

# NCERT Class 7 History Chapter 4: The Mughal Empire YouTube Lecture Handouts

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- Expanded kingdom from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Century
- PM address Independence Day Speech from Red Fort (Residence of Mughal Emperors)

Mother(GenghisKhan)

MongolTribes, C. Asia&China

Mughals

Mughals

RivalswereUzbegs

Timur(Father)

Iran, Iraq&Turkey

AncestorscapturedDelhiin1398



Image of Political Map of Asia

# **Ancestry**

MiranShah

SultanMuhammadMirza

AbuSaid

**UmarShaikh** 

Babur

Humayun

Akbar

**Jahangir** 

ShahJahan

Aurangzeb

## **Babur**

- Succeeded to throne at 12 years
- 1<sup>st</sup> on throne of Ferghana in 1494
- Uzbegs invaded and was forced to leave
- Seized Kabul in 1504
- 1526: Defeated Ibram Lodi in Battle of Panipat
- Captured Agra & Delhi
- Afghans were threat to Mughals
- 1527: Defeated Rana Sanga, Rajput rulers and allies at Khanua
- 1528: Defeated the Rajputs at Chanderi

## Humayun

- Divided inheritance based on father's will
- Each brother given a province
- Sher Khan defeated him at Chausa (1539) and Kanauj (1540)
- · He fled to Iran
- Got help from Safavid Shah
- Recaptured Delhi in 1555
- · Died in Accident

## Akbar

• Emperor at 13 years

- Under Bairam Khan Campiagns against Suris and Afghans
- Suppressed revolt of his half-brother Mirza Hakim & Uzbegs
- 1568: Sisodiya capital of Chittor was seized
- 1569: Ranthambhor was seized
- Military campaigns to Gujarat, Bihar, Bengal & Odisha
- Expansion of empire to NW
- Qandahar was seized from the Safavids
- · Kashmir was annexed
- · Kabul annexed after death of Mirza Hakim
- Annexed Deccan, Berar, Khandesh and parts of Ahmadnagar
- Ibadat khana: various religious people discussed (religious scholars who emphasised ritual and dogma were often bigots)
- Sulh-i-Kul or universal peace ethics, honesty and peace was followed by Jahangir & Shah Jahan

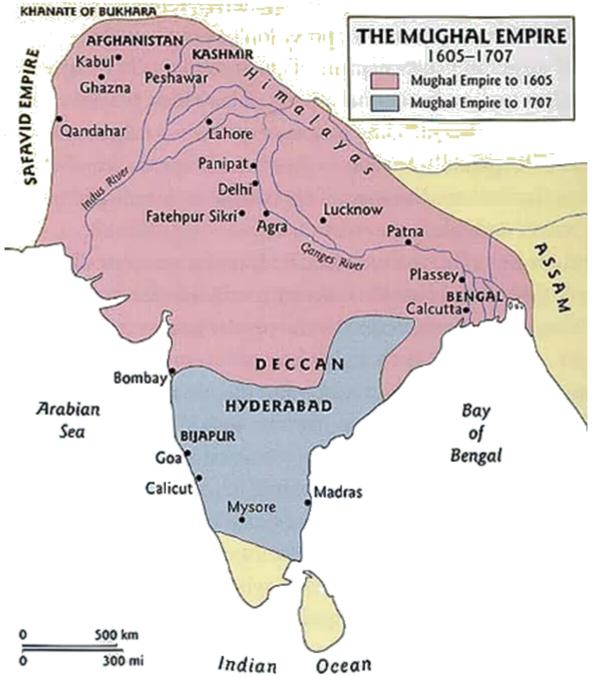


Image of Specify Mughal Empire in Map

# **Jahangir**

- Sisodiya ruler of Mewar, Amar Singh accepted his rule
- Known as Prince Salim
- Wife: Nur Jahan (Mehrunnisa) loyal & supportive had seals and coins with her name

## Shah Jahan

- Prince Khurram
- Afghan noble Khan Jahan Lodi was defeated
- Qandahar was lost to Safavids

- 1632: Annexed Ahmadnagar
- · Aurangzeb was victorious and his three brothers, including Dara Shukoh were killed
- Was imprisoned for the rest of his life in Agra

## Aurangzeb

- 1663: Ahoms defeated but rebelled again in 1680
- Initially successful against Shivaji (insulted him when he came to accept Mughal authority)
- · Sent armies to Deccan
- 1685: Bijapur annexed
- 1687: Golconda annexed
- 1698: Against Marathas who followed guerrilla warfare
- After his death, succession conflict amongst his sons

## Succession

- Primogeniture: Eldest son inherited his father's estate
- Coparcenary inheritance or division of inheritance amongst all the sons Mughals

#### Relations to Other Rulers

- Jahangir's mother: Kachhwaha princess, daughter of Rajput ruler of Amber
- Shah Jahan's mother: Rathor princess, daughter of Rajput ruler of Marwar
- Sisodiyas did not accept Mughal authority defeated once by Mughals but land (watan) given back as assignments (watan jagir)
- In Mughal Service: Mansabdars (hold rank mansab)
- Grading system used by Mughals to fix rank, salary & military responsibilities
- Rank & salary determined by <u>Zat</u>
- Higher Zat, more prestigious position with larger salary
- Maintain cavalry or sawar
- Mansabdars got salaries as revenue assignments called <u>jagirs</u> similar to iqtas. However, unlike muqtis, most mansabdars did not actually reside in or administer their jagirs.
- Akbar's period: jagirs were assessed

• Aurangzeb's period: actual sum was less than granted sum & huge number of mansabdars. Long wait & shortage of jagirs. Peasantry suffered a lot.

#### **Zabt & Zamindars**

Major tax was on produce of peasantry

Taxes paid by rural elite

Zamindars were intermediaries

Todarmal (revenue minister of Akbar) carried crop survey – tax fixed on each crop in cash

Province divided into revenue circle with revenue rates – Zabt – not possible in Gujarat & Bengal

Provinces divided into subas & subas had subedars (political & military functions), diwans (financial)

- Military paymaster (bakhshi)
- Minister in charge of religious and charitable patronage (sadr)
- Military commanders (faujdars)
- Town police commander (kotwal)

Abul Fazal wrote Akbar Nama in 3 volumes

- Volume 1: Akbar's ancestors
- Volume 2: Event of Akbar's reign
- Volume 3: Ain-i-Akbari Administration and revenue & cultural details statistics on crops and yields

Shah Jahan period: 5.6% mansabdars received 61.5% of total revenue.

Most income was spent on salary and goods – benefitted artisans and peasantry

Poorest lived from hand to mouth – economic strata created

Mughal elite became very powerful

Mughals declined and servants became powerful – dynasties like Awadh and Hyderabad came into power

#### Worldwide

• Queen Elizabeth I (dynasty Tudors) – conflict b/w Catholics and Protestants (reformed church) – tried to establish independence of Church of England from Rome

- Conflicted with Phillip II from Spain & defeated them
- Supported playwrighters like Shakespeare & poets like Edward Spenser (wrote epic poem called The Faerie Queene in her praise)

# **Contemporaries of Akbar**

- Ottoman Turkey, Sultan Suleyman: Al-Qanuni or lawgiver (1520-1566)
- Safavid ruler of Iran: Shah Abbas (1588-1629)
- Russian ruler, Czar Ivan IV Vasilyevich or "Ivan the terrible" (1530-1584)

-Manishika