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The surnames Malhotra, Arora, Kapoor, Khanna, Chohan, Nanda, Khullar, Sodhi, Bedi, Sehgal, Thapar and Mehra belong to only one broader caste "khatri".

As per the Government of India records, "Khatri is a popular variant of the Sanskrit word Kshatriya, which was used to describe the warrior caste among the Hindus according to the Varanashram propounded by the Shastras".

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Some of the Khatri has good history with their name and place as given below.
Arora: They belong to the Aror town (near Sukkur) situated in the Sind province of Pakistan on the banks of Indus river hence called Arora's. After the partition in 1947, maximum proportion of Arora's came to India.
Khanna: They belong to a small town Khanna in Ludhiana district of Indian Punjab. Khanna is a Punjabi word, which means one quarter (1/4 or 0.25). The city was named thus because it used to be very small, just a quarter of what a normal city should be. Khanna and Arora both are closely related to Khatri caste.
Kapoor: Kapoor's are termed as descendants of Moon i.e. as white as moon. Camphor "Hindi Kapur" is as white as full moon so termed as Kapoor. They belong to Kapurthala state of Punjab. Kapoor or Kapur is a surname in the Kaushal Gotra of the Punjabi Khatri community of India. Kapoor's are Hindus in terms of religion and tradition, and belong to the Bahari Baradari, a

Photograph of Bikram Singh Bedi, a direct descendant of Guru Nanak.

sub-caste of Khatri's.
Malhotra: Malhotra is a surname based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community. It is a modified form of Mehrotra, which is itself an extended form of Mehra (Panjabi Mehra or Mera means 'chief' or 'master'). Founder of the Malhotra clan is said to have been called Mehr Chand.

Now I am giving the origin of other non-Khatri Indian Surnames. Answer could be little lengthy but I bet at the end of show you will enjoy.
Deshpande, Deshmukh, Kulkarni & Patil: All these surnames are found predominantly in Maharashtra.

Deshpande is a surname having origins in Maharashtra. The surname is also used in Karnataka. It was a title conferred on officers responsible for record keeping at Pargana level (modern equivalent of district).

The chief of the pargana were called Deshmukh.
Their equivalent at village level were Kulkarni (mainly accountants).

The persons responsible for the development and security of village were known as Patil (Village chief).

Godbole: Godbole (Marathi) is a surname from Kankanastha Brahmins or Chitpavan Brahmins from Western Maharashtra (Western Coast of India), and also used by Rajapur Saraswat Brahmins. Godbole actually means "meethi zuban bolne wale translation: sweet tongued" in Marathi.

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Jain: This surname is the modified name of word jaina which was derived from Sanskrit word Jina or 'follower of Jina'. Jina, meaning 'triumphant', is an epithet for a saint of the Jain religion. They are mainly distributed in the Gujrat, Rajasthan, Western MP and North-West Maharashtra.

Agrawal and Agarwal: Members of the Agrawal community are known for their business acumen and have for many years been influential and prosperous in India. Agrawal means the "children of Agradasa" or the "people of Agroha", a city in ancient Kuru Kingdom. Now it is near to the city of Hisar in Haryana said to be founded by legendary King Agradasa. He was among one of the greatest Kings of India. He was the descendant of Solar Dynasty who later adopted Vanik Dharm.

Whereas Agarwals are slightly different from Agrawals. According to a legend, earlier they were called as Agarwale means the inhabitants of the ancient city "Agar". Agar is a small city located 65 kms from Ujjain. Agar was the most important city to the Parmar dynasty after Dhar and Avantika (Ujjain).

Sindhi: Unlike Hindus of India, who have a 'gotra', Sindhis often have a 'nukh', which means roots. Almost 90% surnames have been followed by "Ani" or "Ja" in Sindhis like Moolchandani, Bhavnani, Ramchandani, Advani, Raheja, Makhija etc. Ramchandani means the descendants of Ramchand, here Ramchand could be name of an ancestor or village. Same thing applies on the Junaja, Tuteja etc.

Khan: The ancient surname Khan is a contracted form of Khagan, from the Turkish language meaning "chief" or ruler. It was originally a hereditary title born by early Mongol leaders, such as the legendary Genghis Khan, but is now widely used as a surname throughout the Muslim world.

Shetty: They are Hindus and Jains from the coastal areas of Karnataka and Goa. They are primarily they are farmers and pastoralists but now spread in the all business domains. They are different from cognate Seth or Sheth which were basically land lords.

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Bihar, Punjab and Gujarat, Gavli in Maharashtra and MP, Gola in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka etc. Their traditional common business was that of herdsmen, cowherds and milk sellers all over the Indian subcontinent.

Srivastava: According to one explanation, the name "Shrivastava" originates from "Shrivastu", the former name of the Swat River, said to be the place of origin of this clan. Swat river is situated in the Khyber province of North West province. Srivastava is a common surname in Northern India, notably among Kayasthas. However, recent times have also seen this surname used in other communities. Spelling variations include Shreevastava, Shrivastav, Shrivastava, Srivastava, Srivastva, Srivastwa, Srivastaw and Srivastwa.

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