772	1947	India
Limbda		1780	1948	India
Limbdi	9	c.1500	1947	India
Loharu	9	1806	1947	India
Lunavada	9	1434	1948	India
Vallavpur	13	1434	1949	India
Maihar	9	1778	1948	India
Makrai		1663	1948	India
Makran		18th century	1955	Pakistan
Malerkotla	11	1657	1948	India
Malpur		1466	1943	India
Manda		1542	1947	India
Mandi	11	1290	1948	India
Manipur	11	1110	1949	India
Maurha State		1894	1949	India
🖌 Mayurbhanj	9	late 17th century	1949	India
Miraj Junior		1820	1948	India
Miraj Senior		c.1750	1948	India

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	type	from	up to	
Mohammadgarh		1842	1948	India
T Mohanpur		c.1227	1948	India
Mohrampur Jagir		c. 1580	1948	India
Morvi	11	1698	1948	India
Mudhol	9	1465	1948	India
Muli				India
Mundru		1621	1818	Jaipur, India
Mysore (Mahisur)	21	1399	1950	India
Nabha	13	1763	1947	India
Nagar.		14th century	1974	Pakistan
Nagpur State		1818	1853	British Raj, India
Nagod(h)	9	1344	1950	India
Naigaon Rebai		1807	1949	India
Nandgaon		1833	1948	India
Narsinghgarh	11	1681	1948	India
Narsinghpur		1292	1948	India
Nasvadi				India
Nawanagar	13	1540	1948	India
<u>Nayagarh</u>		c.1500	1948	India
Nilgiri		1125	1949	India
Nazargunj		1899	20th century	India
orchha	15	c.1501	1950	India
Orissa Tributary States		12th century	1948	India
Oudh (Pratapgarh Estate)		1732	1858	British Raj, India
Pahra		1812	1948	India
Pal Lahara		11th century	1948	India

Name	Salute	Rei	gn	Merged into
Name	type	from	up to	mergea into
Palanpur		1370	1948	India
Paldeo		1812	1948	India
Palitana	9	1194	1948	India
Panna	11	1731	1950	India
Patdi		1741	1947	India
Patan, Rajasthan		12th century	20th century	India
Pataudi		1804	1947	India
Pathari		1794	1948	India
Patiala	17	1627	1948	India
Patna	9	1191	1948	India
Pethapur		13th century	1940	India
Phaltan		1284	1948	India
Phulra(h)		1860	1950	Pakistan
Piploda		1547	1948	India
Porbandar	13	1193	1948	India
Pratapgarh	15	1425	1949	India
Pudukkottai	17	1680	1948	India
Punial			1974	Pakistan
Radhanpur	11	1753	1948	India
Raghogarh		1673	1947	India
Raigarh		1625	1947	India
Rairakhol		12th century	1948	India
Rajgarh	11	late 15th century	1948	India
Rajkot	9	1620	1948	India
Rajpipla	13	1340	1948	India
Rajpur, Baroda				India

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Hante	type	from	up to	merged into	
Rajpara		1811	1949	India	
< Ramdurg		1742	1948	India	
Ramanka		1870		India	
Rampur	15	1774	1949	India	
Ranasan		17th century	1943	India	
Ranpur		17th century	1948	India	
Ratlam	13	1652	1948	India	
Rewa	15	c.1790	1948	India	
Sachin	9	1791	1948	India	
S(h)ailana	11	1736	1948	India	
Saklana	11	1780	1947	India	
Sakti			1948	India	
Sambalpur		1493	1848	British Raj, India	
Samthar	11	1760	1950	India	
Sandur		1713	1949	India	
< Sangli	9	1782	1948	India	
Sant	9	1255	1948	India	
Saraikela		1620	1948	India	
<u>Sarangarh</u>			1948	India	
Sardargarh Bantva		1733	1947	India	
Savanur		1672	1948	India	
Satara		1818	1849	British Raj, India	
Sawantwadi	9	1627	1948	India	
Shahpura	9	1629	1949	India	
Siba		1450	1849	British Raj, India	
Sirmur	11	1095	1948	India	
Stok jair		1842	1948	India	
Sirohi	15	1405	1949	India	

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Sitamau	11	1701	1948	India
Sohawal		1550	1950	India
Somna		19th century	1949	India
Sonepur	9	1556	1948	India
Suket	11	765	1948	India
Surat		1733	1842	British Raj, India
Surgana		late 18th century	1948	India
Surguja		1543	1948	India
Swat		1858	1969	Pakistan
Talcher		12th century	1948	India
Taraon		1812	1948	India
Tekari				India
Thanjavur Maratha		1674	1855	British Raj, India
<u>Tigiria</u>		16th century	1948	India
Tonk	17	1806	1949	India
Torawati		12th century	20th century	India
Tori Fatehpur		1690	1950	India
Travancore	19	1729	1949	India
Tripura	13	Before Christ	1949	India
<u>Tulsipur</u>		16th century	1859	British Raj, India
Udaipur (Mewar)		734	1949	India
Udaipur (Chhattisgarh)		1818	1948	India
Nala Vala		1740	1948	India
Varsoda		c.745	1947	India
Vijaynagar		1577	1948	India
Vijaipur		1542	1947	India

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Name	type	from	up to	Merged into
Vallbhapur		16th century	1948	India
Wadagam		18th century	1948	India
Wadhwan	g	1630	1948	India
Wankaner	11	1605	1948	India
Yasin		c1640	1972	Pakistan

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