



## CHAPTER- 10 THE SULTANS OF DELHI

### NOTES:

- The Qutub Minar in Delhi was the highest storeyed building in medieval India and it was built by Qutub – Ud – Din Aibak.
- Qutub-Ud- Din was a slave to Mohammad Ghori and he founded the Slave Dynasty and established the Sultanate of Delhi (1206-1526 AD).
- The Slave dynasty, The Khaljis, Tughlaqs, Sayyids and Lodis ruled at Delhi under the Delhi sultanate.

### • **SOURCES**

- Many historical sources such as inscriptions, coins, architecture and tawarikh provided information about the Delhi Sultanate but the most valuable are the Tawarikh.

### **A. EXPANSION OF THE SULTANATE**

- In the thirteenth century, the Delhi Sultans' authority was limited to the garrison towns only and they survived on the trade, tributes and plunder for supplies.
- Delhi's authority was also challenged by the Mongol invasions.
- Delhi sultanate led military campaigns for the expansion of the empire .



## **B.CONSOLIDATION OF THE EMPIRE**

- **The KHALJIS**

- The Delhi sultanate was fairly well established in the portion of the Upper Ganga valley and Eastern Rajasthan when Ala-Ud -Din khalji came to throne.
- To run the administration successfully the Bandagan system was introduced, were special slaves were purchased for military service and were trained to perform certain administrative functions.
- Land known as Iqtas were given to military commanders and the land owners were known as Iqtadars or Muqti.In return they were to lead military campaigns and maintain law and order.

## **C.THE TUGHLAQS : A CASE STUDY**

- The Tughlaq Dynasty was founded by Ghiyas-Ud – Din Tughlaq in 1320 AD and the most famous of the Tughlaq rulers was Muhammad- bin- Tughlaq(1325-51 AD).
- Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq was known as an ‘Ill starred idealist ‘ ,because all his experiments had failed due to some or the other reason.
- Some of the important experiments made by Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq was high taxation in the Doab ,change in capital from Delhi to Daulatabad,introduction of token currency etc.
- After the Tughlaqs,the sayyids ruled in Delhi from 1414 to 1451AD.
- Lodi Dynasty was founded in 1451 AD by Bahalol Lodhi and after the first battle of Panipat in 1526 , Ibrahim Lodhi was defeated by Babur and with this the rule of Delhi sultanate came to an end.

