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## AN ANALYSIS OF THE DECLINE OF THE MUGAL EMPIRE AND MUSLIM RULE IN INDIA

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### ABSTRACT

*During Muammad Shah's rule in the 18th century, the Mughal Empire started to fall (1719–48). The Marathas and then the British took over a large portion of its area. Bahdur Shah II (1837–57), the final Mughal emperor, was banished by the British because of his participation in the Indian Mutiny of 1857–1858. After Aurangzeb's death in around 1707 CE, the Mughal Empire quickly went into collapse. The Great Mughal era is typically distinguished from the Later Mughal era by this year, which is also known as the dividing line year. You can read all about the later Mughals and the Mughal Empire's decline in this article. This is a crucial subject for the section on UPSC test history. The rebirth of regional identities during the time between approximately 1707 CE and around 1761 CE (from Aurangzeb's death to the time of the Third Battle of Panipat, where Ahmad Shah Abdali defeated the Maratha chiefs) revealed a sad state of affairs for the once-powerful Mughals. The Mughal court was the setting for feuds between the nobility. When Nadir Shah imprisoned the Mughal Emperor and pillaged Delhi in around 1739 CE, the empire's frailties were made clear. Following the passing of Aurangzeb in around 1707 CE, a conflict over succession erupted between his three sons: Muazzam (the Kabul governor), Muhammad Kam Baksh (the governor of Deccan).*

**Keyword:** *Mugal Empire, Muslim Rule in India*

### INTRODUCTION

The Mughal Empire was an early-modern empire that spanned from the 16th to the 19th century and covered a significant portion of South Asian territory. India's economic growth may be attributed in part to the fact that the Mughal Empire was able to keep the peace throughout the most of the 17th century. The growing European presence in the Indian Ocean, as well as the growing demand of European nations for raw materials and finished goods from India, led to the accumulation of even more riches in the Mughal courts.

In the widest sense, Islamic education has a long history; more recently, Islamic education has been expanding in tandem with the expansion of Islam itself. Therefore, it is very essential to study the history of education since it allows us to evaluate the educational advancement of our



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civilisation at various points in time (Azra, 2001). At the time of the Prophet, there was no such thing as the modern concept of education as we know it today.

Due to the meticulous planning that went into everything, Islam will be steered in the direction of the goals that are to be accomplished (Arifin, 1991). So, in the year 89 following the Hijrah, Muhammad was making his way toward India when he laid siege to the territory that was surrounded by Daibal plain. It wasn't until after a horrific conflict, however, that the land was finally won, and Muhammad built a mosque there. Muhammad was given an extremely warm greeting by the citizens of the area, and he was invited to visit their city on the condition that they uphold their commitment to the peace pact. Mughal civilisation was the Islamic one that flourished in India. India was a key territory in the expansion and maturation of the Hindu civilisation. It was under the rule of the Mughal empire that India once again attained its former splendour. After the middle of the war, three large kingdoms emerged and began to reconstruct the development of the Muslims. The Mughal dynasty was one of the vast empire's ruling families. Because of its magnificence, this kingdom has been able to achieve dominance in the economic, political, and military spheres, as well as build a culture of colossal significance (Nasution, 1985). During the reign of the Mughal dynasty in India, Islamic education attracted a lot of attention and admiration. The mosque has access to professors who taught a range of different scientific topics to the congregation. In addition, the mosque had a space set aside just for students who wished to remain in the area to continue their study (Abdullah, 2002).

### ***THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUGHAL EMPIRE IN INDIA***

The Mughal dynasty rose to power around a quarter of a century after the Safavid empire was established. Therefore, out of the three great Islamic empires, the kingdom is the most recent to emerge. The Mughal Empire was not the first Islamic monarchy to be established in what is now known as the Indian subcontinent. The Umayyad dynasty's Caliph Al-Walid is credited for consolidating early Islamic authority in what is now known as the Indian Territory. This territory was conquered by the army of the Umayyad tribe, led by Muhammad Ibn Qasimi. Muhammad Ibn Qasimi was the commander of the army.

Mughal dynasty was established during the Mughal era (Yatim, 1994). Timurlank is a prominent figure among the final Mongolian rulers. He arrived from the east leading enormous numbers of highly well-equipped men intent on conquest for the sake of conquest. No one was ever met him let life. At that time, Iraq became involved in the affairs of the surrounding area. Following Timurlank's passing, the strength of this administration declined, and it eventually broke up into numerous distinct factions. There was a time when members of the family Timurlank controlled India. They are descended from Zahirudin Babur, who reigned from 932 H until 1526 AD. They maintained their position of dominance, routing British invaders from England in 1275 H/1858



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AD and replacing them with pagan and Hindu rulers (Al-Usairy, 2008). Zharuddin, whose name means "lion," was given his mother's maiden name, Babur, on the day he was born, February 24th, 1483. As a direct descendant of Miransyah, the third son of Timurlank, his father, whose name was Umar Mirza, rose to the position of amir in Fergana. Because of this, one of Jingiz's sons has dispatched a large army to the neighbouring country of Azerbaijan. The Mongolian people was able to pull out the double attack from that vantage point (Su'ud, 2003).

Babur was just 11 years old when he experienced the loss of both his father and his father's leadership, both of which were replaced at such a young age. On the other hand, it took a lot of guts for him to seem older than his years. He began his education at a young age, which laid the foundation for his later success as a leader and a warrior (Yatim, 1994). He made an effort to take control of Samarkand, which at the time was the most significant city in Central Asia. The very first time he had to go through loss in order to achieve his objective. Then, with the assistance of Ismail I, the King of the Safavids, Babur was able to take the city of Samarkand in the year 1494, followed by the conquest of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, in the year 1504. Babur of Kabul proceeded with his advance into India, which was governed by Ibrahim Lodi at the time (Ali, 2003).

As the last Sultan of Delhi, Ibrahim Lodi, who was also the grandson of the Lodi Sultan, had a number of nobles who opposed him put in jail. In Panipath, it prompted a conflict between Ibrahim Lodi and Babur Zahirudin, who was Timurlank's grandfather (1526 M). After the death of Ibrahim Lodi, authority passed to Babur, who established the Mughal empire in India and founded Delhi as the country's capital city. Babur also ordered the construction of the Red Fort. After Zahirudin Babur passed away, his position was taken up by his son. NashirudinHumayun (1530-1556 AD) and Akbar Khan, who succeeded Nashirudin after his death. Nashirudin was succeeded by his son Humayun (1556-1605). The Mughal dynasty reached its pinnacle of splendour during his reign (Mubarak, 2004). With the assistance of Zahiruddin Babur (1482-1530) and his grandson Timurlank, the dynasty of Alam Khan Lodi attempted to topple the ruling line of Ferghana. The request was granted without delay, and with his army, they caused a great deal of destruction in Panipat. Zahiruddin Babur instantly proclaimed his victory and then enforced the rule after Ibrahim Lodi and hundreds of other men were slaughtered during the battle. This brought an end to the Mughal dynasty and freed Turkey from its servitude under the empire (Thohir, 2004).

This time implies that he will have to deal with the troops of the coalition; yet, Babur is still capable of defeating the forces of the coalition in close battle in Gogra in 1529 AD; nonetheless, he did not get to enjoy the rewards of his labour for very long. After a reign of 30 years, he passed away on December 26, 1530 AD, at the age of 48 years old. After Babur's passing, Zahirudin Babur's son, Humayun Nasir (1530-1539M), replaced him as ruler (Yatim, 1994).



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When it came to running the government, Humayun, Babur's oldest son, was up against a lot of opposition. He has consistently engaged in combat with the adversary during the entirety of the state administration, which has never been a secure time. One of the new problems that arose was presented by Bahadur Shah, the ruler of Gujarat, which had previously been a part of Delhi. This insurrection can be put down; Bahadur Shah has already departed, and Gujarat can be brought under control. In the year 1540 A.D., Humayun engaged in combat with Khan in KanaujSyer. He emerged victorious from this conflict. He was coerced into fleeing to Kandahar, and after arriving there, he joined the Persian Shiite tradition, which he is familiar with and has been frequently convinced to join, along with the son of Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar.

However, Humayun's invasion was unsuccessful. Finally, in the year 1556 AD, he was able to take control of this city and become its ruler (Mahmudunnasir, 2005). After Humayun's death, his son Abu al-Fath Jalal al-Din Muhammad Akbar took over as ruler of the empire. Akbar, who was born in Amarkot on October 15, 1542 M., began his rule in 1556 AD, when he was just 14 years old. His reign lasted until 1605 AD. Bairam Khan succeeded Akbar as the young Sultan's guardian when Akbar was selected in that role. Bairam is an intelligent man, although he is not very wise. According to Su'ud (2003), the greatest age of the Mughal dynasty occurred during the reign of Akbar the Great.

His dominion thrives for 330 years, from 1527 to 1857, with just ten subjects to prove what a magnificent king he was. Urdu was created by Sultan Akbar so that all of the people who were subject to his rule may speak the same language. Urdu is one of the official languages of Pakistan until now.

Sultan was successful in advancing the Mughal dynasty in India by means of bringing Muslims and Hindus together, defusing unending disagreements, bringing wealth to the people by abolishing all taxes, as well as growing the economy in all of its aspects and increasing commerce with other nations.

Sheikh Jehan and Sultan Johangir may be seen approaching from behind him. The Taj Mahal was constructed by Shaykh Jehan for the purpose of housing the burial of his cherished spouse. The structure is regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the World and has garnered the attention of people all around the world for many years. No less important mosque Moti "pearl mosque" in Agra. Marble was used throughout its construction, and phrases from the Qur'an were engraved into the surface using black marble.

Aurangzeb, son of Jahan Sheikh, was a powerful and prominent religious figure who had flow and excellent sunnah. Heroism of such a high calibre that in 1690 A.D., the rest of India, with the exception of a small area, was brought under its control.



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## ***ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN THE MUGHAL EMPIRE IN INDIA***

Education was accorded a great deal of importance under the rule of the Islamic Mughal monarchy. In order to accomplish this goal, the royal party advocated for the mosque to be used not just as a site of religious education for the community, but also as a place of worship in its own right. Indeed, within the mosque there are experts who are able to lecture on a variety of religious topics, spanning the entire spectrum of the scientific study of religion. In point of fact, the mosque contains a number of specially designed rooms available for use by students who wish to continue their studies while residing there. As a result, nearly every mosque is a centre for the cultivation of several Islamic studies, complete with lecturers who are experts in those fields. Throughout the course of its history, the Great Mosque has developed into a place of higher learning (Abdullah, 2002). There have been several phases of development for Islamic education in India; now, there are two levels of Islamic education in India.

### **Traditional**

The modern educational system places a much greater emphasis on the modern sciences while downplaying the importance of religious studies. On the other hand, traditional educational practises place a greater emphasis on religious studies while downplaying the significance of modern scientific disciplines. This process is well underway in households, kuttabs, salons, mosques, and madrasas, and it involves the teaching of science in relation to the transmission of religious knowledge.

### **Semi modern**

The significance of the danger posed by cultures from other countries, particularly those from the western world, when the British first arrived in India in the year 1857 AD. The British arrived to India with the intention of accomplishing two aims:

- Invaders, who plundered the region for its natural riches and wealth before transporting it to England
- As a missionary working to grow and develop Christianity, the number of Christians in the beach region is more than the number of Christians from other locations.
- The lectures, as well as the caste structure, have always been at the core of the education system in ancient Hindu religious beliefs from India. The Indian society is very strictly and assertively separated into castes and levels. There are four different castes within the Hindu faith, which is practised widely throughout India. These castes are as follows;
  - Brahmins,
  - of caste Kshatriya
  - Vaishya caste,
  - Shudra caste (Shudras).



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The decision of who gets to live and who doesn't in India is made not by how much faith one has in the gods but by one's rank or caste at birth. Nirvana is the ultimate destination that one should strive for throughout their life. The features of India's educational system are as follows:

- Teaching religion in the united numbers.
- Education organized by the Brahmin caste.
- The purpose of education; achieve eternal happiness (Nirvana).

Education about the implementation process takes occur both at home (with the family) and at school. To be more specific, the content that was taught included astronomy, mathematics, medical knowledge, legal knowledge, literary knowledge, and historical information. But you should not be questioned about the great level of education that is presently stated to be available in India (quality). There are many colleges in the roughly 1.2 billion-person nation of India, many of which already have an excellent reputation on an international scale, particularly with institutions. Medicine were some of the fields that distinguished out from the others. Some of the institutes have already begun integrating the Harvard curriculum, as well as its ways of teaching and learning processes and its models. A significant number of graduates from Indian institutions are employed in the sales industries of a number of nations in Europe and the United States. The company is of the opinion that Microsoft employs a large number of Indians who have completed their college educations. There are a lot of physicians working in different countries and regions, such the United States and the United Kingdom. In a similar vein, numerous technological professionals are dispersed in a variety of different nations. In addition, the city of Dubai and Singapore both have a large number of Indian residents.

Gazalba, a Muslim scientist, is credited with making the statement that the prize money given to mosques in the Mughal Empire is what drives education. Every single mosque will invariably have an elementary school (Gazalba, 1994). This indicates that the efforts of a number of Mughal kings toward the growth of religion, such as the construction of a number of mosques as an example, was highly helpful to the development of Islamic education as well as the teaching of Islam in society at the time. In the meanwhile, the royal party has also developed specialised Madrasahs in order to cater to the educational requirements of the wealthy. Pat Shala is the name given to the schools of education or specialised learning that are offered to Hindus. However, in addition to schools designed specifically for particular religious communities, the monarchy also operates a school in which youngsters of Muslim and Hindu faiths attend classes together. In addition to mosques, there are also religious schools known as Khanqah or Pesantren. These schools are typically located in rural areas and are overseen by clerics or guardians. In current day and age, a Khanqah is an Islamic educational institution that received high marks. Khanqah instruction included subjects from a wide range of academic disciplines. In Islamic educational settings and activities, the language of teaching is often Farsi. Additionally, the Monarch offers a



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library that is open to anybody who would like to make use of it. During the reign of Akbar (1556-1605 AD), the government as well as private citizens founded a number of madrasahs. In the city of Fathpur Sikri, Akbar constructed a madrasa, while in the city of Dili, the MahamAqna (nanny's) erected a madrasah that is famous for its architecture.

In addition to instruction in religious studies, the curriculum of a madrasah also covers general knowledge. King Jahangir was renowned as the protector of scientists inside the Raja education system. In addition to that, he is the author of his own biography, which is titled Tuzk-i-Jahangiri (Abdullah, 2002). India became a cultural hub in a variety of sectors, including silk, science, philosophy, art, and others, as a result of its mastery of the Mughal language. In addition to the science centre that was established during the Abbasid period and was centred in the city of Baghdad, other centres were established during this time in Bukhara, Ray, Cordova, and Sivilia.

### ***PROGRESS MUGHAL EMPIRE IN INDIA***

Two of the city of Kabul's gates were built by the authorities of the Mughal dynasty in India (Ali, 2003). These gates led to India and Turkistan).

### **Politics And Government**

The Market and the Economy Managing the agriculture sector of the economy requires the government to also control agricultural groups. Some development was made by the Mughal empire in the sphere of agriculture, particularly in the production of wheat, rice, sugar beans, vegetables, spices, tobacco, cotton, indigo, and dye materials, among other agricultural products. Every farmer in the village reports to a local official known as the Muqaddam. This official position can be passed down through families, and the Muqaddam is tasked with the obligation of depositing earnings to prevent theft. The landowner and the farmer's inheritance are both protected, but if the farmer is not loyal to the local authority, they have the right to foreclose (Nur, 2009).

### ***FIELD OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION***

Akbar constructed a structure dedicated to the study of science, and he also sought to earn the favour of the intellectuals by awarding a number of madrasahs and libraries during his reign.

### **Field Art and Culture**

An exceptional piece of creation art is a literary work that was written by a court poet who is fluent in both Persian and Indian. Malik Muhammad Jayazi was a notable Sufi poet from India.



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He was known for his work named "the corpse generate magnificent things." This was a body of work that contained a message about the qualities of the human spirit. He was the one who recounted the history of the Mughal Empire by focusing on the role of supporting leadership. The holy teachings of Akbar include Din, a religion that is a blend of diverse parts of Hinduism and Sufism derived from Shiite components (Yatim, 1994).

## Religious Affairs

The cultivation of relationships within the Hindu religious and social spheres is an activity that must take place. These pioneers, although this is not on the Sufi academics who began their work in the 13th century and beyond, were successful in converting a huge number of Hindu laypeople, mostly those who belonged to lower castes. Syncretism is the process through which several religious practises are combined into one. The current predicament for Hindus was brought on by the political activities of the Muslim minority. As a result, a brand new religion emerged, which is now known as Sinkhism (Edyar & Hayati, 2009). Muslim religious authorities in India placed an emphasis on both individual religious devotion and the group practise of Islam in a tram on the tram. In addition to this, they adhere more strictly to traditional Muslim beliefs and are opposed to the efforts of the Indian state to reform the legal and educational institutions because they view this as an interference in their freedom to practise their religion (Lapidus, 2000).

## ***THE FAILURE AND DESTRUCTION OF MUGHAL EMPIRE IN INDIA***

During this period, English merchants were granted permission to invest in India for the first time by Jehangir. These investors were assisted by the military forces of India's increased control over the coastal region. The prolonged nature of the battle led to a lack of attention being paid to the vulnerable areas. Then, one by one, those who had been faithful to the central government were liberated, and even if they were, they had a tendency to enhance the rule poisi accordingly. In the year 1713, the Persian king Shah took control of various border regions of Mughal, which led to a drop in his popularity. During the reign of Shah Alam (1760–1806), the head of the Afghan army, Ahmad Khan Durrani, launched another offensive against the Mughal monarchy. The decimation of Mughal forces This battle led to the decline and eventual collapse of Mughal control in Afghanistan. The Shah Alam family maintains their status as sultan in Delhi, which allows them to maintain their hold on power (Edyar & Hayati, 2009).

After the death of Aurangzeb in 1707 AD, the king of Kabul was his eldest son, Aurangzeb, who had taken over the throne. The son of Aurangzeb, Bahadur Shah, who embraced flow Shiites, held power during the years 1707-1712 AD. As a consequence of his father's activities, he was confronted with a Sikhism uprising throughout his reign, which lasted for a period of five years. In addition to this, he was met with opposition from the Lahore people on account of his



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excessively forcing Shi'ism onto them. When weak regions are overlooked, this can lead to confrontations that drag on for a long time. The regional governments have begun, one by one, to release their commitment to the central government, which even tends to enhance his government's position relative to the other governments.

There are a number of causes that contributed to the decline of the Mughal dynasty during the past half century, which ultimately resulted in the empire's fall in the year 1858 AD. These elements include:

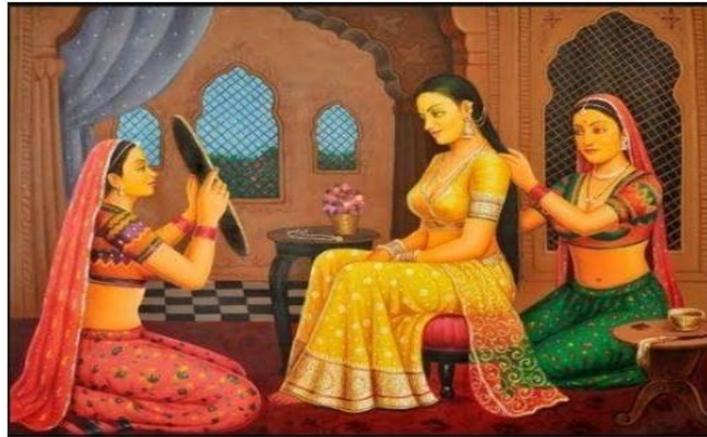
- A halt in the expansion of military forces, which meant that Mughal maritime power was unable to rapidly monitor British military activities in coastal areas.
- Decadence of both character and lifestyle among the political elite, which led to wasteful spending of public funds as a direct outcome of the former.

### ***SOCIO-CULTURAL CONDITION OF INDIA UNDER MUGHALS***

India possesses an extraordinarily rich culture in regards to human growth, morals, and religion; nonetheless, the nation as a whole is united in its diversity to the greatest extent conceivable. The measures cover a broad spectrum in terms of their reach. In times past, education for women was discouraged within the Hindu religion as well as inside the Muslim religion. In times past, both Hindus and Muslims did not place a strong emphasis on encouraging female education and training. Strict rule of purdah and separation caused a lot of problems for their training because of social customs and the fixed attitude of the average citizen. Despite the fact that their position was becoming more Detroit-like on the connection of Vedic age, they were nevertheless able to hold an enormous majority of opportunity in the removal fortune. The vast majority of Mughal Emperors had a special passion with education, and as a result, they devised basic plans for the education of their children, including the education of their daughters. The most common and well-known practise among typical Muslims in the society was the complete covering of women's faces with veils.

Since many millennia ago, India has been a nation with the motto "Solidarity in variation," which helps to explain why it is renowned as the area that is famous for its long history of rich human progress. The region was significantly progressed as a result of the efforts and devotion of various races, such as Geeks, Shakas, Pallavas, Kushanas, Huns, and several other Europeans, some of whom were aware of their efforts and others of whom were not. As was the case with the other religions, Islam was put to the test early on in its development when it came to its methodology for dealing with the cycle of mixing and blending that had been going on for hundreds of years prior. Along the same lines as Hinduism, Islam (the philosophy and fundamental act of rigorous tenet by content) was not an overly complicated philosophical belief system, nor was it very ceremonial and complicated, nor was it typically and simply absorbent.

We found in Islam a social-philosophical framework that was all around described and arranged, along with a strong monotheistic and valid viewpoint. This created a significant barrier, as the Islam's incorporation with Hinduism appeared to be quite unimaginable. However, during the middle ages of Indian history, the issue was already being dealt with and continued. To see it, Jawaharlal Nehru placed his thoughts in this respect, that how these two different frameworks, each with its own set of strong roots, might build up a stable partnership.



Social life of women before Mughals (image-1)

## CONCLUSION

Throughout the Middle Ages, the Afghan people had always been a part of larger historical flows and interregional migrations. Afghan mobility has changed as a result of people' and communities' adaptation to various times and situations. Beginning in the 10th and 11th century AD and continuing until the Mughal era, Afghans began migrating to India. These Afghans typically travelled from their mountainous homelands to the Indian plains in quest of trade and commerce opportunities or in search of jobs in the military. Some of them have occasionally been forced to leave their homeland and travel to India in order to establish themselves permanently due to inter-tribal and familial disputes. Their towns were scattered and covered a huge region, virtually the entirety of Northern India. Most of them chose to remain in northern India, however others also relocated to Gujarat or the Deccan in pursuit of job prospects. As a result, both "push" and "pull" factors contributed to Afghan migration from Afghanistan to India, and the pattern of migration to India mainly stayed the same throughout mediaeval history. Afghans started to think of migrating to India as a way to achieve economic growth and a safe haven from the threat and forces they were more exposed to in their own country as the historical winds of history lured and frequently drove them in different directions.



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