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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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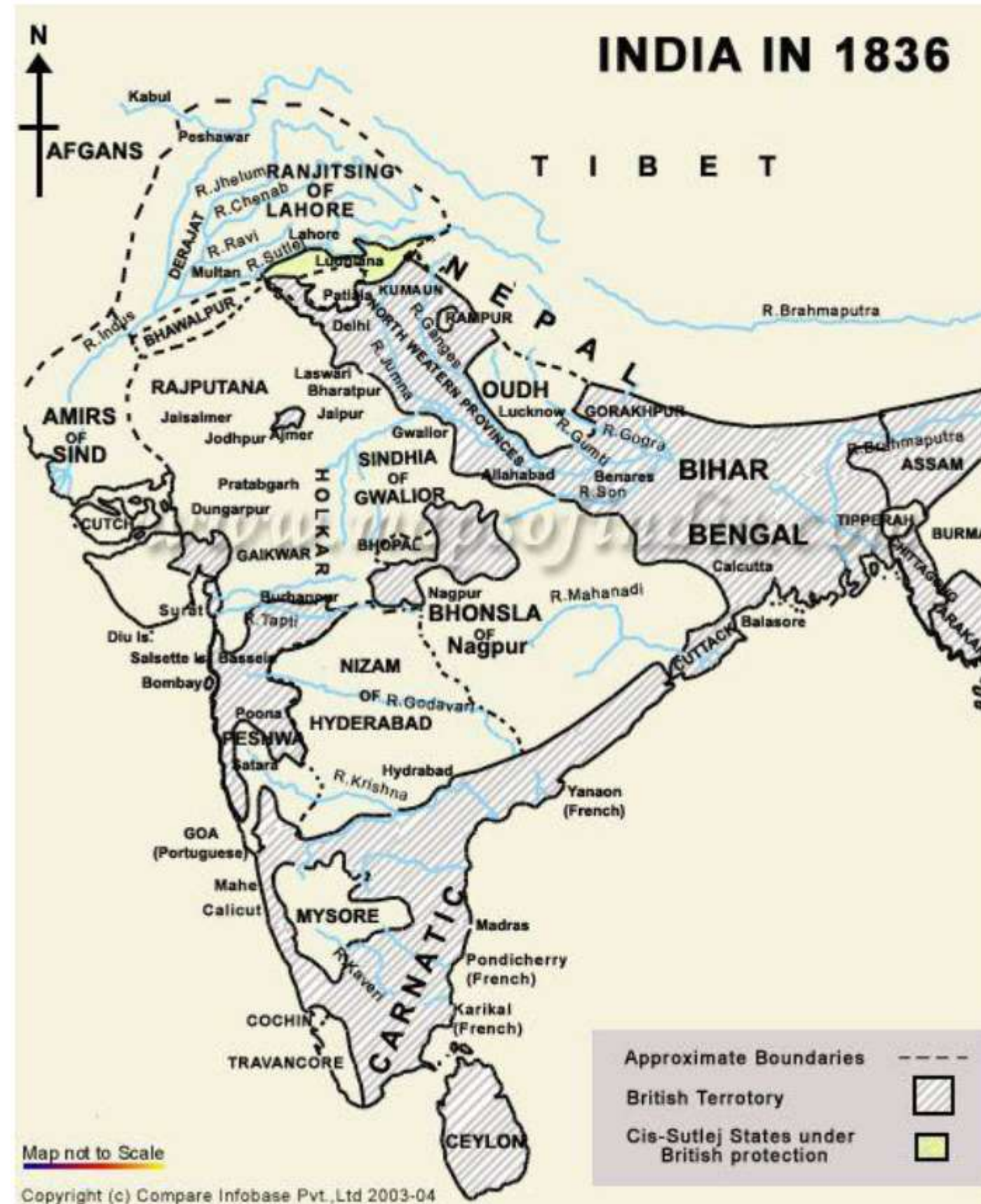
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UNIT 1 – INTRODUCTION

TOPIC 1 –Historical Background



India's Geographical Setting





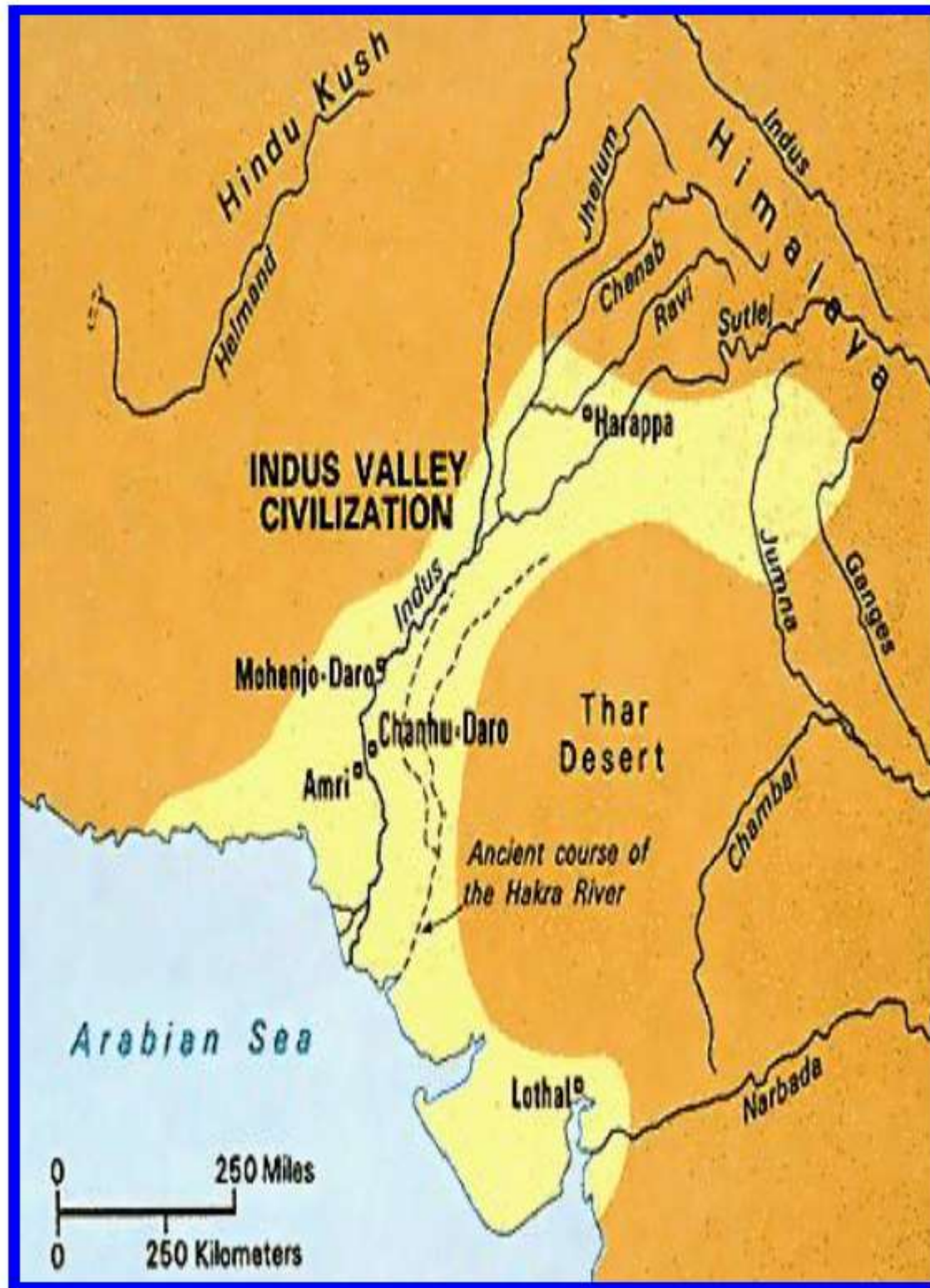
India's Geographical Setting



- Himalayan Mountains are in the North
- Ghats Mountains are east & west
- India is a sub-continent plateau
- India's two main rivers are; The Ganges & Indus River
- Indus Valley is the cradle of India's civilization



Indus Valley Civilization



- The first settlements ca. 3000 B.C.E., when farmers settled along the Indus River in what is now Pakistan
- By 2500 B.C.E. the entire region was dominated by two cities called; Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro



India's Geographical Setting



- **Harappa**
- Traded with Iran and neighboring regions in India to the east
- **Mohenjo-Daro**
- Traded with the Persia Gulf and Sumer to the west
- This is very similar to Mesopotamia and China region was united only by trade



India's Geographical Setting

➤ Writing system



➤ Trading Seals



➤ Terra Cotta Trade Seals





Gupta Dynasty (320-467 CE)



- Northern India reunited
- **Trade**
- –With West
- –Burma, Indochina, Java, Sumatra
- –Buddhism and Hinduism spread out



Mughal Empire (1526-1858)



- 12th century – Muslim invasion
- 1500 – Central Asians, led by Mughals (Moguls), established a kingdom in northern India
- Akbar (1556-1605)
- Conquest of central India:
 - Efficient and strong government
 - Religious tolerance
 - Business and commerce encouraged
- Architecture
 - Forts, mosques, palaces, tombs
 - Taj Mahal – Agra, India – Tomb for a Mughal emperor's favorite wife



End of the Mughal Empire



- **17th century – empire crumbled**
- –Fighting between smaller kingdoms
- –English, French, and Portuguese traders gained influence
- **1763 – Seven Years’ War**
- –English (British East India Company) won control of India from the French
- –Taken over by the British government under Queen Victoria (British Raj, 1858-1947)
- **•Independent after World War II (1947)**