Medieval India

Qutb-Hul-din ibak

- Qutb-ud-din Aibak was the founder of first independent Turkish kingdom in northern India. For his generosity, he was given the title of Lakh Baksh (giver of lakhs).
- He constructed two mosques - Quwal-ul-Islam at Delhi and Adhai din ka Jhopra at Ajmer. He also began the construction of Qutub Minar, in the honour of famous Sufi saint Khawaja Qutub-ud-din Bakhtiyar Kaki.
- Aibak was great patron of learning and patronized writers like Hasan-un-Nizami, author of Taj-ul-Masir and Fikhr-ud-Din, author of Tarikh-i-Mubarak Shahi.

Iltutmish

- Iltutmish was the real founder of Delhi Sultanate. He made Delhi the capital in place of Lahore.
- He saved Delhi Sultanate from the wrath of Chengiz Khan - the Mongol leader by refusing shelter to Khwarizm Shah, whom Chengiz was chasing.
- He completed the construction of Qutub Minar.
- He issued the silver lanka for the first time. He organized the Iqta system and introduced reforms in civil administration and army, which was now centrally paid and recruited.
- He set up an official nobility of slaves known as Chahalgani (group of forty).
- He patronized Minaj-us-siraj, author of Tabaqat-i-nasiri.

Razia Sultan

- Though Iltutmish had nominated his daughter Razia as the successor, the nobles placed Rukn-ud-din Firoz on the throne. However, Razia got rid of Rukn-ud-din and ascended the throne. Razia was popular among the people but she was not acceptable to the nobles and theologians. She further offended the nobles by her preference for an Abyssinian slave - Yakut.
- Soon after her accession, the governors of Multan, Badaun, Hansi and Lahore openly revolted against her. There was a serious rebellion in Bhatinda. Altunia, governor of Bhatinda refused to accept suzerainty of Razia. Razia accompanied by Yakut marched against Altunia. However, Altunia got Yakut murdered and imprisoned Razia. Subsequently, Razia married Altunia and both of them marched towards Delhi. In 1240 AD, Razia became the victim of a conspiracy and was assassinated near Kaithal.

Ghiyas-ud-din Balban

- Balban ascended the throne in 1265 AD.
- He broke the power of chahalgani and restored the prestige of the crown. That was his greatest contribution towards the stability of the Sultanate.
- To keep himself well-informed Balban appointed spies.
- He created a strong centralized army to deal with internal disturbances and to check Mongols who were posing a serious danger to Delhi Sultanate.
He established the military department - Diwan-i-Arz.
The Persian court model influenced Balban’s conception of kingship. He took up the title of Zil-i-Illahi (shadow of God).
He introduced Sijda (prostration before the monarch) and Paibos (kissing the feel of monarch) as the normal forms of salutation,
He destroyed Mewati Rajput brigandage in the doab, where forests were cut and forts built.

Alauddin Khalji

- Alauddin Khalji ascended the throne after getting his uncle Jalal-ud-din murdered.
- He was the first Turkish Sultan of Delhi who separated religion from politics. He proclaimed - “Kingship knows no Kinship”. Alauddin's Imperialism
- Alauddin annexed Gujarat (1298 AD), Ranthambhor (1301 AD), Mewar (1303 AD), Malwa (1305 AD), Jalore (1311 AD). In Deccan. Alauddin’s army led by Malik Kafur defeated Yadavas of Devagiri, Kakatiyas of Warrangal, Hoysalas of Dwarsamudra and Pandyas of Madurai.

Administrative Reforms

- In order to avoid the problems created by the nobles, Alauddin issued four important ordinances. The first ordinance aimed at confiscation of the religious endowments and free grants of lands. By the second ordinance Ala-ud-din reorganised the spy system. An army of informers was created and their duty was to spy on all that happened in Empire and submit reports to Sultan. The third ordinances prohibited the use of wine. The fourth ordinance issued by Alauddin laid down that nobles should not have social gatherings and they should not inter-marry without his permission.
- He introduced the system of Dagh or the branding of horse and Chehra or preparation of the descriptive role.
- Alauddin ordered that all land was to be measured and then the share of state was to be fixed. The post of special officer called Mustakhraj was created for the purpose of collection of revenue.
- The peasants had to pay half the produce as land revenue.
- Alauddin sought to fix cost of all commodities. For the purpose he set up three markets at Delhi. One Market for food grains, the second for costly cloth and third for horses, slaves and catties. Each market was under the control of a high officer called Shahnai who maintained a register of the merchants and strictly controlled the shopkeepers and the prices. The check on market was kept by two officers - Diwan-i-Riyasat and Shahnai-i-Mandi.
- All goods for sale were brought to an open market called the Sarai-Adl.
- Many forts were built by him and the most important of them was Alai Fort. He also constructed the Alai Darwaja the entrance gate to Qutub Minar. He also built the palace of thousand Pillars called Hazar Situn.

Amir Khusro

Amir Khusro was a prolific Persian poet (1253-1325 AD) associated with royal courts of more than seven rulers of Delhi Sultanate. Amir Khusro was a genius of those times. A very versatile person, he was a soldier, a composer of poetry in Arabic, Persian, Urdu, and a diplomat, shrewd in Court matters and was also a good musician. He accompanied Allauddin Khalji, when he conquered the Yadava kingdom of Devagiri.

As a result of fusion of musical thoughts of Amir Khusro, many innovations took place. One of them was the present day Khayal that evolved around the fourteenth century. Amir Khusro wrote Tanikh-i-Alai or Khazain-ul-Fatuh. In this book he gave an
Muhammad Bin Tughlaq

He tried to introduce many administrative reforms. He had five ambitious projects for which he has become particularly debatable.

1) Taxation in the Doab: The Sultan made an ill-advised financial experiment in the Doab between the Ganges and Jamuna. He not only increased the rate of taxation but also revived and created some additional Abwabs or cessess. Although the share of the state remained half as in time of Alauddin, it was fixed arbitrarily not on the basis of actual produce. Prices were also fixed artificially for converting the produce into money. It is said that the increase was twenty-fold and to this were added Ghan or House tax and the ‘Charahi’ of pasture tax.

   The Sultan created a new Department of Agriculture called Diwan-i-Kohi. The main object of this Department was to bring more land under cultivation by giving direct help to peasants.

2) Transfer of Capital: The most controversial step which Muhammad Tughlaq undertook soon after his accession was the so-called transfer of capital from Delhi to Deogir. Deogir had been a base for the expansion of Turkish rule in South India. It appears that the Sultan wanted to make Deogir second capital so that he might be able to control south India better. Deogir was thus named Daulatabad. After a couple of years Muhammad Tughlaq decided to abandon Daulatabad largely because he soon found that just as he could not control South India from Delhi, he could not control North from Daulatabad.

3) Introduction of Token Currency: Muhammad Tughlaq decided to introduce bronze coins, which were to have same value as the silver ones. Muhammad Tughlaq might have been successful if he could prevent people from forging the new coins. He was not able to do so and soon the new coins began to be greatly devalued in markets. Finally Muhammad Tughlaq decided to withdraw the token currency. He promised to exchange silver pieces for bronze coins.

4) Proposed Khurasan Expedition: The Sultan had a vision of universal conquest. He decided to conquer Khurasan and Iraq and mobilized a huge army for the purpose.

   He was encouraged to do so by Khurasani nobles who had taken shelter in his court. Moreover there was instability in Khurasan on account of the unpopular rule of Abu Said.

5) Quarachil expedition: This expedition was launched in Kumaon hills in Himalayas allegedly to counter Chinese incursions. It also appears that the expedition was directed against some refractory tribes in Kumaon Garhwal region with the object of bringing them under Delhi Sultanate. The first attack was a success but when the rainy season set in, the invaders suffered terribly.

   His five projects had led to revolts all around his empire. His last days were spent in checking the revolts (altogether 36 revolts in 25 years).

Nature of the State

- The Turkish state in India was militaristic and aristocratic. The Turkish nobles tried at first to monopolize the high offices of state denying a share to Tajiks, Afghans and non-Turkish immigrants. Thus a noble birth still remained a very important qualification for high office.

- Though the Sultans did not allow any violation of Islamic law, they however did not allow the Muslim divines to dictate the policy of state. The Sultans had to supplement the Muslim law by framing their own regulation (Zawabit).
The Hindu subjects had been given the status of or protected people who accepted Muslim rule and agreed to pay tax called Jizya.

Iqta

Sometimes mistranslated as ‘Jagir’. It is that part of land granted by the sultan in us military chiefs for maintenance of a given number of troopers. The land was normally taken back when the Iqtadars were not in a position to maintain the army.

Firoz Shah Tughlaq

- Alter his accession Firoz Tughlaq was faced with the problem of preventing the imminent break up of Delhi Sultanate. He adopted the policy of trying to appease the nobility, the army and theologians and of asserting his authority over only such areas, which could be easily administered from the centre. He therefore made no attempt to re-assert his authority over South India and Deccan.
- He decreed that whenever a noble died his son should be allowed to succeed to his position including his Iqta and if he had no sons, his son-in-law and in his absence his slave.
- Firoz extended the principle of heredity to the army. Soldiers were allowed to rest in peace and to send in their place their sons. The soldiers were not paid in cash but by assignments on land revenue of villages. This novel technique of payment led to many abuses.
- Firoz tried to win over the theologians proclaiming that he was a true Muslim king and the state under him was truly Islamic. In order to keep the theologians satisfied a number of them were appointed to high offices.
- He tried to ban practices, which the orthodox theologians considered un-Islamic. Thus he prohibited the practice of Muslim women going out to worship at graves of saints. It was during the time of Firoz that Jizya became a separate tax. Firoz refused to
exempt the Brahmans from payment of Jizya since this was not provided for in Shariat.

- The new system of taxation was according to Quran. Four kinds of taxes sanctioned by the Quran were imposed and those were Khanaj, Zakat. Jizya and Khams. Khanaj was the land tax, which was equal to 1/10 of the produce of the land. Zakat was 2Wk tax on property. Jizya was levied on non-Muslims and Khams was 1/6 of the booty captured during war.

- In order to encourage agriculture, the Sultan paid a lot of attention to irrigation. Firoz repaired a number of canals. First canal was from Sutlej to Ghaggar. The second canal carried the waters of Jamuna to the city of Hisar. The third canal started from neighbourhood of Mandhavi and Sirmour Hills and connected with Hansi. The fourth canal flowed from the Ghaggar by the fort of Sirsuti up to village of Hiram-Khena.

- He was a great builder, to his credit are cities of Fathabad, Hisar, Jaunapur and Firozabad. During his Bengal campaign he renamed Ikdal as Azadpur and Pandua as Firozabad. The two pillars of Asoka, one from Topra and another from Meerut were brought to Delhi.

- The Sultan established at Delhi, a hospital described variously as Dar-ul-shifa, Bimaristan and Shifa Khana. The chief architect of slate was Malik Ghazi Shainan who was assisted in work by Abdul Haq.

- A new department of Diwan-i-Khairat was set up to make provision for marriage of poor girls.

- Another step which Firoz took was both economic and political in nature. He ordered his officials that whenever they attacked a place they should select handsome and wellborn young boys and send them to Sultan as slaves.

- However his rule is marked by peace and tranquility and credit for it goes to his Prime Minister Khan-i-Jahan Maqbul.

Timur Invasions (1398-99 AD)

Timur invaded India in 1398 AD during the reign of Nasiruddin Mahmud of Tughlaq Dynasty. The raid into India was a plundering raid and its motive was to seize the wealth accumulated by the Sultans of Delhi over the last 200 years. He plundered Delhi and Tughlaq empire could not recover from such a terrible blow and came to an end in 1412 AD.

Administration

- The Turkish Sultan in India declared themselves Lieutenant of the faithful i.e. of the Abbasid caliphate of Baghdad and included his name in Khutba, it did not mean that the caliph became the legal ruler. The Caliph had only a moral position.

- Political, legal and military authority was vested in the Sultan. He was responsible for administration and was also the commander-in-chief of the military forces. He was also responsible for the maintenance of law and justice.

- No clear law of succession developed among Muslim rulers. Thus military strength was the main factor in succession to the throne.

- The key figure in the administration was Wazir. In the earlier period the VVazir was primarily a military leader but now he began to be considered more an expert in revenue affairs and presided over a large department dealing both with income and expenditure.

- The head of military department was called Ariz-i-Mamalik. The special responsibility of Ariz’s department was to recruit, equip and pay the army.

- Diwan-i-Risalat dealt with religious mailers, pious foundations and stipends to deserving scholars and men of piety. It was presided over by a chief Sadr or chief Qazi.

- The Qazi dispensed civil law based on Muslim law (Sharia). The Hindus were governed by their own personal laws, which were decided by panchayats in villages.

- The rulers posted intelligence agents called Bands in different parts of empire to keep themselves informed of what was going on.

- Wakil-i-Dar was the officer responsible for maintenance of proper decorum at the court and he looked after the personal comfort of Sultan and the Karkhanas.

- When the Turks conquered the country they divided it into number of tracts called Iqtas, which were parcelled among the leading Turkish nobles. The holders of the office were called Muqti or Walis. It was these tracts,
which later became province or Subas.

- Below the province were the Shaqs and below them the Paraga. We are told that the villages were grouped into units of 100 or 84 traditionally called Chaursi. The Paraga was headed by Amil. The most important people in villages were the Khuts (Landowners) or Muqaddam or headman. We also hear of village accountant called Patwari.

**Sikander Lodhi**

Sikander Lodhi conquered Bihar and Tirhut. He transferred his capital from Delhi to Agra, a city founded by him. Sikander Shah was a fanatical Muslim and he broke the sacred images of the Jawalamukhi Temple at Nagarkot and ordered the temples of Mathura 10 be destroyed. He took a keen interest in the development of agriculture. He introduced the gaz-i- Sikandari (Sikandar’s yard) of 32 digits for measuring cultivated fields

**Ibrahim Lodhi**

The Afghan nobility was brave and freedom loving but it was because of its fissiparous and individualistic tendencies that the Afghan monarchy was weakened. Moreover, Ibrahim Lodhi asserted the absolute power of the Sultan. As a result, some of the nobles turned against him. At last Daulat Khan Lodhi, the governor of Punjab invited Babur to overthrow Ibrahim. Babur accepted the offer and inflicted a crushing defeat on Ibrahim in the first battle of Panipat in 1526 AD. Ibrahim was killed in the battle and with him ended the Delhi Sultanate.

**Zia-ud-din Barani**

The most famous historian of the period was Zia-ud-din Barani (born 1286), a contemporary of Muhammad Tughlaq and Firoz Shah. He enjoyed the patronage of both the Sultans. He composed Tarikh-i-Firoz Shahi and Fatwa-i-Jahandan. These chronicles not only served as important historical materials of study in themselves, but also furnished an example which Hindu writers and Hindu rulers were not slow to imitate.

**Some Landmarks**

- Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque, Delhi—Qutub-ud-din Aibak.
- Arhai Din Ka Jhropra, Ajmer—Qutb-ud-din Aibak.
- Qutub Minar—Iltutmish.
- Alauddin Khilji was responsible for construction of Jamaat Khan Masjid at the Dargah of Nizamuddin Auliya and Alai Darwaja at Qutub. The other monuments at Delhi were city of 5“/”and the Hauz-i-Alai or Hauz-i-Khas tank. He also constructed palace of thousand pillars called Hazar Situn.
- Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq founded the city of Tughlaqabad.
- Muhammad Tughlaq founded the small fortress of Adilabad and city of Jahanpanah.
- Firoz Shah Tughlaq was responsible for the foundation of cities of Jaunpur, Fathehabad and Hisar Fируza. A. Delhi he built the palace fort of Firozabad.
- The best examples of architecture during the period of Sayyid and Lodhi kings are the tombs of kings and nobles, the most important among them being the tombs of Bare Khan and Chore Khan, Bara Gumbad, Shish Gumbad, the tomb of Sbihab-ud-din Taj Khan, Dadi ka Gumbad and Port ka Gumbad.
Central Administration

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Art and Architecture under Sultanate

The assimilation of different styles and elements to create a new one is well represented by the architecture of the Sultanate period. Many of the characteristics of Indian architecture are obvious in the buildings of the Muslim rulers. This was because though the buildings were designed by Muslim architects to suit the requirements of their religious ideas, Hindu craftsmen actually built them. The new features brought by the Turkish conquerors were:

(i) the dome;
(ii) lofty towers:
(iii) the true arch unsupported by beam;
(iv) the vault. This showed advanced mathematical knowledge and engineering skill. They also brought with them an expert knowledge of the use of concrete and mortar, which had hitherto been little used in India. The Sultans of Delhi were liberal patrons of architecture and they erected numerous splendid edifices.

The Arhai-din ka Jhonpra at Ajmer has a beautiful prayer hall, an exquisitely carved mehrab of white marble and a decorative arch screen. The first example of true or voussoired arch is said to be the tomb of Ghiyas-ud-din Balban in Mehrauli.

In the Khalji period the usage of voussoired arch and dome was established once and for all. The monuments show a rich decorative character. Famous examples are the tomb of Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia at Delhi, whose style of beam-on-brackets under the entrance arch of the central chamber came to be almost regularly employed in subsequent buildings.

The Tughlaq buildings show stark simplicity and sobriety, probably indicating less financial resources as well as puritanical taste. Sloping walls and a dark appearance characterise the buildings. Typical of the Tughlaq style is thick and battered or sloping walls, squinch arches for supporting domes, multi-domed roofs and tapering minaret-like buttresses or supports at the external angles of buildings. The trabeate and arcuate are combined.

Some notable Tughlaq monuments are the fort of Tughlaqabad, the tomb of Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq, which marked a new phase in Indo-Islamic architecture by serving as a model for later tombs and the fort of Adilabad.

The Sayyid period was too short to allow construction of elaborate buildings. But the tombs of this period display some characteristics such as use of blue-enamelled tiles, the lotus-motif covering the dome and free use of guldistas. These features had much influence on the architectural style of the subsequent period.

The resources available to the Lodhis were limited, and this is clearly indicated by the hard and bare tombs they erected. But some of their buildings were quite elegant, with the use of enamelled tiles—a technique introduced from Persia. A certain amount of imagination and a bold diversity of design are also displayed in the Lodhi architecture. Another characteristic was the use of double domes. One building of note is the Moth Ki Masjid erected by the prime minister of Sikandar Lodhi.
Religious Movements of Medieval Age

Bhakti Saints

- Ramanuja - In 11th century Ramanuja tried to assimilate Bhakti to the tradition of Vedas. He argued that grace of God was more important than knowledge about him in order to attain salvation. The tradition established by Ramanuja was followed by number of thinkers such as Madhavacharya, Ramananda, Vallabhacharya and others.
- Jnandeva (1275-96 AD) - He was progenitor of Bhakti movement in Maharashtra.
- Namdeva (1270-1350 AD) - He was a Nirguna Upasaka. Some of his abhangas are included in Guru Granth Sahib.
- Ekanath (1548 AD) - He was opposed to caste distinction and evinced greatest sympathy for men of low caste.
- Tukaram - He was a farmer’s son and a great devotee of Vitthal.
- Ramadasa (1608) – He established ashramas all over India. It was from him that Shivaji received the inspiration to overthrow Muslim authority and found the kingdom.
- Gurunanak (1469-1539 AD) - He was a mystique of Nirguna School. But his followers branched off from Hinduism and founded a separate religious system. He became a wandering preacher of a casteless, universal, ethical, anti-ritualistic and monotheistic and highly spiritual religion.
- Surdas (1483-1513 AD) - He belongs to Saguna School. He was a disciple of famous religious teacher Vallabhacharya. He sang the glory of Krishna's childhood and youth in his Sursagar.
- Tulsi Das (1532-1623 AD) - He belongs to Saguna school of Hindu Mystics. He composed the famous Ramcharitamanas.
- Another popular movement, which arose around the 12th century, was Lingayat or Vir Shaiva movement. Its founder was Basava and his nephew Channabasava who lived at the courts of Kalchuri kings of Karnataka.
- In South, the Bhakti movement was led by a series of popular saints called Nayanars and Alvars. The chief object of their worship was Shiva and Vishnu respectively. They spoke and wrote in Tamil and Telugu.

Adi Sankaracharya

The period after Guptas is marked by revival and expansion of Hinduism and continued eclipse of Jainism and Buddhism. At the intellectual level the most serious challenge to Buddhism and Jainism was posed by Sankara who revived Hinduism. He is called Aquinas of Hinduism, since he reduced the apparently self-contradictory passages of the Upanishads into one consistent system. He propounded the doctrine of Advaita (non-dualism). According to this philosophy, there are various levels of truth. On a lower level, the world is a creation of Brahma. But, on the highest level, the whole universe is Maya (illusion). The only ultimate reality was Brahma, the impersonal world soul. Creation is his lila (eternal play). He is imminent and omniscient. According to Sankara, God and the created world were one. The differences were apparent but not real and arose due to ignorance. He wrote excellent commentaries on Bhagavadgita and Upanishads. After his death 4 mathas were established in Sringeri (Karnataka), Dwarka (Gujarat), Puri (Orissa) and Badrinath in the Himalayas.
Hindu Religious Ideas

- Vishishtadvaita of Ramanuja-charya - It means qualified monoism. The ultimate reality according to it is Brahma (God) who is imminent in matter and individual souls and controls them from within.
- Sivadvaita of Srikanthacharya - He propounded the view that Shiva endowed with Shakti is ultimate Brahma who pervades the universe and exists beyond it.
- Dvaita of Madhavachaiya - According to this dualism the world is not an illusion but reality full of real distinctions. God, matter and soul are all unique in their nature and are irreducible to each other.
- Dvaitadvaita of Nimbark-acharya - According to this dualistic monoism Brahma really transformed himself into the world and souls, which are real and distinct and different from God, but cannot exist without its support.
- Suddhadvaita of Vallabha-charya - Vallabha’s philosophy is known as Pushtimarga (the path of grace) and his school by the name of Rudrasampradaya. Brahma is identified with Sri Krishna. Salvation is through Sneha (deep-rooted and all surpassing love for God).
- Achintyabhedavada of Chaitanya god according to Chaitanya is Krishna. He is infinite life and bliss He is full of infinite power and consciousness. Radha is the power of Krishna, there is no difference between him and Radha. Although infinite he incarnates in form of finite mortals and is subject to love. Bhakti or devotion is only means of liberation. Chaitanya spread the message that Raag Marg or path of spontaneous love was the best for salvation.

Sufism

- Those saints among the Muslims who advocated a life of purity and renunciation were called Sufis. Another view is that the word Sufi came out of the word Sooph meaning wool.
- Sufism sprang from the doctrine of Wahadat-ul wajud or unity of being. This doctrine was propounded by Ibn-Ul-Arabi (1165-1240 AD).
One of the earliest Sufis was a woman saint Rabia of Basra who laid great emphasis on love as bond between god and individual soul.

The Sufis were organized in 12 order or Silsilas. The silsilas were generally led by a prominent mystic who lived in Khanqah along with his disciples.

The link between the teacher or Pir and his disciple or Murid was a vital part of Sufi system. Every Pir nominated a successor or Wali to carry out work.

The Sufi orders are widely divided into two - Ba-sahara that is those who followed the Islamic law and Be-Sahara that is those, who were not bound by it. Of the Be-sahara movement only two acquired significant influence. These were the Chisti and Suharwardi Silsilahs.

Chisti Silsila: The Chisti order was founded by Khwaja Abdul Chisti in Herat, it was brought to India by Khwaja Moin-ul-din Chisti (1141-1236). He arrived at Lahore in 1161 AD and settled at Ajmer about 1206 AD. However, the most famous of Chisti saints were Nizamuddin Auliya and Nasiruddin Chirag-i-Delhi. Auliya was generally known as Mahbub-i-llahi (beloved of God). They made themselves popular by adopting musical recitation called Sama to create mood of nearness to god.

Suhrawardi Silsila: It was founded by Shaikh Shihabuddin Suhrawardi. The credit of organising it goes to Shaikh Bahauddin Zakariya. Its main centre was Multan. Saints of this order had big jagirs and had close contact with state.

Firdausi Silsila: Slunk Badruddin of Samar established it in Delhi but later it moved to Bihar and became the most influential mystic order. Its most distinguished saint was Shaikh Shamasuddin Yahya Munair who believed in Pantheistic monoism.

Shattari Silsila: It was founded in India by Shah Abdullah Shattari. However it gained in popularity under Shaik Muhammad Ghaouth of Gwalior. Among his disciple were the famous musician Tansen. The Shattari saints sought to synthesize Hindu and mystical Muslim thoughts to practice. Qadiri Silsila Shah Niamatullah Qadri was probably the first notable saint of this order to enter India but it was Syed Muhammad Jilaui who organised it on affective basis. Dara Shikoh, the eldest son of Shah Jahan was follower of this order.

Naqshbandi Silsila: This Silsila was introduced in India by Khwaja Baqi Billah during the later years of Akbar’s reign. It attained a position of great importance in India under the leadership of Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi. He was opposed to pantheistic philosophy wahadat-ul-wujud and propounded the theory of wahadal-ul-shudud

Mahdawi Movement: It was initiated by Syed Muhammad Mahadi of Jaunpur. He concentrated his energies on regeneration of people.

Raushaniyah Movement: The movement owed its origin to Miyan Bayazid Ansari a native of Jalandhar. He emphasised inter organisation of religious rules and inspired his followers with the ideal of ascetic self-denial.

The Coming of the Mughals Babur (1484-1530)

Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur, descended from his father’s side in the 5th generation from Timur. and through his mother in the 15th generation from Chenghiz Khan. Reasons for his Indian expedition.

- The Ottomans defeated the Safavids and the Uzbeks controlled Transoxiana forcing Babur’s imperial impulses towards India.
- Meagre income of Kabul
- Desire to emulate Timur
- Punjab was part of the Timurid province and hence was considered a legal partrimony of the Timurids
- Apprehension of Uzbek attacks.
- He was invited to attack India by Daulat Khan Lodi, Subedar of Punjab; Ibrahim Lodi’s uncle Alamkhan Lodi and Rana Sanga.
- He was successful in his 5th expedition. In the Battle of Panipat 20th April 1526. he finally defeated Ibrahim Lodhi. Babur was the first one to entitle himself as the ‘Padshah’

**Battle of Panipat (1526)- Babur defeated Ibrahim Lodi**

**Battle of Khanwa (1527)- Babur defeated Rana Sanga**

**Battle of Chanderi (1528)- Babur defeated Medini Rai**

He wrote “Tuzuk-i-Baburi” or Baburnama in Turkish. It was translated into Persian by Abdur Raltim Khan i-Khanan. Other works include a “Masnavi”

**Significance**

After the Kushans, he was the first to bring Kabul and Kandahar into the Indian empire, which provided stability since it was the staging post of invasions of India. This helped in promoting trade since these towns were the starting points of caravans meant for China in the east & Mediterranean in the west. He smashed Lodi and Rajput power, destroying the balance of power which paved the way for an empire. New mode of warfare was introduced with combination of artillery and cavalry. He restored the prestige of the crown after Feroze Shah Tughlaq.

**Humayun (1530-40; 1555-56)**

**Campaigns** 1530 - Kalinjar : The Raja offered nominal submission.
1532 - Muhamud Lodi defeated at Daubrua. 1533 - Siege of Chunur. Slier Khan (later Slier Shah) offered nominal submission by sending son Qutb Khan to Humayun’s court.
Humayun then built Dinpanah at Delhi as his second capital.
Second siege of Chunur and then the march to Gaur which was stopped at Teliagarhi pass by Jalal Khan (Slier Shah’s son) in 1538. Occupied Gaur where Slier Shah had left wine, women and opium to delay Humayun who renamed it Jannatabad (paradise). Hindal meanwhile assumed the crown at Agra.
1539: Battle of Chausa Buxar. Humayun was saved by Nizam, the water carrier (Bishti). 1540 Humayun was again defeated by Sher Shah at Kanauj
- He faced a formidable opponent in the Afghan, Sher Khan (Shah) who in the successive battles of Chausa and Kannauj defeated Humayun and forced him to flee India.
- Humayun saw the death of Sher Shah as an opportunity to regain the throne. Humayun had conquered Qandahar and re-established his control over Kabul with the help of the Safavid King of Persia. He could now use Kabul as his base for campaigns into India.
- His sister, Gulbadan Begum, wrote his biography—Humayunama.
- Humayun died while climbing down the stairs of his library in 1556.

**Sher Shah (1540-1545)**

He was born to Hasan, (the Jagirdar of Kwaspur, Sahasram and Hajipur Tanda) as Farid. Ibrahim lodi transferred his father’s Jagir to him. In 1527-28 he joined Babur’s service and then returned to Bihar as deputy governor and guardian of the minor king Jalal Khan Lohani. He sided with Mahmud Lodi at Ghagra. 1530 he usurps throne as Hazarat-i-Ala. He gained Chunur by marrying the widow Lad Malika. Humayun besieged Chunur again, in 1539, he captured Chausa. He assumed the title Slier Shah as emperor, in 1540 he annexed Kanauj and then Lahore. He died in 1545 while conquering Kalinjar.

**Various Diwans**
- Wazarat—revenues and finance.
- Ariz—military
- Rasalatmuhtasib-correspondence.
- Insha-dispatches.
- Quza-justice.
- Barid-intelligence.
- Saman-Toy a\'l household.

**Administration**
He continued the central machinery of administration which had developed during the Sultanate period. A number of villages comprised of Pargana, which was under the charge of Shiqdar, who looked after the law and order and general administration. The Munsif or Amil looked after the collection of land revenue. Above the Pargana was the Shiq or Sarkar under the charge of the shiqdar-i-shiqdaran and munsif-i-munsifan. A number of Sarkars were grouped into a province.

**Justice**
Civil cases of pargana were heard by Amin and criminal cases by a Qazi or Mir-i-Adal. He introduced the principle of local responsibility for local crimes. Muqaddams were punished for failure to find culprits.

**Revenue System**
Land was measured using the Sikandari-gaz (a unit of measure introduced by Sikandar Lodi). One third of the average was fixed as tax. The peasant was given a patta (title deed) and a qabulivat (deed of agreement) which fixed the peasants rights and taxes. Zamindars were removed and the taxes were directly collected.

**Customs**
All internal customs and duties were abolished. Only 2 duties were levied.

**Currency**
He introduced the silver rupiya

**Public works**
Parana Qila was built along with Grand Trunk Road from Sonargaon (Bengal) to Attock (NWFP). He also built 17(H) sarais (rest houses) which also served as dak chuukis.

**Akbar (1556-1604)**

- Akbar was 14 veal’s old when he was crowned at Kalanaur in 1556 but he could consolidate his position only after the second hunk’ of Panipat (5th November 1556), fought against Mohammad Adil Sur’s Wazir—Vikramaditya (Hemu).
- Between 1556-60. Akbar ruled under Bairam Khan’s regency.
- Akbar’s earliest campaigns were against Durgawati of Garh-Katanga (Gond & Rajput principalities) followed by Chittor (Rana Udai Singh); Ranthambor (Rao Surjan Hada).
- The two powerful forts of Rajasthan—Ranthambor and Chittor (guarded by Jaimal)—were captured by the Mughals.
- Akbar’s deccan campaign began with the siege of Ahmednagar (defended by Chand Bibi). Ahmednagar soon resurrected itself under the leadership of Malik Amber.
- Akbar’s last campaign was against Asirgarh, resulting in the annexation of Khandesh (1601). Akbar conquered Kandahar in 1595.
- Bharmal of Amber, followed by Jaiselmer and Bikaner established marital relationships with Akbar.
- Bhagwan Das (5000/at) and Man Singh (7000 zat) enjoyed a privileged position in the Mughal court.
- Akbar faced a rebellion in Gujarat in 1572, which was crushed and following which he built the Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri.

**Organization of the Government**

Parganas and Sarkar continued as before. Chief officers of the Sarkar were Fauzdar and Amalguzar, the former being in charge of law and order and the later responsible for the assessment and collection of the land revenue. The empire was divided into Jagir, Khalisa and Inam. Akbar reorganized the central machinery of the administration on the basis of division of power between the various departments.

- Wazir - Head of the revenue department
- Mir Bakshi - Head of the military department
- Barids - Intelligence Officers
- Waqia navis - Reporters
- Mir saman - In charge of imperial household
- Qazi - Head of the judicial department

Akbar divided the empire into 12 subas in 15X0. These were Bengal, Bihar, Allahbad, Awadh, Agra, Delhi, Lahore, Multan, Kabul, Ajmer, Malwa, & Gujarat. A Subbahdar, diwan, bakshi, sadr, qazi, and a waqia navis were appointed each to of the provinces

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**Akbar's Religious Policies**

- He abolished Jaziya and pilgrimage tax and forcible conversion of prisoners of war.
- He built an Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri to discuss religious matters. He invited many distinguished persons.
- To curb the dominance of Ulema, Akbar introduced a new Khutba written by Faizi and proclaimed Mahzama in 1579, which made him the final interpreter of Islamic law (Mujtahid Imam-i-Adil) in case of an...
contraversies. It made him Amir ul Momin (leader of the faithful) and Amir-i-Adil (a just ruler).

- His liberalism is reflected again in the pronouncement of Tauhid-i-Illahi or Din-i-Ilahi. which propounded Sufi divine monotheism.

Tenets of Din-i-Illahi (1582)

- It could be adopted on Sunday by performing paibos (The emperor placed his feel on the head of the initiated). following which Akbar gave Shat (formula)
  - The initiated had to express greeting in the form of Allah-o-Akbar and Jalle-Jalalhu a
  - He had to abstain from meat and give alms.
  - There were no scriptures and priests.

Taufhid-I-Illahi had four grades of devotion in the ascending order—sacrifice of property, life, honor and religion.

- Birbal, Abul Fazl and Faizi joined the order.
- Badauni believed that Akbar was creating a new religion but contemporarv historians believe that he was only trying to attain the status of Insaan-i-Kamil.

Akbar's Court

- Todar Mai, Abul Fazl, Faizi, Birbal, Tansen, Abdur Rahim Khan-i-Khana, Mullah do Pyaza and Man Singh were gems of his court.
- Akbar established the painting Karkhana, headed by Abdus Samad.
- Ralph Fitch (1585) was the first Englishman to visit Akbar’s Court.
- Abul Fazl wrote Akbarnama, the appendix of which was called Ain-i-Akbari. This section deals with the laws and revenue system.

Jahangir (1605-27)

- His wife, Nurjahan (daughter of Itimad-daulah) exercised tremendous influence over the state affairs. She was made the official Padshah Begum.
- Jahangir banned slaughter of animals on Sunday and Thursday.
- He established Zanjir-i-Adal at Agra Fort for the seekers of royal justice.
- Jahangir also married Jodha Bai of Marwar, and a Kachchwaha princes.
- His son Khusrav, who received patronage of Guru Arjun Dev, revolted against Jahangir. The fifth Sikh Guru Arjun Dev was later sentenced to death for his blessings to the rebel prince.
- Khurram (Shahjahan) supported by his father-in-law, Asaf Khan, also revolted against Jahangir but the two soon reconciled.
- His military general, Mahabat Khan revolted and abducted him but Nurjahan saved him due to her diplomatic efforts.
- He was well read and wrote his memoirs Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri in Persian.
- On the refusal to pay the fine, Guru Arjun’s son, Hargovind was imprisoned in the fort of Gwalior.
- Jahangir faced a formidable opponent in Malik Amber (an Abyssinian) in his expedition to Ahmednagar. Shahjahan’s military capacity was proved during the expeditions undertaken during Jahangir’s reign and Ahmednagar was annexed (1601).
- John Hawkins resided at Agra for two years (1609-11). He was given the mansab of 400.
Sir Thomas Roe (1615-18) was ambassador of James I.

Shahjahan (1628-58)

- In 1612 he married Arzmand Banu Begum who became famous as Mumtaz Mahal
- In 1632, he defeated Portugese and annexed Ahmednager in 1636
- Shahjahan’s reign is described by French traveller Bernier and Tavernier and the Italian traveller Manucci. Peter Mundy described the famine that occurred during Shah Jahan’s time.
- Shahjahan succeeded to the throne on the death of Jahangir in 1628. The first thing that he had to face was revolts in Bundellchand (Jujhar Singh Bundela of Orchcha) and the Deccan (Khan-i-Jahan Lodi, the governor of Deccan).
- He sent his armies to Balkh and Badakshan in Central Asia in order to secure the defence of north-western India. Shah Jahan who had recovered Kandahar (1638) from the Iranians but lost it again (1649) despite three campaigns under Prince Murad, Aurangzeb and Dara.
- The War of succession took a notorious turn during Shahjahan’s reign and his two daughters Jahan Ara and Roshan Ara supported his two sons. Dara and Aurangzeb, respectively.

Aurangzeb (1658-1707)

- He defeated Dara (1659).
- He took the title of ‘Alamgir’ in 1659.
- He was called as Zinda Pir, the living saint.
- In 1662, Mir Jumla, Aurangzeb’s ablest general led the expedition against Ahoms.
- He forbade inscription of Kalma on the coins.
- He ended the celebration of Navroz festival.
- Mutasib (regulator of moral conduct) were appointed.
- He forbade music in the court.
- He ended Jarokha darshan, use of almanacs and weighing of the emperor.
- Aurangzeb compiled Fatwa-i-Alamgiri.
- Jaziya was re-introduced. However, the Hindu mansabdars maintained their high proportion during his reign.
- The Mughal conquests reached a climax during his reign, as Bijapur and Golconda were annexed in 1686 and 1687, respectively.

Revolts under Aurangzeb

- Aurangzeb’s failure to understand the root causes and nature of the rise of Marathas, gave him a formidable opponent, Shivaji.
- The first anti-imperial reaction took place in the form of Jai \ Rebellion under Gokla. Rajaram and Chinaman Satnamis.
- First Afghan rebellion was by Yusufshahi tribes of Afghanistan of Roshnai sect.
- Second Afghan rebellion led by Ajmal Khan.
- During his reign, ninth Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed.
Mughal State and Architecture

Mughal Architecture

Babar
- Babar’s built two mosques one at Kabulibagh in Panipat and the other at Sambhal in Rohilkhand.

Humayun
- Humayun laid the foundation of the city Din Panah at Delhi.
- Humayun’s tomb is called the prototype of Taj Mahal. It has a double dome of marble, while the central dome is octagonal. It was built by his widow Haji Begum.
- The garden and the gateway are to be found in all Mughal-style tombs.

Akbar
- Building’s built by Akbar are Agra Fort (1565), Lahore Palace (1572), Fatehpur Sikri’, Buland Darwaza and Allahabad Fort (1583).
- The architecture at Fatehpur Sikri is an excellent blending of Persian, Central Asian and various Indian (Bengal and Gujarat) styles. It is also known as Epic poem in red sandstone. Indian tradition includes deep eaves, balconies and Kiosks. Central Asian Style is evident in the use of glazed blue tiles.
- Two unusual buildings at Fatehpur Sikri are Panch Mahal & Diwan-i-Khas
- The Panch Mahal has the plan of Buddhist Vihara.
- The Jodhabai’s Palace, Diwan-i-Aam, Diwan-i-Khas are Indian in their plan.
- Buland Darwaja (built after Gujarat victory), formed the main entrance to Fatehpur Sikri. It is built in the Iranian style of half dome portal.
- Salim Chisti’s tomb (redone in Marble by Jahangir is the first Mughal building in Pure marble), palaces of Birbal, Anup Talao, Mariyam Mahal are also inside the Fatehpur Sikri.
- He built the Jahangiri Mahal in Agra fort according to Hindu design based on Man Mandir.
- Haroon Minor—Tower built by Akbar in memory of his elephant (Haroon).
- He also began to build his own tomb at Sikandara which was later completed by Jahangir.

Jahangir
- The style of architecture used by both Jahangir and Shahjahan is known as Indo Persian. Important features of this style are Curved lines, Bulbous dome, foliated arches vigorous use of marble instead of red sandstone and use of pietre dura for decorative purposes.
- Nurjahan built Itimad-ud-Daula’s (another name of Mirza Ghiyas Beg) marble tomb at Agra, which is noticeable for the first use of pietra dura (floral designs made up of semi-precious stones) technique.
- He built Moti Masjid in Lcdwre and his own mausoleum at Shahdara (Lahore).
- He also changed the plan of Akbar’s tomb at Sikandara. It is an unusual tomb as it is not surmounted by a dome and built on the model of a Buddhist Pagoda.

Shahjahan
- Mosque building activity reached its climax in Taj Mahal. He also built the Jama Masjid (sand stone).
- Some of the important building built by Shahjahan at agra are Moti Masjid (pniy mosque of marble) in Agra, Khaas Mahal, Musamman Bun (Jasmine Palace where he spent his last years in captivity) and Sheesh Mahal with mosaic glasses on walls and ceilings.
- Many stone buildings were destroyed by him and replaced by marble.
- He laid the foundations of Shahjahanabad in 1637 where he built the Red Fort and Taqt-i-taus (Peacock
throne).
- Most richly ornamented building in Red Fort was the Diwan-i-Khas or Rang Mahal
- He laid the Shalimar Gardens in Lahore.
- Shahjahan built Nahar-i-Fuiz.

**Aurangzeb**
- Only building built by Aurangzeb in the Red Fort is Moti Masjid.
- Only monument associated with Aurangzeb is Bibi ka Makbara which is the tomb of his wife Rabbia-ud-daura in Aurangabad.
- He also built the Badshahi mosque in Lahore.

**Mughal Painting**
- The Mughals introduced new themes depicting the con, battle scenes and the chase and added new colours (Peacock blue and Indian red).
- Humayun had taken into his service two master painters Mir Syed Ali and Abdus Samad.
- Jaswant and Dasawan were two famous painters of Akbar’s court.
- Apart from illustrating Persian books of fables (Hamzanama), the painters illustrated Razamnama (Mahabharta) and Akbaranaama.
- Jahangir claims that he could distinguish (he work of each artista picture.
- Under Akbar, European painting was introduced at the court by the Portuguese priests.

**Regional Architecture**

**Jaunpur**
- Tughlaq influence on the Sharqi architecture is seen in the use of arch and beam, and battering walls.
- Propylons (huge recessed arch framed by tapering square minars divided into registers) have been used in Atala Masjid (Ibrahim Shah) and Jami Masjid (Hussain Shah).

**Malwa**
- It is notable for the excellent combination of arch and lintel, construction of stairs of flight, the use of coloured tiles and lofty plinth for the buildings.
- Malwa boasts of Hussain Shah’s tomb, Jami Masjid, Jahaz Mandal, Hindola Mahal and the palaces of Baa: Bahadur and Rupmati.
- In Chanderi, Shahzadi Ka Rauza, Kushak Mahal and the Badal Mahal are located.

**Bengal**
- Adina Masjid built by Sikandar Shah and the Eklakhi tomb of Mahmud Shah were constructed. Some other monuments are Dakhil Darwaza, Tantipura Masjid, the Bara Sona Masjid etc.

**Kashmir**
- Wood was the principle building material and the roofs are pyramidal.
- Kashmir has two buildings of prominence: Mir Sajjid Ali Hamadani’s Mosque and Jami Masjid of Sikandar Shah.

**Gujarat**
Notable monuments are Jami Masjid of Ahmedabad, Nagina Masjid of Champaner and the cities of Mahmudabad and Mustafabad founded by Mohammed Beghara.

**Sur Architecture**
- Sur Architecture forms the climax of Pre Mughal style of Architecture.
- Surs built tombs at Sasaram which were octagonal but most outstanding was Shei Shah’s Mausoleum built on a huge plinth amidst a lake and is multi storeyed.
- He also built the Parana Qila whose surviving monuments are Qila-i-Kuhna Masjid and the Sher Mandal library.

### Mughal State and Administration

#### Provincial Administration
- Mughal empire was divided into subas which was further subdivided into sarkar, parganas and villages.
- However, it also had other territorial units as ‘Khalisa’, (royal land), Jagirs (autonomous rajas) and Inams (gifted lands, mainly waste lands).
- There were 15 territorial units (subas) during Akbar’s reign, which later increased it to 20 under Aurangzeb’s reign.

**Province (Suba)**
- Sipahsalar—The Head Executive (under Akbar and later he was known Nizam or Subedar)
- Diwan—Incharge of revenue department
- Bakshi—Incharge of military dept.

**District/Sarakar**
- Fauzdar—Administrative head
- Amal/Amalguzar—Revenue collection
- Kotwal—Maintenance of law and order, trial of criminal cases and price regulation.

**Pargana**
- Shiqdar—Administrative head combined in himself the duties of ‘fauzdar and kotwal’
- Amin, Qanungo—Revenue officials

**Village**
- Muqaddam—Headman
- Patwari—Accountant
- Chowkidar—Watchman

### Mansabdari System

1. Mansabdari system which was introduced in 1595-96, was a combined status, showing a noble’s civil and military capacity.
2. Twin ranks—Zat and Sawar, were allotted. The former indicated a noble’s personal status, while the latter, the number of troops he had to maintain.
3. Mansabdari had three scale gradation, viz
   - Mansabdar (500 zat and below)
   - Amir (between 500-2500 zat)
   - Amir-i-Umda (2500 zat and above)
4. The salary of the Mansabdar was fixed on a Month Scale system.
   During Jahangir’s reign, a du aspa siha aspa system was introduced through which, a nobles’ sawar rank could he increased without affecting his zat.
5. Mansab was not an hereditary system. Mansabdars were paid through revenue assignments (jagirs).

**State and Economy**

- Apart from land revenue (charged 1/3 to ½) the state being a military state, also depended upon benefits of conquest. However, much of its revenue was wasted in ostentation and wars.
- The revenue was collected by state machinery in alliance with local Zamindars who got their due share.
- There were several methods of revenue collection in practice viz. Kankut (estimate), Rai (yield per unit area) and ‘zabt’ (based on the yields of crops)..
- **Zabti**: A standardized method of collection based on rates of crops determined after 10 years assessment Todar Mai pioneered it. It required annual measurement of land and where it was not possible Nasaq was prevalent.
- Another method, **muqtai** was prevalent in Bengal.
- **GhallaBaqshi**: Assessment by the division of crops (in Thatta, Kabul and Kashmir).
- **Jagirdari system** was the assignment of land in proportion to a jagirdar’s salary. Hence, every Mansabdar was entitled to a jagir if he was not paid in cash. A jagir could be transferred and the jagirdar had no police powers over the land.
- **Madad-i-maash or Suyur ghal/inam** were land grants to people of favour/religious assignment.
- **Zamindars** were hereditary claimants in every category of land revenue assignment. They collected revenue on behalf of the state and received assistance called **nankar** or **Malikana**.

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### Later Mughals

**Bahadur Shah I** (1707-1712)

- Aurangzeb died in 1707. A war of succession started amongst his three surviving sons viz. Muazzam-the governor of Kabul, Azam-the governor of Gujarat and Kam Baksh-The governor of Bijapur. Muazzam defeated
Azam and Kam Baksh and ascended the Mughal throne with the title of Bahadur Shah.

- He pursued pacifist policy and was therefore also called Shah Bekhaber.
- He also assumed the title of Shah Alam I.
- He made peace with Guru Gobind Singh and Chhatrasal. He granted Sardeshmukhi to Marathas and also released Shahu.
- He forced Ajit Singh to submit but later in 1709, recognised him as the Rana Marwar.
- He defeated Banda Bahadur at Longarh and reoccupied Sirhird in 1711.

Jahandar Shah (1712-13) ascended the throne with the aid of Zulfikhar Khan. His nephew, Farrukh Siyar, defeated him. He abolished Jiziyah.

Farrukh Siyar (1713-1719) ascended the throne with the help of Sayyid brothers. Abdullah Khan and Hussain Khan who were Wazir and Mir Bakshi respectively. Farrukh Siyar was killed by the Sayyid brothers in 1719. Banda Bahadur was captured at Gurudaspur and executed.

Mohammad Shah (1719-48). During his reign Nadir Shah raid India and took away the peacock throne and the Kohinoor diamond.

- He was a pleasure loving king and was nick named Rangeela.
- Nizam ul mulk was appointed Wazir in 1722 but he relinquished the post and marched to the Deccan to found the state of Hyderabad.
- Bengal acquired virtual independence during the governorship of Murtis Quli Khan.
- Saddat Khan Burhan-UL-Mulk who was appointed governor of Awadh by him laid down the foundation of the autonomous state.

Ahmed Shah's (1748-1754) During his reign, Ahmed Shah Abdali (one of the ablest generals of Nadir Shah) marched towards Delhi. And the Mughals ceded Punjab and Multan.

Alamgir (1754-1759) During his reign, Ahmed Shah Abdali occupied Delhi. Later, Delhi was also plundered by the Marathas.

Shah Alam II (1759-1806) During his reign Najib Khan Rohilla became very powerful in Delhi so much so that Shah Alam II could not enter Delhi. The Battle of Buxar (1764) was fought during his reign.

Akbar Shah II (1806-37), During his reign Lord Hastings ceased to accept the sovereignty of the Mughals and claimed an equal status.

Bahadur Shah II (1837-1862), The last Mughal king, who was confined by the British to the Red Fort. During the revolt of 1857 he was proclaimed the Emperor by the rebellions. He was deported to Rangoon following the 1857 rebellion.

Vijaynagar Empire and the Bahamani Kingdoms

Vijaynagar (c. 1350 - 1564)

The Vijaynagar Kingdom and the city was founded by Harihar-l and Bukka-l (sons of Sangama) who were feudatories of Kakatiyas and later became ministers in the court of Kampili.

- Harihar and Bukka were brought to the centre by Mohammed bin Tughlaq, converted to Islam and were sent to south again to control rebellion but on the instance of Vidyaranya, they established Vijaynagar Kingdom in 1336 AD.
- Vijaynagar’s arch rival were Bahmani Sultans with whom they fought over Tungabhadra doab (between Krishna & Tungabhadra), Krishna-Godavari delta (Raichur) and Marathwada.
- Vijaynagar-Bahamani contest was started by Bukka I in 1367 when he attacked the Bahmani
fortress at Mudkal. It was a war state its resources being devoted to military purposes.

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**Famous Travellers to Vijayanagar Kingdom**


**Nicolo de Conti:** A Italian traveller who visited during the time of Deva Raya I. Left an account in Travels of Nicolo Conti.

**Abdur Razzak:** Ambassador of Shah Rukh of Samarqand at the Court of the Zamorin of Calicut, He gives an account of the reign of Devaraya II. in his Matla us Sadaín Wa Majma id Bahrain. **Athanasius Nikitin:** A Russian merchant who described the conditions of the Bahamani kingdom under Muhammad II in his Voyage to India.

**Ludvico de Vorthema:** An Italian merchant who visited India in 1502-1508 and left his memoirs in Travels in Egypt, India.

**Duarte Barbosa (1500-1516):** A Portugese He has given a vivid account of the Vijayanagar government under
Krishna Deva Raya in his famous book - An Account of Countries bordering the Indian Ocean and their Inhabitants

Dominigas Paes: Portugese who spent a number of years at Krishna Deva’s court has given a glowing account of his personality.

Fernao Nuniz: A Portugese writer of 16th century spent three years in Vijayanagar. (1535-37).

Vijayanagar Coins

The Vijayanagar rulers issued gold coins called Varahas or Pagodas. (Varaha because the most common symbol was the Varaha-the boar incarnation of Vishnu). These help us know that they were Vishnu worshippers. Impressions found on Vijayanagar coins include the bull, elephant and various Hindu deities and the Gandahherunda (a double headed eagle holding an elephant in its beaks and claws). On the reverse they contain the kings name in Nagari or Kannada script. Harihara I and Bukka I employed the Hanuman symbol, while Krishnadeva Raya had Venkatesh and Balkrishna, Achutya Raya used Garuda, while Tirumala maintained the original Varaha. Deva Raya II is described as Gajabentakara.

The Varaha was the main coin, of gold with slight copper content. The Perm was half a varaha. The Fanani was one tenth a Perta. All were of gold mixed with alloy, with the Fanam as the most useful. Tar was a silver coin which was a sixth of the Fanam. The Jital was a copper coin worth a third of the Tar.

Vijayanagar Local Government

The country was divided into kuttams; a kuttam into nodus; a nadu into ‘dinhadin melagram’, below this came the agaram. A province in Karnataka was divided into venthes; a venthe into simes; a simi into sthalas; and a sthala into valitas.

The Auagar system was an important feature of the village organisation. Body of twelve functionaries, known as “ayagars”, conducted every village affair. They were granted tax free lands “manyoms”, which they were to enjoy in perpetuity. In addition to land tax there were various other taxes such as properly lax, tax on sale of produce (rate varied according to the type of soil, crop, method of irrigation etc), profession taxes, military contribution, taxes on marriage etc.

Vijayanagar Architecture

The Vijayanagara rulers produced a new style of architecture called as Provida style. The large number and prominence of pillars and piers are some of the distinct features. Horse was the most common animal on the pillars. Another important feature was the Mandapa or open pavittion with a raised platform, meant for seating deities. Important temples were Vithatswami and Hazara temples at Hampi, Tadapatri and Parvati temples at Chidambaram and Varadrajcf and Ekambarnatha temples at Kanchipuram.

The Vijayanagar rulers started the practice of inscribing the stories of the Ramavana and the Mahabharata on the walls of the various temples. Hazara temple and Vithalswami temples are examples of this / type of wall inscription.
**Bahmani Kingdoms**

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**Vijaynagar Trade**

Accounts of foreigners like Nuni, & Paes indicate a dependence on foreign trade for maintenance of the two most important bases contributing to the might of military strength in the Vijayanagara empire; its cavalry and its firearms. Thus the success of the Vijayanagara state depended directly upon its contacts with Muslim & Portuguese traders. The trade in warhorses remained securely in the hands of foreigners. The Vijayanagara emperors monopolized the trade so that they could assign the best cavalry to warriors. Artillery and musket became important parts of Vijayanagara war machine.

**Vijaynagar Society**

Only empire in Medieval India which employed women in the state services. Women even went to battles. Only state that promoted widow remarriage. Status of women improved during this time.

**Important Terms:**

- Viprulu: Brahmins (teachers and priests)
- Rajutu: Kshatriya
- Natavajativaru: Shudras
- Vipravinoilins: Artisans
- Kaikollas: Weavers
- Tottiyan or Kambalattars: Shephards
- Sahaguman: Sati
- Besabaga: Forced labour under begara.

**Bahmani Kingdom**

**Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah (1347-58):** He also known as Hasan Gangu and whose original name was Ismail Mukh, founded the Bahmani kingdom with us capital at Gulbarga (First capital). There were a total of fourteen Bahmani Sultans.

**Taj-ud-din Firoz Shah (1397-1422):**
The Greatest among them all. He was determined to make Deccan the cultural centre of India. Inducted large number of Hindus in the administration on large scale. Paid much attention to the pons of his Kingdom Chaul & Dabhol which attracted trade ships from Persian Gulf & Red Sea.

**Ahmad Shah Wali (1422-35):** transferred the capital from Gulbarga to Bidar.
Mahmud Gawan

He was the Prime Minister or the Peshwa of Muhammad Shah III between 1463-81. The Bahmani kingdom saw a resurgence under his guidance. His military conquests included Konkan, Goa and the Krishna-Godavari delta. He divided the kingdom into eight tarafs, each governed by a tarafdar. In every province, Khalisa (tract of land) was set apart for the expenses of the Sultan.

The discontented nobles, particularly the Deccan (also called Habshis) nobles who resented the rise of 'Afaqis’ (also called gharibs) or new arrivals from West Asia organised a conspiracy against Gawan (an Afaqi) and had him executed in 1482. After Gawan’s execution, the Bahmani kingdom began to decline and disintegrate.

Break up of the Bahmani Kingdom

Nizam Shahis of Ahmadnagur (1490-1633): Founder of city of Ahmednagar and the Kingdom was Ahmad Nizam Shah. Later conquered and annexed by Shah Jahan (1633).

Adil Shahis of Bijapur (1490-1686): Founded by Yusuf Adil Shah. Greatest ruler was Ibrahim Adil Shah. Introduced Dakhini in place of Persian as court language. Gol Gumbaz, was built by Muhammad Adil Shah. It is also famous for the so-called ‘Wispering Gallery’. Bijapur was later conquered and annexed by Aurangzeb (1687).

Imad Shahis of Berar (1490-1574): Founded by Fatullah Khan Imad-ul-mulk with Daulatabad as capital. Later it was conquered and annexed by one of the Nizam Shahi rulers of Ahmadnagur.

Qutub Shahis of Golconda (1518-1687): Founded by Quli Qutub Shah (1518-43) who built the famous Golconda fort and made it his capital. Another Qutub Shahi ruler, Muhammad Quli Qutub Shah, was the greatest of all. and it was he who founded the city of Hyderabad (originally known as Bhagyanagar after the name of the Sultan’s favourite, Bhagyamati) and he also built the famous Charminar. Most important port of Qutub Shahi Kingdom was Masulipatnam. The kingdom was later annexed by Aurangzeb (1687).

Barid Shahis of Bidar (1528-1619): Founded by Ali Barid. It was later annexed by the Adil Shahis of Bijapur.

The Advent of the Europeans

Portuguese

Discovery of the New Sea Route The Cape route, was discovered from Europe to India by Vasco da Gama. He reached the port of Calicut on the May 17, 1498, and was received by the Hindu ruler of Calicut (known by the title of Zamorin). This led to the establishment of trading stations at Calicut, Cochin and Cannanore. Cochin was the early capital of the Portuguese in India. Uter Goa replaced it.

Alfonso d’Albuquerque arrived in India in 1503 as the governor of the Portuguese in India in 1509 (The first governor being Francisco de Almeida between 1505-09). He captured Goa from the ruler of Bijapur in 1510.

Other Governors

Nino da Cunha (1529-38)—transferred his capital from Cochin to Goa (1530) and acquired Diu and Bassein (1534) from Bahadur Shah of Gujarat.
Martin Alfonso de Souza (1542-45)—the famous Jesuit saint Francisco Xavier arrive in India with him

**Dutch**

**Formation of the Company** in March, 1602, by a charter of the Dutch parliament the Dutch East India Company was formed with powers to make wars, conclude treaties, acquire territories and build fortresses.

**Establishment of Factories** The Dutch set up factories at Masulipatam (1605). Pulicat (1610), Surat (1616), Bimilipatam (1641), Karikal (1645), Chinsura (1653), Kasimbazar, Baranagore, Patna, Balasore, Negapatam (all in 1658) and Cochin (1663).

The Dutch replaced the Portuguese as the most dominant power in European trade with the East, including India. Pulicat was their main centre in India till 1690, after which Negapatam replaced it.

The Dutch conceded to English after their defeat in the battle of Bedera in 1759.
Before the East India Company established trade in India, John Mildenhall, a merchant adventurer, was the first Englishman who arrived in India in 1599 by the overland route, ostensibly for the purpose of trade with Indian merchants.

**Formation of the Company** Popularly known as the ‘English East India Company’, it was formed by a group of merchants known as the ‘Merchant Adventures’ in 1599.

**Decision to open a factory at Surat**
Following the decision of the East India Company to open a factory at Surat (1608), Captain Hawkins arrived at Jahangir’s court (1609) to seek permission. A farman was issued by Jahangir permitting the English to build a factory at Surat (1613).

Sir Thomas Roe came to India as ambassador of James I to Jahangir’s court in 1615 to obtain the permission to trade and erect factories in different parts of the empire.

**Danish**

The Danes formed an East India Company and arrived in India in 1616. They established settlements at Tranquebar (in Tamil Nadu) in 1620 and at Serampore (Bengal) in 1676. Serampore was their headquarters in India. They were forced to sell all their settlements in India to the British in 1854.
French

The French East India Company was formed by Colbert under state patronage in 1664. The first French factory was established at Surat by Francois Caron in 1669. A factory at Masulipatam was set up in 1669.

The French power in India was revived by Lenoir and Dumas (governors) between 1720 and 1742. They occupied Mahe in the Malabar. Yanam in Coromandal and Karikal in Tamil Nadu (1739).

The arrival of Dupleix as French governor in India in 1742 saw the beginning of Anglo-French conflict (Carnatic wars) resulting in their final defeat in India.

Establishment of Factories

The East India Company acquired Bombay from Charles II on lease. Gerald Aungier was its first governor from 1669 to 1677. The first factory was built at Surat in 1669. Later, Surat was replaced by Bombay as the headquarters of the Company on the west coast in 1687.

In 1639 Francis Day obtained the site of Madras from the Raja of Chandragiri with permission to build a fortified factory, which was named Fort St. George. Madras soon replaced Masulipatam as the headquarters of the English on the Coromandal coast.

In 1690 Job Charnock established a factory at Sutanuti and the zamindari of the three villages of Sutanuti, Kalikata and Govindpur was acquired by the British (1698). These villages later grew into the city of Calcutta. The factory at Sutanuti was fortified in 1696 and this new fortified settlement was named Fort William in 1700.

In 1694, the British Parliament passed a resolution giving equal rights to all Englishmen to trade in the East. A new rival company, known as the ‘English Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies’ (1698) was formed.

The final amalgamation of the company came in 1708 under the title of ‘The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies’. This new company continued its existence till 1858.

The Maratha Age

Shivaji (1627-80)

Born at Shivneri to Shahji Bhonsle and Jija Bai, he inherited the Jagir of Poona from his father ill 1637. After the death of his guardian, Dadaji Kondadev, in 1647, he assumed full charge of his jagir. Before that, he conquered Torna, built forts at Raigarh & Pratapgarh (1645-47).

Afzal Khan was deputed by the Adil Shah ruler to punish Shivaji, but the later murdered Afzal in 1659.

Later Shaista Khan, governor of Deccan, was deputed by Aurangzeb to put down the rising power of Shivaji in 1660. Shivaji lost Poona and suffered several defeats till he made a bold attack on Shaista’s military camp and plundered Surat (1664) and later Ahmadnagar.

Raja Jai Singh of Amber was then appointed by Aurangzeb to put down Shivaji (1665) and Jai Singh succeeded
in besieging Shivaji in the fort of Purandhar. Consequently the treaty of Purandhar (1665) was signed according to which Shivaji ceded some forts to the Mughals and pay a visit to the Mughal court at Agra.

In 1674 he was coronated at Raigarh and assumed the title of ‘Haindava Dharma Dharak’ (Protector of Hinduism). Shivaji died in 1680.

**Shivaji’s Administration**

- Shivaji divided his territory under his rule (swaraj) into three provinces, each under a viceroy. Provinces were divided into prams which were subdivided into parganas or tarafs. The lowest unit was a village headed by a headman or patel.
- Shivaji was helped by the ashtapradhan (eight ministers) which was unlike a council of ministers, for there was no collective responsibility; each minister was directly responsible to Shivaji.
- Most of the administrative reforms of Shivaji were based on Malik Ambar’s (Ahmadnagar) reforms.

**Shivaji’s Revenue Administration**

Assessment of land revenue was based on measurement. The kathi of Ambar was adopted as the unit of measurement. Share of the state was fixed at two-fifths of the gross produce. Chauth was one-fourth of the land revenue paid to the Marathas so as not be subjected to Maratha raids. Sardeshmukhi was an additional levy of 10 per cent on those lands of Maharashtra over which the Marathas claimed hereditary rights, but which formed part of the Mughal Empire.
Successors of Shivaji

Sambhaji (1680-89): Sambhaji, the elder son, defeated Rajaram, the younger son of Shivaji, in the war of succession. He provided protection and support to Akbar, the rebellious son of Aurangzeb. He was captured at Sangamesvar by a Mughal noble and executed.

Rajaram (1689-1700): He succeeded the throne with the help of the ministers at Raigarh. He fled from Raigarh to Jinji in 1689 due to a Mughal invasion in which Raigarh was captured along with Sambhaji’s wife and son (Shahu) by the Mughals. Rajaram died at Satara, which had become the capital after the fall of Jinji to Mughals in 1698. Rajaram’s created the new post of pratimidhi, thus taking the total number of ministers to nine.

Sivaji II and Tarabai (1700-1707): Rajaram was succeeded by his minor son Sivaji II under the guardianship of his mother Tarabai.

Shahu (1707-1749): Shahu was released by the Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah. Tarabai’s army was defeated by Shahu at the battle of Khed (1700) and Shahu occupied Satara. But the southern part of the Maratha kingdom with its capital at Kolhapur continued to be under the control of the descendants of Rajaram (Shivaji II and later Sambhaji II). Shahu’s reign saw the rise of Peshwas and transformation of the Maratha kingdom into an empire based on the principle of confederacy.

Shivaji’s Ashtapradhan

They included:
- Peshwa—Also called “Mukhya Pradhan” Finance and general administration; later he became Prime Minister and assumed great importance.
- Sar-i-Naubat—Senapati or military commander: this was only an honorary post with no real military powers.
- Majumdar or Ainatya—Accountant general during the rule of the Peshwas; he later became revenue and finance minister.
- Waqenavis—Intelligence, posts and household affairs
- Surunavis or Sachiv—Also called chitnis, looked after correspondence.
- Dabir or Suriiania—Master of ceremonies.
- Nyayadhish—Justice.
- Pandit Rao—Charities and religious affairs.

The Peshwas (1713-1818)

Balaji Viswanath (1713-20): He began his career as a small revenue official and was given the title of “Sena Karte” (marker of the army) by Shahu in 1708. He became Peshwa in 1713 and made the post the most important and powerful as well as hereditary. He played a crucial role in the final victory of Shahu by winning over almost all the Maratha sardars to the side of Shahu. He concluded an agreement with the Sayyid brothers (1719) by which the Mughal emperor (Farukh Siyar) recognised Shahu as the king of the swarajya.”
**Baji Rao 1 (1720-40):** Baji Rao, the eldest son of Balaji Viswanath, succeeded him as Peshwa at the young age of 20. He was considered the greatest exponent of guerrilla tactics after Shivaji and Maratha power reached its zenith under him.

Under him several Maratha families became prominent and got themselves entrenched in different parts of India—(a) the Gaekwad at Baroda, (b) the Bhonsles at Nagpur, (c) the Holkars at Indore, (d) the Scindias at Gwalior and (e) the Peshwas at Poona.

After defeating and expelling the Siddhis of Janjira from the mainland (1722), he conquered Bassein and Salsette from the Portuguese (1733). He also defeated the Nizam ul-Mulk near Bhopal and concluded the **treaty of Durai Sarai** by which he got Malwa and Bundelkhand from the latter (1737). He led innumerable successful expeditions into north India to weaken the Mughal empire and to make the Marathas the supreme power in India. He said: “let us strike at the trunk of the withering tree and the branches will fall of themselves.”

**Balaji Baji Rao (1740-61):** Popularly known as Nana Saheb, he succeeded his father at the age of 20. After the death of Shahu (1749), the management of all state affairs was left in his hands. In an agreement with the Mughal emperor (Ahmad Shah), the Peshwa (1752) was to protect the Mughal Empire from internal and external (Ahmad Shah Abdali) enemies in return for the chauth.

The battle of Panipat (January 14, 1761) resulted in the defeat of the Marathas by Ahmad Shah Abdali and the death of Viswas Rao (son of Nana Saheb). Nana Saheb died in 1761.

Madhav Rao (1761-72), Narayana Rao (1772-73), Sawai Madhav Rao (1773-95), and Baji Rao (1795-1818) succeeded him.

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**Ascendanof the British**

**Anglo Mysore Wars**

- First War (1766-69): Haider Ali defeated the British. Treaty of Madras signed
- Second War (1780-84): Warren Hastings attacked French port Mahe, which was in Hyder Ali's territory.
- Hyder Ali led a joint front with Nizam and Marathas and captured Arcot.
In 1781, Hyder Ali was defeated at Porto Novo by Eyre Coot.

Treaty of Mangalore (1784) was signed by Tipu Sultan.


Fourth War (1799). ford Wellesley attacked and Tipu died.

**Anglo Sikh Wars**

- Began after the death of Ranjit Singh in 1839.
- First War (1845-46). Sikhs were defeated in all the four battles at Mudki, Feroz Shah, Aliwal and Sobraon. Treaty of Lahore ended the War. Sir Henry Lawerence became the first resident.

**The East India Company and the Bengal Nawabs**

**Siraj ud Daula (1756-57)**

- He seiged the English factory at Kasimbazar. On 20th June 1756, Fort William surrendered but Robert Clive recovered Calcutta.
- On 2nd January 1757, Treaty of Alinagar was signed, whereby Siraj conceded practically all the demands. British then captured Chandernagore, the French settlement, on March 1757.
- **Battle of Plassey** was fought on 23 June 1757. Owing to the conspiracy, the Nawab was defeated.

The following betrayed the Nawab:
- Mir Jafar—Mir Bakshi
- Manikchand—Officer in charge of Calcutta
- Aminchand—Rich Sikh merchant
- Jagat Seth—Biggest banker of Bengal.
- Khadim Khan —Commanded a large number of Nawab’s Troops

**Mir Jafar (1757-60)**

- The Company was granted undisputed right to free trade in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. It received the Zamindari of 24 Parganas. Mir Jafar, however, fell into arrears and was forced to abdicate in favour of his son-in-law Mir Qasim.

**Mir Qasim (1760-64)**

- Mir Qasim ceded Burdwan, Midnapore and Chittagong. He shifted his capital to from Mursidabad to Monghyr.
- Mir Qasim soon revoked as he was angry with the British for misusing the dastaks (free duty passes). However, having been defeated by the British, he fled to Awadh, where he formed a confederacy with Shuja-ud-daulah and Shah. Alain.
• **Battle of Buxar** (1764) Shuja-ud-daulah, Shah Alam and Mir Qasim were defeated by Munro.
• **Mir Jafar** (1763) was again placed on the throne.

**Nizam-ud-Daulah (1765-72)**

- On Mir Jafar's death, his son Nizam-ud-daulah was placed on the throne and signed a treaty on 20th February 1765 by which the Nawab was in disband most of his army and to administer Bengal through a Deputy Subahdar nominated by the company.
- Clive concluded two separate treaties of Allahabad with Shuja ud daula and Shah Alam II.
- Dual system of government started in Bengal. The company acquired both Diwani and Nizamat lights from Najm-ud- Daula (1765-66), the new nawab of Bengal. But the company did not take over direct administration and revenue collection. Warren Hastings ended the Dual system of government in 1772.

**Anglo-Carnatic (Arcot) Wars**

- An instance of Anglo French Rivarly.
  - First (1746-48). The French besieged Madras. At St. Thome battle Nawab of Carnatic’s army was defeated by French under Dupleix.
  - Treaty of Aix-La-Chapelle (1748) ended the War of Austrian Succession.
  - Second War (1749-54). Dupleix aligned with Muzaffar Jung (Hyderabad) and Chanda Sahib (carnatic). After initial victories, Robert Clive emerged victorious.
  - Third War (1758-63) French, Count de Lally captured ‘Fort St. David’. French were defeated at Wandiwash (1760). Pondichery was returned to French by the Treaty of Paris.

**Anglo-Burmese Wars**

**Aims**

- To control forest resources.
- To increase exports.
- To control French influence.
- Second War (1852). British annexed Pegu but faced a popular guerilla warfare.
- British now controlled whole of Burma’s coastline.
- Third War (1855). The British annexed upper Burma

**Anglo-Afghan Wars**
First War (1839-42). Arose because the British (Lord Auckland) wanted to replace Dost Muhammad with a puppet ruler, Shah Shuja.

The British laced a popular revolt but were able to re-occupy Kabul. However, they had to restore the throne to Dost Muhammad.

Second War (1878-80). Afghan ruler Sler Ali was defeated by Lord Lytton and his son signed the Treaty of Gandamak. A British resident was kept in Kabul. After he was killed, British adopted the principle of non-interference (Lord Ripon).
Anglo-Maratha Wars

- First War (1775-82). Favouring the cause of Raghunath Rao for Peshwaship, English (Hastings) came in conflict with the Marathas. On being defeated, the British had to sign the humiliating Convention of Wadgaon.
- British later signed Treaty of Salbai, renouncing the cause of Raghoba.
- Second War (1803-06). The Marathas Peshwa signed the Subsidiary Alliance Treaty of Bassein (1802).
- The Maratha confederacy, which did not like the idea challenged the British power but were defeated by the British.
- Third War (1817-1888). Lord Hastings’ was determined to proclaim British paramountacy in India. Hastings moves against Pindaris transgressed the sovereignty of the Maratha chief and the war began.
- The Marathas were decisively defeated.

HISTORY AT A GLANCE

Major Dynasties and rulers c. AD 650-1206

Major States, Dynasties and rulers c. BC 550-c. AD 560 Century

6-4 BC Magadhan Ascendancy (North India)
543-491      Bimbisara
441-461      Ajatshatu
362-334      Mahapadma Nanda
4-2 BC      Mauryan Empire (Areas south of Karnataka)
            321-297      Chandragupta Maurya
            297-272      Bindusara
            272/268-232  Ashoka
2-1 BC      Shungas (Ganges valley and part of central India)
            150-165      Demetrius II
            155-130      Menander (Milinda)
1 BC-AD3     Satavahanas (North Deccan)
            120         Gautamiputra Satakarni
1 BC-AD3     Shakas (West India)
1 BC-AD3     Kushans (Northern India and Central Asia)
            78-248      Kanishka
AD 4-AD 6    Guptas (North India)
            319/20-335  Chandragupta I
            335-376     Samudragupta
            376-415     Chandragupta II
            415-454     Kumara Gupta I
            454-467     Skanda Gupta
AD 4-AD 9    Pallavas (Tamil Nadu)
AD 5-AD 6    Hunas (Northwest India and Central Asia)
AD 7        Harsha (North India)
            606-747      Harshavardhana

**Major dynasties and rulers c. AD 650-1206**

300-888      Pallavas (Tamil Nadu)
            630-668     Narasimhavaraman Mahamalla
            730-796     Nandivarman II
            556-757     Chalukyas of Vatapi (West and Central Deccan)
            610-643     Pulakeshin II

7*th* to 10*th* e Pandyas of Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
            668-815      Veruguna I
            815-862      Shrimara Shrivallabha
            862-867      Varaguna II

630-970      Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi (Andhra Pradesh)
750-142       Rashtrakutras (West and Central Deccan)
            780-793     Dhruva
            793-833     Govinda III
            814-876     Amoghavarsha
            878-914     Krishna II
            914-972     Indra III
            939-986     Krishna III
773-1019     Pratiharas (West India and Upper Ganges >
1773-793 - Vatsaraja
793-833 Nagabhata I
836-885 Bhoja
908-942 Mahipala

850-1276 Cholas of Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu)
984-1014 Rajarajal
1014-1044 Rajendra
1070-1118 Kulottunga I

916-1203 Chandellas (Bundelkhand)
850-195 Kalachuris of Tripuri (Madhya Pradesh)
973-1192 Chalukyas of Kalyani (West and Central Deccan)
992-1008 Satyashraya
1043-1068 Someeshvara I
1076-126 Vikramaditya VI
1181-1189 Someshvara IV

974-1238 Chaulukyas (Gujarat)
974-1060 Paramaras (Malwa)
1090-193 Gahadavalas (Kanauj)
10-1327 Hoysalas of Dvarasamudra (South Deccan)
18-199 Senas (Bengal)
90-1294 Yadavas of Devagiri (North Deccan)
197-1323 Kakatiyas of Warangal (Andhra Pradesh)

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Rulers of India 1526-1707

Mughals Emperors 1526-1707 (Empire 1508-1553 Burhan I
ends 1858) 1553-1565 Husain
1526-1530 Zahir ud Din Babur 1565-1588 Murtaza
1530-1540 Nasir ud Din Humayun 1588-1589 Miran Husain
(first reign) 1580-1590 Ismail
1540-1555 Suri Sultans of Delhi 1590-1594 Burhan II
1540-45 SherShah 1594 Ibrahim
1545-54 IslamShah 1594-1595 Ahmad II
1554-55 Muhammad Shah Adil 1595 Bahadur
1555-1556 Nasir ud Din Humayun Baridi Shabs of Bidar 1526-1609
(second reign) (Sultanate begins 1492)
1556-1605 Jalal ud Din Akbar I 1504-1549 Amir I
1605-1627 Nur ud Din Jahangir 1549-1562 Ali
1627-1628 Dawar Baksh 1562-1569 Ibrahim
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**Faruqi Sultans of Khandesh 1526-1601**
(Sultanate begins 1370)
1520-1537 Miran Muhammad I
1537 Ahmad Shah
1537-1566 Mubarak Shah II
1566-1576 Miran Muhammad II
1576-1577 Hasan Shah
1577-1597 Raja Ali Khan or Adil Shah IV
1597-1601 Bahadur Shah

**Chhatrapati Bhonsles to 1707**
1674-1680 Shivaji
1680-1689 Sambhaji
1689-1700 Rajaram
1700-1707 Tara Bai

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**Rulers of India 1707-1858**

**Mughal Emperors 1707-1858** 1756-1757 Sirajud Daula
(Empire ends 1858) 1757-1760 Mir Jafar
1707 Aham Shah 1760-1763 Mir Qasim
1707 Kam Bakhsh (in the Deccan) 1763-1765 Mir Jafar
1707-1712 Shah Alam I 1765-1766 Najmud Daula
1712 Azimush Shah 1766-1770 Saif ud Daula
1712-1713 Muizz ud Din Jahandar 1724-1856  
**Nawabs of Avadh 1724-1856**
1713-1719 Farrukhsiyar 1724-1739 Saadat Khan
1719 Shams ud Din Rafa ud Darajat 1739-1754 Safdar Jang
1719 Nikusiyar 1754-1775 Shuja ud Daula
1719-1748 Nasir ud Din Muhammad 1775-1797 Asaf ud Daula
1748-1754 Ahmad Shah Bahadur 1797-1798 Vazir Ali
1754-1760 Aziz ud Din Muhammad 1798-1814 Saadat Ali
1748-1754 Ahmad Shah Bahadur 1814-1827 Ghazi ud Din Haidar
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1788 Bidar Bakht 1847-1856 Vajid Ah Shah
1788-1806 Shah Alam II (second reign) Nawabs of Arcot 1707-1858
1806-1837 Muin ud Din Akbar II 1703-1710 DaudShah
1837-1858 Sinajud Din Bahadur Shah II 1710-1732 Muhammad Sayyid
Nawabs of Bengal 1703-1770 Saadatullah Khan I
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1795-1801 Umdat ul Umara
1801-1819 Azimud Daula
IS 19-1867 Azam Jah
Nizams of Hyderabad 1724-1858
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1857-1869 Afzal ud Daula
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1761-1799
1761-1782 Haidar All
1782-1799 Tipu Sultan
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1714-1720 Balaji Vishwanath
1720-1740 Baji Rao I
1740-1761 Balaji Baji Rao
1761-1772 Madhava Rao Ballal
1772-1773 NarayanRao
1-773-1774 RaghunathRao
1774-1796 Madhava Rao Narayan
1796-1818 Baji Rao II
Important Battles In Indian History

B.C.
327: Alexander the Great defeated Porus in the Battle of Hydaspes
261: Ashoka captured Kalinga alter a body battle near Bhubaneswar
180: Menander, a Greek king invaded north-western India and became the Indo-Greek ruler till 160 B.C.

Medieval India

A.D.
712: Invasion of Sind under the command of Mohammed-bin-Qasim
1191: First Battle of Tarain in which Prithviraj Chauhan defeated Muhammad Ghori
1192: Second Battle of Tarain in which Muhammad Kannauj was defeated by Muhammad Ghori
1194: Battle of Chandravgarh in which Jaichand of Kannauj was defeated by Muhammad Ghori
1526: First Battle of Panipat. Ibrahim Lodi was defeated by Babur
1527: Battle of Kanauj. Rana Sanga was defeated by Babur
1529: Battle of Ghaghar. The Afghans were defeated by Babur
1539: Battle of Chausa. Humayun was defeated by Sher Shah Suri
1540: Battle of Kanauj or Bilgram. Humayun was defeated by Sher Shah Suri, who now became the ruler of Delhi
1556: Second Battle of Panipat. Hemu was defeated by Akbar
1565: Battle of Talikota or Banihati. Vijayanagar empire was defeated by the combined forces of five Muslim states.
1576: Battle of Haldighati. Rana Pratap was defeated by Akbar
1601: Battle of Asirgarh. Misan Bahadur Shah was defeated by Akbar
1615: A treaty of peace was signed between Emperor Jahangir and Rana Amar Singh of Mewar
1649: Kandahar was lost to Persia forever by the Mughals
1658: Battle of Dharomat and Samugarh. Dara Shikoh is defeated by Aurangzeb
1665: Shivaji defeated by Raja Jai Singh and the Treaty of Purandhar is signed

Modern India

1707: Battle of Khed. Tara Bai defeated by Shahu

1740: Battle of Gharia. Fought between Sarfaraz Khan, Nawab of Bengal, and Alivardi Khan was killed.

1746-48: First Carnatic War. Fought between French and British forces. Madras was captured by French but returned to the English by the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. It is famous for the battle of St. Thome, in which a small French army defeated the Nawab's large force.

1749-54: Second Carnatic War. Initially the French under Duplcix had some successes but at last the English got a hold.

1758-63: Third Carnatic War. French captured Fort St. David in 1758, but suffered badly at Wandiwash (1760).

1757: Battle of Plassey. The English forces under Robert Clive defeated the army of Siraj-ud-Daula.

1761: Third battle of Panipat. Marathas were defeated by Ahmad shah Abdali.

1746: Battle of Buxar. The English under Mir Qasim defeated the Nawab of Bengal. Shuja-ud-daula, Nawab of Avadh, and Shah Alam II, the Mughal emperor.


1770: Battle of Udgir. The Nizam was defeated by the Marathas.

1775: Battle of Sindkhed between the Marathas and the Nizam. The Nizam was forced to surrender some territories.

1752-82: First Anglo-Maratha War. The British army was defeated. The humiliating convention of Wadgoan (1779) was concluded. Peace was at last restored by the Treaty of Salbai (1782).

1780-84: Second Anglo-Mysore War. Haider Ali died in the battle (1782) and the field was taken by his son Tipu Sultan. The war was concluded by the Treaty of Mangalore (1784).

1789-92: Third Anglo-Mysore War. Tipu Sultan was defeated (1792). The war came to a close with the Treaty of Seringapatam.

1799: Fourth Anglo-Mysore War. Tipu died fighting.

1803-06: Second Anglo-Maratha war. The Marathas were defeated by the British.

1814-16: Nepalcse War. Between the English and the Gurkhas. The war came to an end with the Treaty of Sagauli.

1817-19: Third Anglo-Maratha war. The Marathas were badly defeated by the British.

1824-26: First Anglo-Burmese War. The British defeated the Burmese. Peace was restored by the Treaty of Yandahhoo.
1839-42: First Anglo-Afghan War. The Afghan ruler Dost Muhammad was defeated by the English.
1845-46: First Anglo-Sikh War. The Sikhs were defeated by the English. The war was ended by the Treaty of Lahore.
1848-49: Second Anglo-Sikh War. Sikhs were defeated and Punjab was annexed by the British.
1852: Second Anglo-Burmese War. The English were successful.
1865: Third Anglo-Burmese War. The English annexed Burma.
1878-80: Second Anglo-Afghan war. The English suffered losses.
1919-21: Third Anglo-Afghan War. The English though victorious did not benefit from the war.

**Important Foreign Travellers/Envoys**

- **Megasthenes (302-298 B.C.):** An ambassador of Seleucus Nicator, who visited the court of Chandragupta Maurya. He wrote an interesting book India in which he gave a vivid account of Chandragupta Maurya’s reign.
- **Fa-Hsien (405-411 A.D.):** He came to India during the reign of Chandragupta II Vikramaditya. The object of his visit was to see the holy places of Buddhism and to collect Buddhist books and relics. He was the first Chinese pilgrim to visit India.
- **Hiuen-Tsang (also spelt Yuan Chwang) (630-645 A.D):** He visited India during the reign of Harsha.
- **1-tsing (671-695 A.D):** A Chinese traveller, he visited India in connection with Buddhism. His work Biographies of eminent Monks, provides us useful information about the social, religious and cultural life of the people of this country.
- **Al-Masudi (957 A.D):** An Arab traveller, he has given an extensive account of India in his work Murujul Zahab.
- **Al-beruni (1024-1030 A.D.):** His real name was Abu Rehan Mahmud and he came to India along with Mahmud of Ghazni during one of his India raids. He travelled all over India and wrote a book Tahqiq-I-Hind. The book dealt with the social, religious and political conditions in India.
- **Marco Polo (1292-1294 A.D.):** A Venetian traveller, he visited South India in 1294 A.D. His work The Book of Sir Marco Polo gives an invaluable account of the economic history of India.
- **Ibn Butula (1333-1347 A.D.):** A Morrosh traveller, he visited India during the reign of Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq. His book Rehla (the Travelogue) throws a lot of light on the reign of Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq and the geographical, economic and social conditions in India.
- **Shihabuddin al-Umari (1348 A.D):** He came from Damascus. He gives a vivid account of India in his book, Masalik albsar fi-mamalik al-amsar.
- **Nicolo Conti (1420-1421 A.D.):** A Venetian traveller, he gives a comprehensive account of the Hindu kingdom of Vijayanagar.
- **Abdur Razzaq (1443-1444 A.D.):** He was a Persian traveller who came to India and stayed at the court of the Zamorin at Calicut. He has given a vivid account of the Vijayanagar empire, especially of the city.
He describes the wealth and luxurious life of the king and the nobles.

- **Athanasius Nikitin (1470-1474 A.D.):** He was a Russian merchant, who visited south India in 1470. He describes the condition of the Bahmani kingdom under Muhammad III (1463-82).
- **Duarte Barbosa (1500-1516 A.D.):** He was a Portuguese traveller. He has given a valuable narrative of the government and the people of the Vijayanagar empire.
- **Domingos Paes (1520-1522 A.D.):** He was a Portuguese traveller who visited the court of Krishnadeve Raya of the Vijayanagar Empire.
- **Fernao Nuniz (1534-1537 A.D.):** A Portuguese merchant who visited the Vijayanagar empire. He wrote the history of the empire from its earliest days to the closing years of Achyutdeve Raya’s reign.
- **John Hnghen Von Linschbotten (1583 A.D.):** He was a Dutch traveler, who has given a valuable account of the social and economic life of South India.
- **William Hawkins (1608-1611 A.D.):** He was an English ambassador of the British King James to the court of Jahangir (1609).
- **Sir Thomas Roe (1615-1619 A.D.):** He was an ambassador of James I, King of England, at the court of Jahangir, the Mughal emperor.
- **Francisco Palsaert (1620-1627 A.D.):** He was a Dutch traveler who stayed at Agra and gave a vivid account of the flourishing trade at Surat, Ahmedabad, Broach, Cambay, Lahore, Multan, etc.
- **John Robert de Manestep (1638 A.D.):** He was a German traveler, who reached Surat in 1638.
- **Peter Mundy (1630-34 A.D.):** He was an Italian traveler of the Mughal empire in the reign of Shah Jahan. He gives valuable information about the living standard of the common people in the Mughal Empire.
- **Jean Baptiste Tavernier (1638-1663 A.D.):** He was a French traveler who visited India six times. His account covers the reign of Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb.
- **Nicola Manucci (1656-1708 A.D.):** He was an Italian traveler, who got service at the court of Data Shikoh.
- **Francois Bernier (1656-1717 A.D.):** He was a French physician and philosopher. Danishamand khan, a noble of Aurangzeb, was his patron.
- **Jean de Thevenot (1666 A.D.):** He was a French traveler who has given a good account of cities like Ahmedabad, Cambay, Aurangabad and Golconda. John Fryer (1672-1681 A.D.): He was an English traveler who has given a vivid account of Surat and Bombay.
- **Gemelli Careri (1695 A.D.):** He was an Italian traveler who landed at Daman. His remarks on the Mughal emperor’s military organization and administration are important.
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**1339-1526**

(Effective rule ends 1526)

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- 1354-1377  Bukka I
- 1377-1404  Harihara II
- 1404-1400  Bukka I
- 1406-1422  Devaraya II
- 1447-1465  Mallikarjuna
- 1465-1485  Virupaksa
- 1485-1486  Praudhadevaraya
- 1486-1502  Saluva Narasimha
- 1492-1503  Immadi Narasimha
- 1503-1509  Vira Narasimha
- 1509-1530  Krishnadevaraya