

# Train To Pakistan

Khushwant Singh

Pub. (1956)



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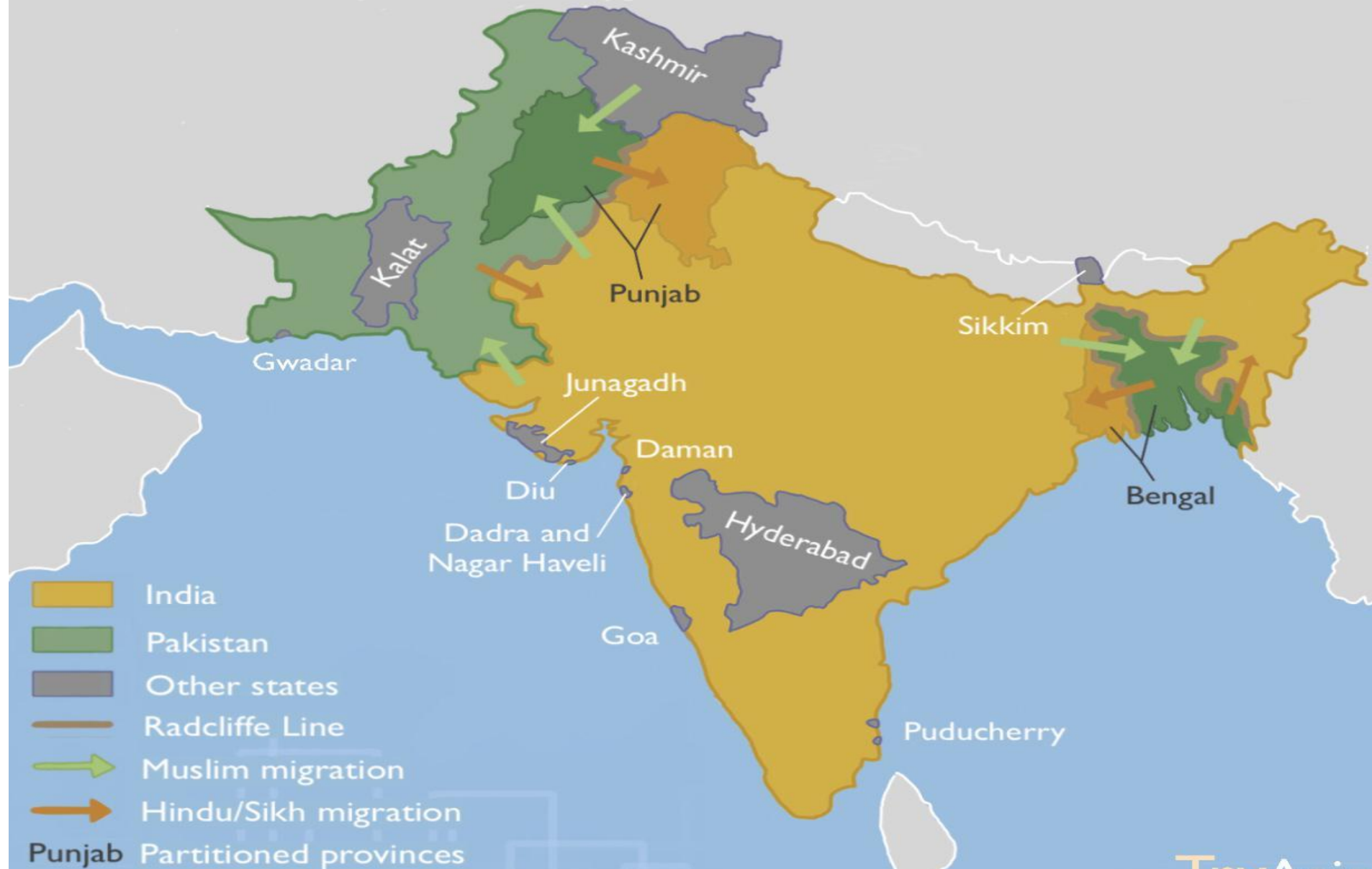
## India – Pakistan Partition

More than 565 states of various sorts.

About 210 are commonly listed as "states", ruled by potentates with a variety of titles, such as Raja, Maharaja, Nawab, Khan or Nizam. The rest were "estates" (jagir), "estate revenue grants" (thikana), and "land holders" (zamindar), with jagirdars, thakurs, or zamindars no of greater or lesser prominence and title. Only 21 had actual state governments, and only three were large (Mysore, Hyderabad and Kashmir).



# Partition of India, 1947



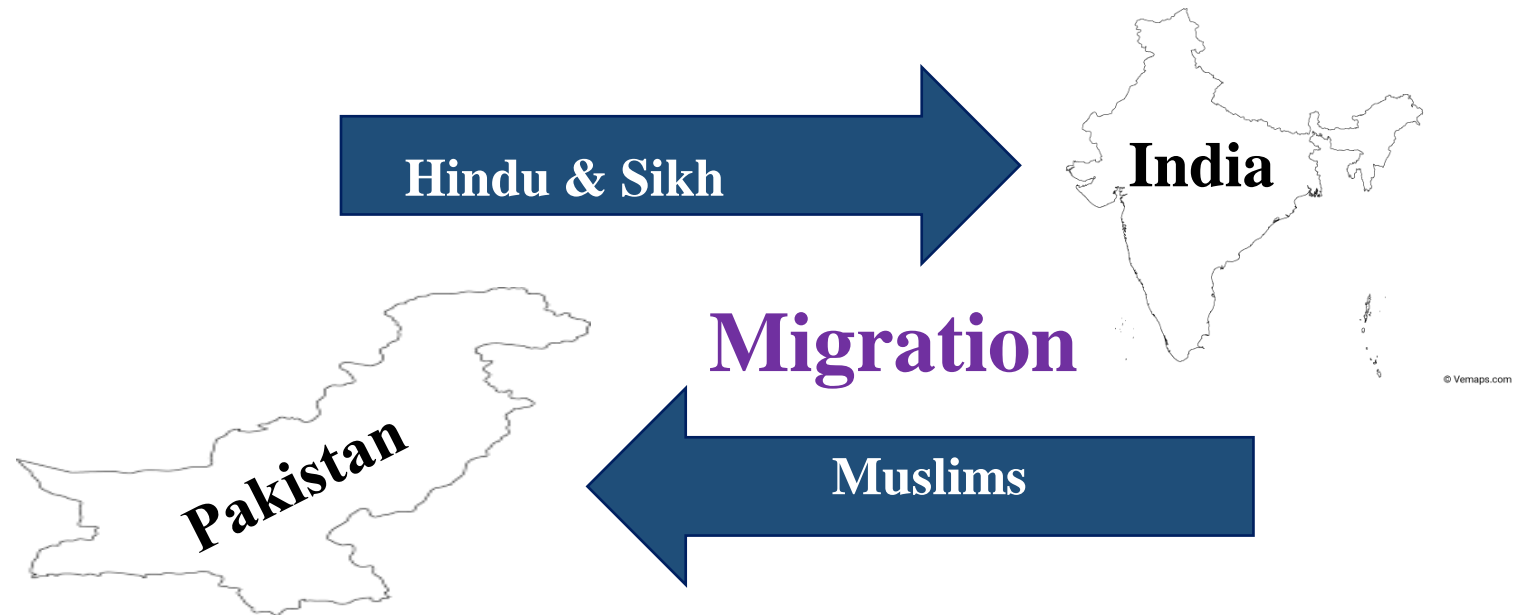
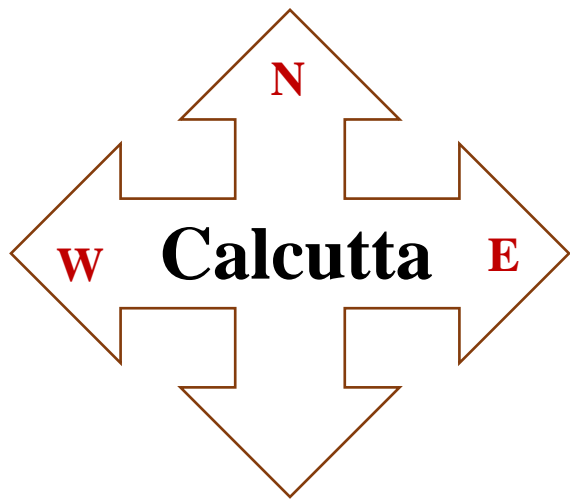
Post based on a Wikipedia map

# Riots:

**Reason: Proposed Division of the Country**

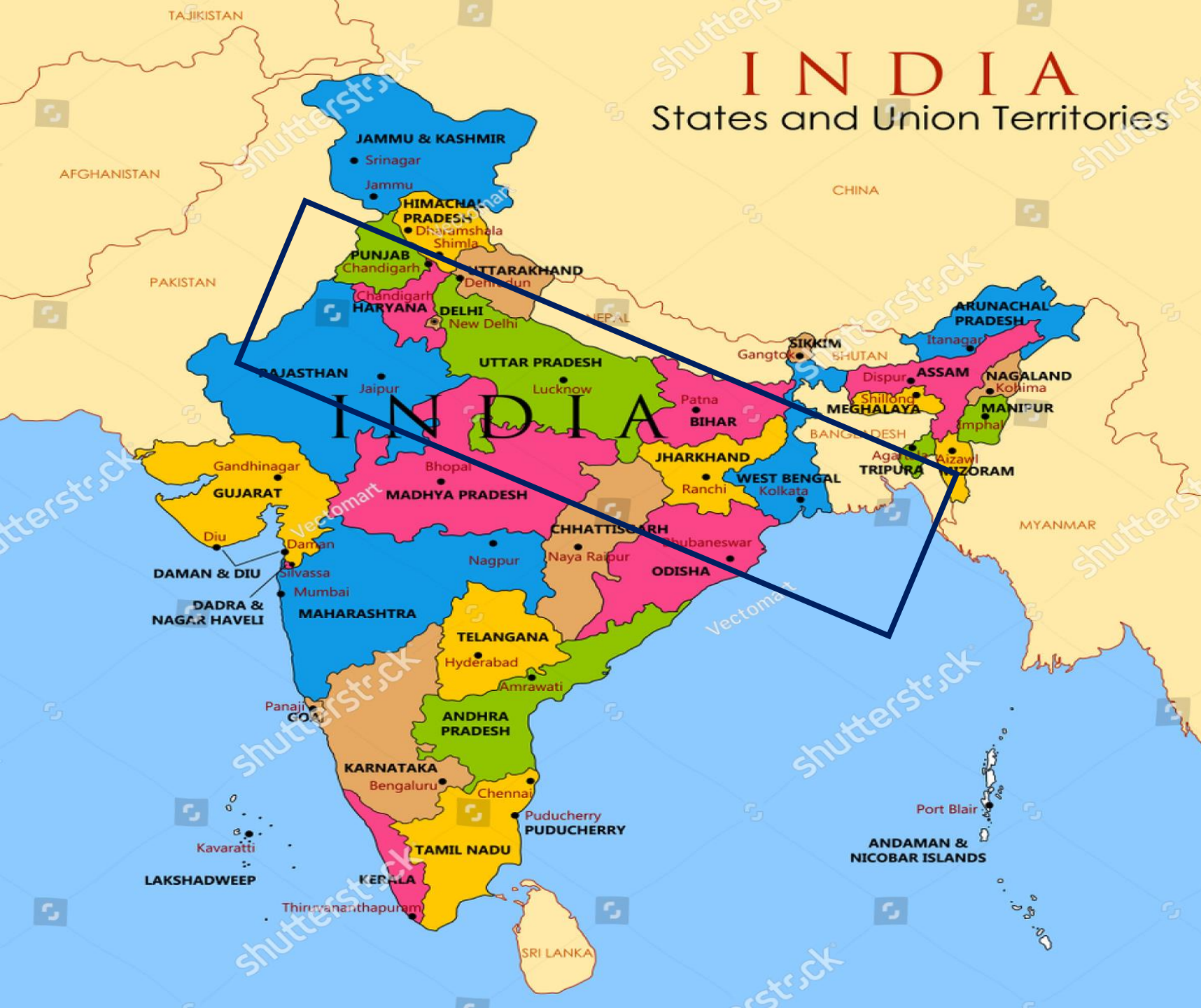


**Rumours > Consequences: Both Sides > Killed -- Shot -- Stabbed -- Speared -- Clubbed -- Tortured -- Raped**



# INDIA

## States and Union Territories



# 4 Parts

- Dacoity
- Kalyug
- Mano Majra
- Karma



**Time : Summer of 1947**

**Dawn** : Mail Train To Lahore  
Mano Majra Begins Its Day

**Night**  
Mano Majra Sleeps

**10.30** : From Delhi  
Daily Routine Begins

**Evening** Passenger From Lahore  
Dinner , Signal for sleep

**Midday** Express  
Lunch & Siesta



## **Characters:**

- **Juggat Singh / Jugga / Badmash No. 10**
- **Nooran : Imam Baksh's Daughter**
- **Hukum Chand : District Magistrate / Deputy Commissioner**
- **Iqbal Singh / Mohammad Iqbal / Communist**
- **Malli : Dacoit**
- **Imam Baksh : Mulla / Imam / Weaver**
- **Meet Singh : Granthi / Priest**
- **Haseena: Young Prostitute**

## **Characters cont.**

- **Banta Singh: Village Lambardar**
- **Lala Ram Lal : Only Hindu in Mano Majra**
- **Sub Inspector**
- **Young Man in Khaki**
- **Villagers**
- **Refugees**

**Dacoity**



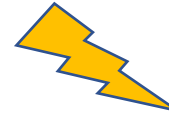
**Murder of Lala  
Ram Lal**



**Jagat Singh -  
Nooran**



**Hukum Chand –  
Haseena**



**Villagers**



# **Dacoity**

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**Background:**

**Summer 1947**

**Riots before the declaration of Independence**

**Communal violence – Hindu, Sikh and Muslims**

**Mano Majra:**

**Village near the border of newly formed India and  
Pakistan**

**Population : Sikh – Muslims - Converted Christians –  
Hindu**

**Impact of Trains' timings on the routine of Mano  
Majarans**

## **Time: Night around 12.00**

- **Entry of Dacoits – Malli and his gang**
- **Murder of Lala Ramlal- a money lender**
- **Juggut Singh – Nooran : meet near the pond**
- **Gun Shots**
- **Malli's mischief – bangles**
- **Juggut Singh – Nooran and Noora return to village**
- **Hukumchand and Hassena hear the gun shots**
- **Hukumchand gets disturbed**

## **Morning of the day when Malli murdered Lala Ramlal**

- **Arrival of Hukumchand – Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner of the region**
- **The Sub inspector – Arrangements**
- **Enquiry about Communal Riots**
- **Safe Evacuation of Muslims**
- **Mention of Juggat Singh and Nooran**
- **Haseena**
- **Gunshots**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Day : Morning**

- **Arrival of Iqbal and the police personnel**
- **Lodges at Gurudwara**
- **Meet Singh**
- **Iqbal's life style**
- **Iqbal's opinions as a communist**
- **Meet Singh , Imam Baksh, Lambardar**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Day Morning:**

- **Iqbal and Juggut Singh's Arrest**



# **Part II : Kalyug**

- **Ghost Train**
- **Reaction of Mano Majarans**
- **Impact : Doubt ... Anger... Hatred ....**
- **Malli's Arrest**
- **Malli's Entry into Mano Majra**
- **False Information about Decoity**

# **Part III :**

## **Mano Majra**

- **Evacuation Of Muslims**
- **Hukum Chand's Strategic Play**
- **Arrival of Refuges**
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- **Entry of the Young Man**

## **Part IV : Karma**

- **Release of Jaggat Singh and Iqbal**
- **Rescue of the Train to Pakistan**

## **Themes :**

- **Theme of Partition**
- **Loyalty and Betrayal**
- **Religious Tension and Conflict**
- **Corrupt Government**
- **Humanity**

**Thank You!!!!**