Partition Of India

- The Partition of India led to the creation of two sovereign states, the Dominion of Pakistan (later Islamic Republic of Pakistan) and the Union of India (later Republic of India) on August 14, 1947 and August 15, 1947, respectively upon the granting of independence to British India by the United Kingdom.

- 'Partition' here refers also to the division of the Bengal province of British India into the Pakistani state of East Bengal (later East Pakistan, now Bangladesh) and the Indian state of West Bengal.
1932–1942: Growth in Partition Idea

- Hindu organisations such as the Hindu Mahasabha, though against the division of the country, were also insisting on the same chasm between Hindus and Muslims.

- In 1937 at the 19th session of the Hindu Mahasabha held at Ahmedabad, Veer Savarkar in his presidential address asserted:
  - India cannot be assumed today to be Unitarian and homogeneous nation, but on the contrary there are two nations in the main — the Hindus and the Muslims.
Call for Direct Action Day: Jinnah
Population exchanges

- About 11.2 million or 78% of the population transfer took place in the west, with Punjab accounting for most of it.
- 5.3 million Muslims moved from India to West Punjab in Pakistan, 3.4 million Hindus and Sikhs moved from Pakistan to East Punjab in India.
- Elsewhere in the west 1.2 million moved in each direction to and from Sind.
Images of Population Migration
Violence Against Women

- Information about topic practically non-existent
- Women faced with the brunt of the partition violence
- In “dishonoring” a woman you dishonor the religion, honor, and culture of the man associated with the woman
  - “defile the purity” of the other race by impregnating their women and forcing sex
- Nearly 75,000 women faced with some sort of violence
Movie: EARTH

- This movie depicts the violence against women during Partition of India.
- Narrative frame: Lenny 58 (1997), Lenny 8 (1947)
- A child’s perspective, a witness of the trauma of partition — the breaking up of the nation, the violence, and the distortion of human nature (the image of lion, beast) — love and sexuality.
- Lenny is a Parsee. So there will be neutrality on either sides.