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A History of India presents the grand sweep of Indian history from antiquity to the present in a compact and readable survey. The authors examine the major political, economic, social and cultural forces which have shaped the history of the Indian subcontinent. Providing an authoritative and detailed account, Hermann Kulke and Dietmar Rothermund emphasise and analyse the structural pattern of Indian history.

Revised throughout, the fifth edition of this highly accessible book brings the history of India up to date to consider, for example, the elections of 2009. In addition a great deal more material on cultural history, art and architecture has been included in the book, including 20 new illustrations.

Heavily illustrated with notes and glossary, this is an attractive and useful student guide to Indian history.

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