

MEDIEVAL INDIA

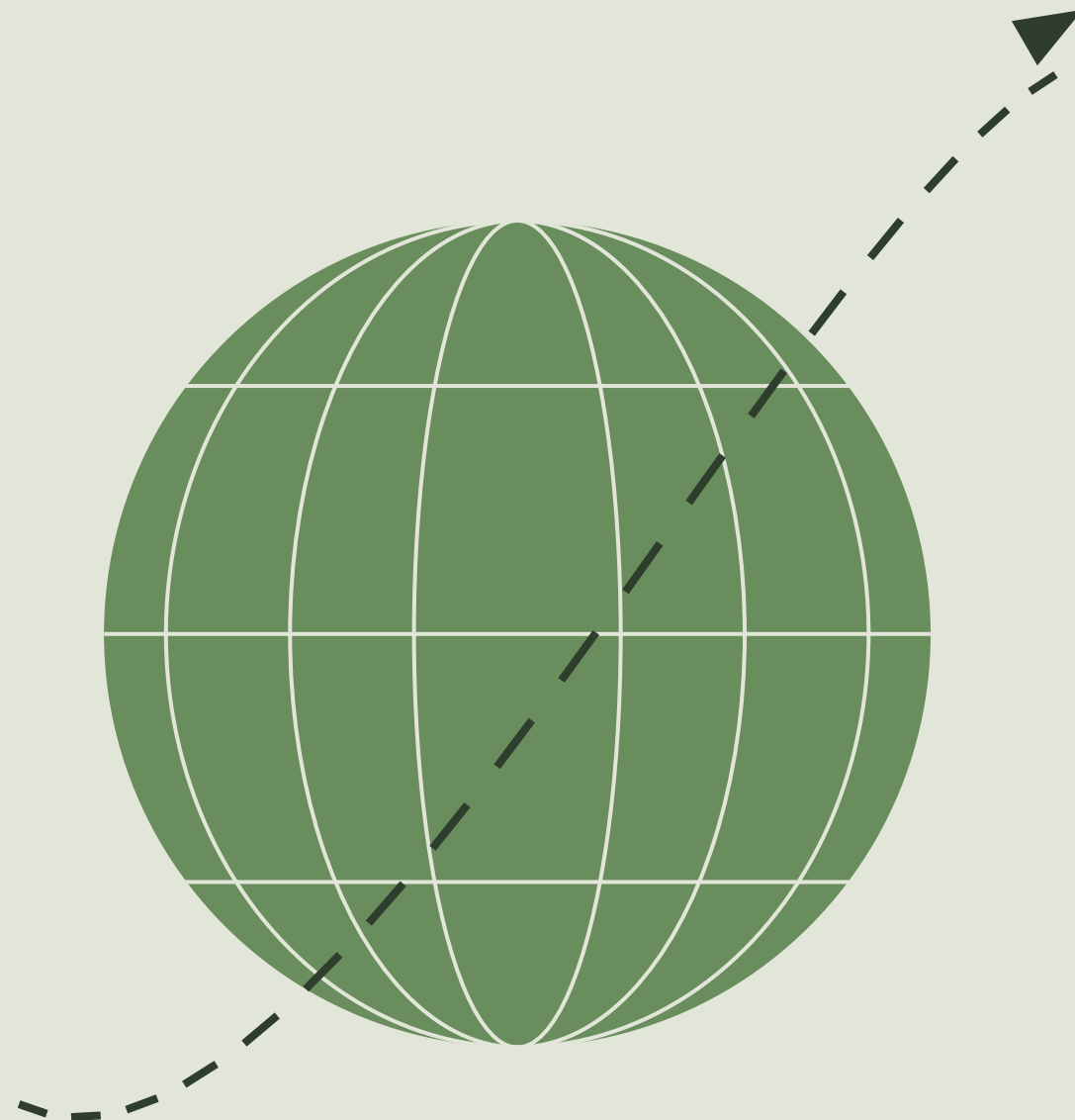
The Mughal Empire

Rulers, art and administration (1526–1857)

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INTRODUCTION

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**For three centuries the
Mughals shaped India's
art, food and architecture.**

Why it matters

Overview

- Founded by Babur after the First Battle of Panipat
- Height under Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan
- Strong administration and grand monuments
- Declined after the 18th century

REMEMBER

**Akbar's
mansabdari
system organised
nobles by rank.**

BACKGROUND

02

Key dates

1526

Panipat

Babur founds the empire

1632–1653

Taj Mahal

Built under Shah Jahan

1556–1605

Akbar

Expansion and reform

1857

End

Last emperor exiled

The empire at its height



Map / illustration

From Kabul to Bengal and the Deccan.

Capitals moved between Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Lahore and Delhi. Roads and sarais linked the provinces.

Causes and conditions



Military strength

Cavalry and gunpowder.



Administration

Provinces, revenue and ranks.



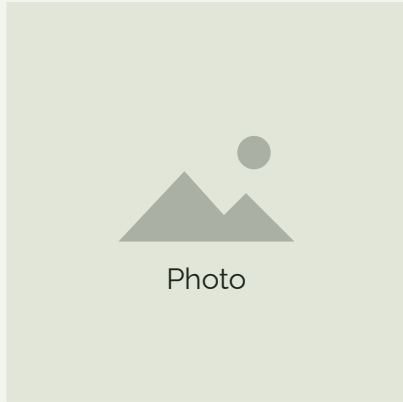
Alliances

Treaties with local rulers.

EVENTS

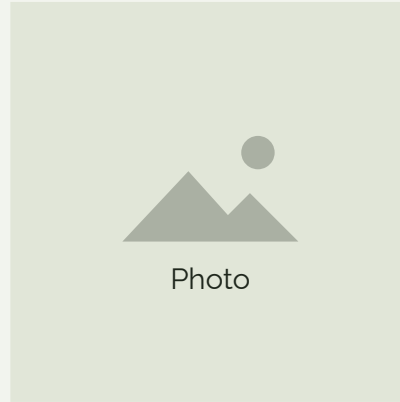
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Who was involved



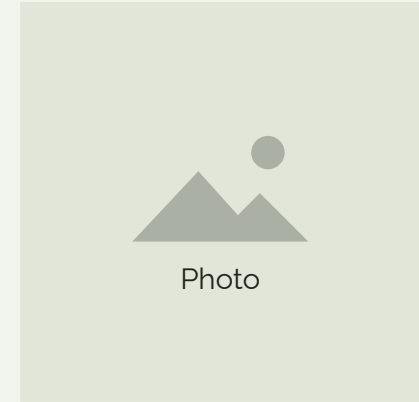
Babur
FOUNDER

First emperor, wrote the Baburnama.



Akbar
REFORMER

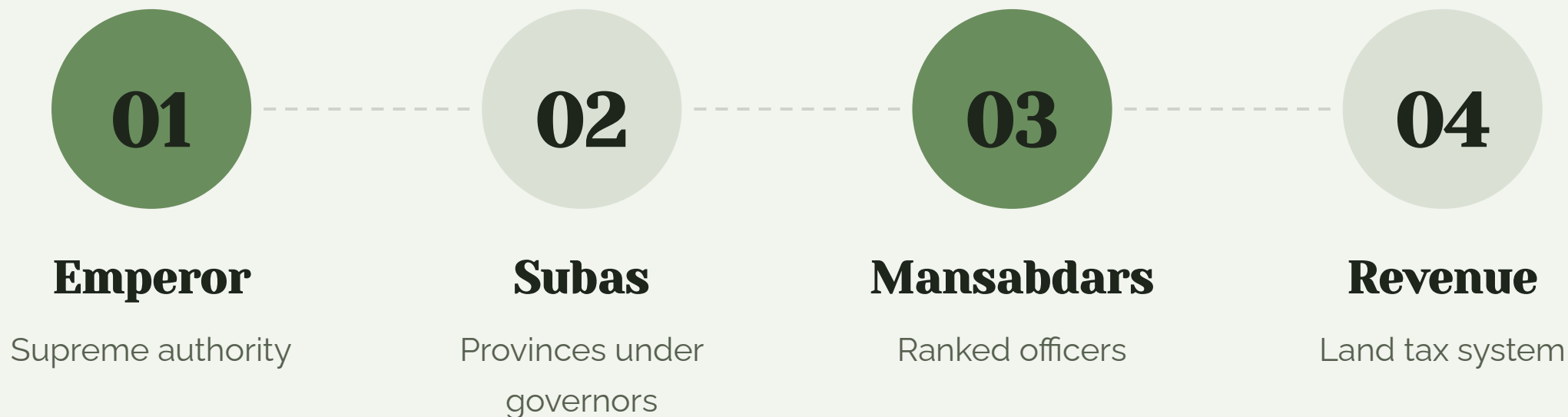
Known for policies of tolerance.



Shah Jahan
BUILDER

Commissioned the Taj Mahal.

How the empire was run



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**Mughal art blended Persian,
Central Asian and Indian
traditions into something new.**

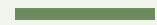
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SUMMARY TABLE

At a glance

Ruler	Reign	Known for
Babur	1526–1530	Founding
Akbar	1556–1605	Administration
Shah Jahan	1628–1658	Architecture

Dates are approximate where historians differ.



IMPACT

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Before and after

Before

- Many small kingdoms
- Varied tax systems
- Regional styles

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After

- Unified administration
- Standard revenue system
- Indo-Islamic architecture

Legacy



Architecture

Taj Mahal, Red Fort,
gardens.



Cuisine

Biryani, kebabs, kormas.



Language

Growth of Urdu.

Discussion questions

- What made Akbar's rule distinctive?
- Why did the empire decline?
- How do Mughal buildings mix cultures?
- Which legacy do you see today?

History lives on

Thank you for listening.

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