## SOUTH ASIA

### Overview
- Everything below the Himalaya Mountains. Everest is the highest peak in the world.
- **Rivers**: Indus, Brahmaputra, and Ganges feed the fertile land (Deccan Plateau) below the mountains.
- **Water Sources**: Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal.
- Land is susceptible to flooding due to Monsoons and typhoons.
- **Religions**: Hinduism and Buddhism started here. Islam came from the west (Middle east)
- **Population Density**: Along all the coasts, and along the Himalayas. Also densely populated everywhere else except desert in the northwest and in the mountains.
- **Resources**: Coal mainly in the east. Iron Ore east to south. Petroleum & Natural Gas along west by desert and along east, but not southern tip. Scattered uranium, copper, gem stones.
- **Agriculture**: Almost entirely Subsistence farm because of huge population. Some Nomadic herding, forests and commercial farming.

### Countries
- Bangladesh: Clothing
- Bhutan: Cardamon
- India: Gems & Jewelry
- Maldives: Fish
- Nepal: Clothing
- Pakistan: Cotton
- Sri Lanka: Textiles

### Subcontinent
- separated from the rest of Asia by the Himalayas.

### Physical Geography
- **Features North to South**:
  - Himalayas, Hindu Kush, and Karakoram Range (furthest north)
- **West to East below Himalayas**:
  - Central Makran Range & Sulaiman Range (Pakistan.)
  - Great Indian Desert
  - **Vindhyaa Range**: Separates North from Southern India
  - Western Ghats(Mts. Along western coastline India)
  - Deccan Plateau (central India)
  - Eastern Ghats (Mts. along the eastern coastline India)
  - Ganges Plain (along the Himalayas in India)
Central to Southern India:
Tropical Climate & Sub Tropical: Tropical Rainforests
Humid Subtropical: Central to NE
Desert & Steppe: West
Most India covered by Tropical Forest.
Highland Climates: Found in the Mountainous areas because of elevation.
Monsoons: Three season Hot, Wet, Cool. Each is affected by winds called monsoons. Warm winds from North move south, heat up, meet moisture from the ocean air, triggers rain. East gets most.
Natural Disasters: Cyclones: storm with high winds (water tornado, warm water). Tsunami: Giant waves caused by underwater Earth quakes.

Other Vocabulary:
Mica: Layered mineral used to make electronic components.
Alluvial Plains: Rich farming land because of flooding.

Human Characteristics:
1.3 Billion 1/5 the population of the world.
India Descendants: North: Aryans, South: Dravidians.
Influenced by British and Portuguese. Religions Hindu (Jati: Status by job), Muslim, Buddhist, Sikhs, Jains, Christians.
Pakistan & Bangladesh: Influenced by British, but Islamic control has ended British influence. Pakistan capital is Islamabad.
Sri Lanka (island looks like a drop of blood): Two major groups Sinhalese and Tamils. Tamils have been fighting for independence (want northern Sri Lanka)
Bhutan & Nepal: Different from the rest of India in their appearance, because ancestors are Mongolian.
Pakistan: Population density ½ is under 20.
### Megalopolis

Delhi (3rd largest) is a **megalopolis**: A group of cities closely linked
Other major cities:
#1 Mumbai: Also largest city in the world most people.
#2 Kolkata
Dhaka: second most densely populated city in the world.

**Timeline:**
- **Indus Valley Civilization**: 2500BC: Along the Indus River
- **Aryans**: after Indus collapse; followed religious and social structure: 4 groups Warriors, priests, artisans/farmers, and enslaved people.

**Religions:**
- **Buddhism**: 563BC. You must reach **Nirvana**: enlightenment, insight, common joy. Non-Violence

**Invading Empires:**
- Mauryan Empire 320-180BC
- Gupta Empire 320 to 550AD advanced technology, arts, science.
- Muslim Missionaries: Spread religion.
- Europeans: Traded, French took over, the British took over from the French. Raj: Empire....Hindi word

**Independence:**
Mid 1900’s Mohandas Gandhi: used peaceful protest. 1947 British left.

**Today:** India and Pakistan have problems with territory. Both are nuclear powers.

- Heavy and light industries. High-Technology Sector (Hyderabad: India’s Silicone Valley, CA.)
- A lot of **Ecotourism**.
- Wildlife: problems with poaching.

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