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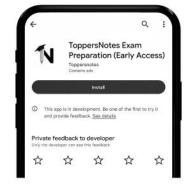
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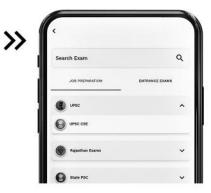
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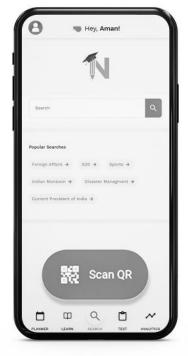
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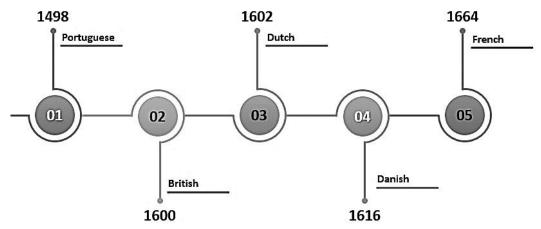


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## ] CHAPTER

# Arrival of European Powers in India





#### **Factors led to the Advent of European**

- Weak rulers and fragmented regional powers:
  - Weak Mughal Powers after Aurabgzeb in 1707
  - Rise of regional powers
- Vast wealth of India:
  - Europeans came to know about the immense wealth of India from the accounts of Marco Polo and some other sources.
- Heavy demand for Indian commodities: Heavy demand for Indian commodities like spices, calicoes, silk, precious stones, porcelain, etc.
- Control of Arabs and Technological Advancement:
  - Major land routes to India were under Arab control.
    - So no direct route to trade

- In the 15th century Europe saw great advancement in ship building and navigation.
- Quest of the expansion of the market:
  - o Rapid Industrialization
  - Market expansion to fulfill their capitalist desire.

#### Discovery of a Sea Route to India

- Need:
  - o Decline of Roman Empire
  - o domination of Arab in Egypt and Persia
  - High demand of Indian commodities and reduced contacts
  - Arab control over sea route (Suez Canal route)
  - Renaissance in Europe and advancement in the art of ship-building and navigation.

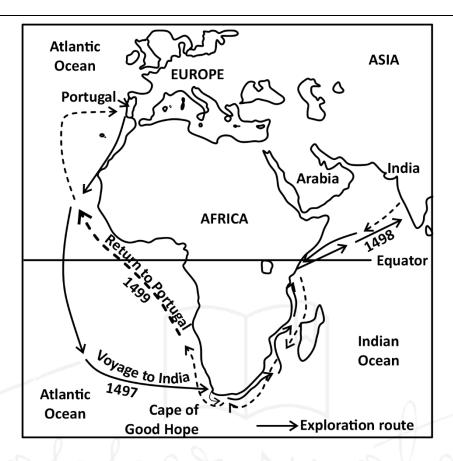
#### • Attempts:

#### Prince Henry of Portugal Christopher Columbus Portuguese Arrived Received Bull from Pop With the help of King of Vasco Da Gama landed Nicholas to navigate via sea Spain attempted to find on Calicut sea route to India Met King Zamorin of · But died before attempting Reach America instead Calicut Set up a trading company at Cannanore A Portuguese sailor **Portuguese Navigator** With the help of Abdul Rounded Cape of Good Majid, a Gujarati pilot Hope in Africa and sailed Discovered alternate sea up the eastern coast route to India Vasco Da Gama Bartholomew Dias



#### **Foreign Powers**

#### Portuguese





#### **Important Personalities**

Vasco Da Gama	Arrived at Calicut in May 1498				
	Received permission to establish business by King Zamorin of Calicut				
	At Cannanore, he set up a trading factory .				
Pedro Alvarez	Established first European factory in India in 1500 at Calicut				
Cabral	Successfully retaliated Arab attack on Portuguese				
	Bombarded Calicut and made advantageous treaties with rulers of Cochin and Cannanore				
Francisco De	In 1505, Francisco De Almeida tried to consolidate the position of Portuguese in India.				
Almeida	He built fortresses at Anjadiva, Cochin, Cannanore and Kilwa				
	Vision: to make the Portuguese the master of the Indian Ocean.				
	His policy was k/a the Blue Water Policy and cartaze system.				
	Blue water policy     Fortification of the Indian Ocean, not for the security but for the establishment of Portuguese business in the Indian ocean				
	Cartaz system				
	• naval trade license issued by Portuguese in the Indian ocean in 16th century.				
	• Similar British System = navicert system in the 20th century.				
Alfonso de	Real founder of the Portuguese power in India.				
Albuquerque	Introduced a permit system for other ships.				
	Acquired Goa in 1510 and Goa became "the first bit of Indian territory to be under the Europeans"				
	since the time of Alexander the Great".				
	Encouraged Portuguese men to take local wives and stressed the abolition of sati				



#### Portuguese Establishments in India

- Occupied regions around the coast of Goa from Mumbai to Daman and Diu and then to Gujarat, they controlled four important ports and towns and villages.
- Established military posts and settlements on the east coast at San Thome (in Chennai) and Nagapattinam (in Andhra).
- Imperial farman circa 1579 made them settle near
   Satgaon in Bengal for trading activities.

#### **Portuguese Administration in India**

- Important Posts:
  - Viceroy: head of the administration, serving for three years.
  - Vedor da Fazenda: revenues and the cargoes and dispatch of fleets.
  - Captain: incharge of fortresses, assisted by 'factors'.
- Policies:
  - o Monopolised the manufacture of salt,
  - Built a custom house and started levying a duty on tobacco.
  - Started slave trade, purchased Hindu and Muslim children and converted to Christianity.

#### **Religious Policy of the Portuguese**

- Zeal to promote Christinaty.
- Intolerant toward muslim and hindu religion.
- Attempted to convert Akbar to Christanity:
  - Jesuits made a good impression at the court of Akbar, due to his interest in theology.
  - In September 1579, Jesuit fathers, Rodolfo Aquaviva and Antonio Monserrate were sent to Akbar's court
    - Again in 1590 and 1595 missions were sent
  - O Jahangir, on ascending throne, assuaged the Muslims and neglected Jesuit fathers.
    - 1606 he again renewed his favours to them.
- Church and collegium at Lahore was allowed to be retained by them

#### **Decline of the Portuguese**

- Local advantages gained in India were reduced with immediate neighbours.
- Religious policies made Hindus resentful.
- Dishonest trade practices met a strong reaction and gained notoriety as sea pirates.
- Arrogance and violence brought them the animosity of the rulers of India.
- Discovery of Brazil diverted colonising activities of Portugal to the West.
- Dutch and the English also learnt the skills of ocean navigation.

- Different trading communities from Europe began a fierce rivalry among them.
  - Dutch and the English had greater resources to expand overseas, and they overcame the Portuguese resistance.
- Spice trade came under the control of the Dutch, and Goa was superseded by Brazil as the economic centre of the overseas empire of Portugal.

#### **Significance of the Portuguese**

- Military:
  - Military innovation in the use of body armour, matchlock men, and guns
  - Contributed to the Mughal use of field guns, and the 'artillery of the stirrup'.
  - System of drilling groups of infantry, on the Spanish model.
- Naval Techniques:
  - Multi-decked ships were heavily constructed, designed to ride out Atlantic gales rather than run before the regular monsoons
    - This permitted them to carry heavier armament.
  - o use of castled prow and stern
  - creation of royal arsenals and dockyards and the maintenance of a regular system of pilots and mapping and pitting state forces against private merchant shipping
- Cultural Work:
  - Art of silversmith and goldsmith flourished at Goa, and the place became a centre of elaborate filigree work, fretted foliage work and metal work embedding jewels.
  - Interior of churches built by Portuguese have woodwork, sculpture and painted ceilings; they are generally simple in their architectural plan.

#### **Dutch**

- In 1596, Cornelis de Houtman → first Dutchman to reach Sumatra and Bantam.
- In 1602, many trading companies amalgamated → EIC of the Netherlands.
- Company was empowered to carry out war, conclude treaties, to take possession of territory and to erect fortresses.

#### **Dutch Settlements in India**

- First factory in Masulipatnam (in Andhra) in 1605.
- In **1609** opened a factory in Pulicat, north of Madras.
- Other principal factories at Surat (1616), Bimlipatam (1641), Karaikal (1645), Chinsurah (1653), Baranagar, Kasimbazar (near Murshidabad), Balasore, Patna, Nagapatam (1658), Cochin (1663).

#### Trade under Dutch in India

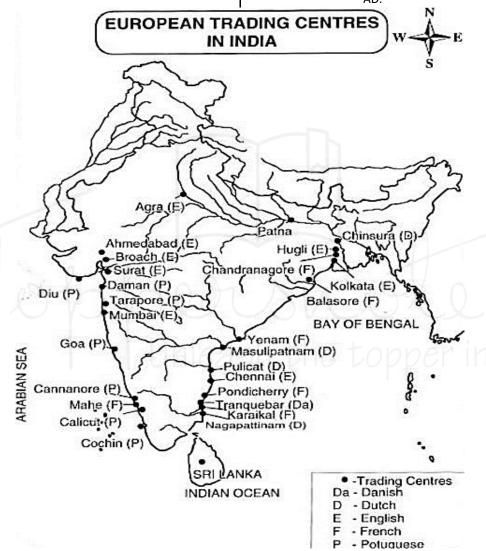
- Manufactured:
  - Indigo: the Yamuna valley and Central India,



- textiles and silk: Bengal, Gujarat and the Coromandel,
- o Saltpeter: Bihar
- Opium and rice: the Ganga valley.
- Monopolized trade in black pepper and spices.

#### **Decline of the Dutch**

- Got drawn into the trade of the Malay Archipelago.
- In the third Anglo-Dutch War (1672-74) English ships captured in Bay of Bengal by Dutch forces → retaliation by the English → defeat of the Dutch, in battle of Hooghly (1759).
- Battle of Colachel (1741) b/w Dutch and the king of Travancore Marthanda Varma leading to complete rout of Dutch power in Malabar region.
- Anglo-Dutch Treaty (1814):
  - o signed Dutch and English
  - facilitated restoration of Dutch Coromandel and
     Dutch Bengal to Dutch rule
    - Anglo-Dutch Treaty (1824) returned these places to British
      - ✓ Made it binding on the Dutch to ensure all transfers of property and establishments till/on March 1, 1825 AD.



#### **English**

- Factors contributed:
  - Charter of Queen Elizabeth
     I→Francis Drake's voyage the
     world in 1580



- o English victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588
- In 1599, a group of English merchants a.k.a.
   'Merchant Adventurers' formed a company.
- On December 31, 1600, Queen Elizabeth I issued a charter with rights of exclusive trading to the company named the 'Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies'.
- Initially, a monopoly of 15 years was granted, extended indefinitely in May 1609
- Shifting Dutch focus to the East Indies, the English turned to India for trade.



#### **Expansion of the English Company**

#### **Expansion in West and South**

1609	<ul> <li>Captain Hawkins arrived at Jahangir court to establish a factory at Surat but, didn't succeed</li> <li>Faced opposition from the Portuguese</li> <li>Left Agra in November 1611.</li> </ul>
1611	<ul> <li>Started trading at Masulipatnam and later established a factory in 1616.</li> </ul>
1612	<ul> <li>Captain Thomas Best defeated the Portuguese in the sea off Surat;</li> <li>Received permission from Jahangir to establish a factory at Surat under Thomas Aldworth in 1613.</li> </ul>
1615	• <b>Sir Thomas Roe,</b> an accredited ambassador of James I, came to the court of Jahangir, staying there till February 1619.
1632	Received 'Golden Farman' issued by the Sultan of Golconda
1662	Bombay had been gifted to King Charles II by the King of Portugal as dowry when Charles married the Portuguese princess Catherine
1687	<ul> <li>Seat of the Western Presidency shifted from Surat to Bombay</li> </ul>

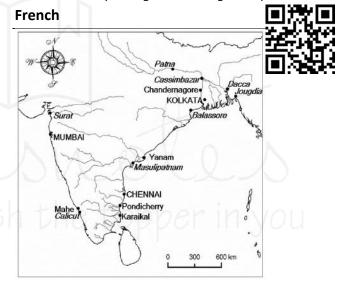
#### **Expansion in Bengal**

- Shah Shuja, the subahdar of Bengal in 1651, allowed the English to trade in Bengal in return for an annual payment of Rs 3,000, in lieu of all duties.
- Factories in Bengal: Hooghly (1651), Kasimbazar, Patna and Rajmahal.
- William Hedges, the first governor of the Company in Bengal, appealed to Shayista Khan, the Mughal governor of Bengal in August 1682, for redressal of the grievance.
  - Resulted in hostilities b/w the English and the Mughals.
- The English captured the imperial forts at Thana (modern Garden Reach), raided Hijli in east Midnapur and the Mughal fortifications at Balasore.
- English bought the zamindari of the three villages of Sutanuti, Gobindapur and Kalikata (Kalighat) from their owners on payment of Rs 1,200.
- Established Fort William in 1700,
  - Seat of the eastern presidency (Calcutta)
  - o First President: Sir Charles Eyre

#### Farrukhsiyar's Farmans

 In 1715, John Surman secured farmans from Farrukhsiyar giving the Company privileges in Bengal, Gujarat and Hyderabad.

- Magna Carta of the Company and its important terms are:
  - o In Bengal:
    - Imports and exports were exempted from additional customs duties in Bengal accepting the annual payment of 3,000 rupees as settled earlier.
    - Permitted to issue dastaks for the transportation of such goods.
    - Permitted to rent more lands around Calcutta.
  - In Hyderabad, privilege of freedom from duties in trade
    - Had to pay the prevailing rent only for Madras
  - In Surat, for an annual payment of 10,000 rupees, exempted from levy of all duties.
  - O Coins of **Company minted at Bombay** to have currency throughout the Mughal Empire.



#### **Foundation of French Centers in India**

- Last Europeans to come to India with the purpose of trade.
- Louis XIV, the king's famous minister Colbert laid the foundation of the Compagnie des Indes Orientales (French EIC) in 1664..
- Granted a 50-year monopoly on French trade in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- In 1667, Francois Caron headed an expedition to India, setting up a factory in Surat.
- Mercara, a Persian who accompanied Caron, founded another French factory in Masulipatnam in 1669 after obtaining a patent from the Sultan of Golconda.
- In 1673, French obtained permission from Shaista Khan, Mughal Subahdar of Bengal, to establish a township at Chandernagore near Calcutta.



#### **Pondicherry- Center of French Power in India**

- In 1673, Sher Khan Lodi, the governor of Valikandapuram (under the Bijapur Sultan), granted
   Francois Martin, the director of the Masulipatnam factory, a site for a settlement.
- In 1674, Pondicherry was founded and Francois Martin became French governor.
- Established its factories in coastal regions of India.
- Important trading Centers: Mahe, Karaikal, Balasore and Qasim Bazar

#### French EIC

- Badly affected with the outbreak of war b/w the Dutch and the French.
- Bolstered by their alliance with the English since the Revolution of 1688, the Dutch captured Pondicherry in 1693.
- the Treaty of Ryswick concluded in September 1697
   restored Pondicherry to the French
- In 1720, the French company was reorganized as the 'Perpetual Company of the Indies' which revived its strength.

#### **British French Rivalry**

- Anglo-French rivalry in India reflected the traditional rivalry of England and France beginning with the outbreak of the Austrian War of Succession and ending with the conclusion of the Seven Years War.
- In 1740, the political situation in south India was uncertain and confused. Nizam Asaf Jah of Hyderabad was old and fully engaged in battling the Marathas in the western.
- Decline of Hyderabad was the signal for the end of Muslim expansionism and the English adventurers got their plans ready.

#### The Danes (Denmark)

- In 1616 the Danish EIC was founded.
- In 1620, a factory at **Tranquebar** near Tanjore was established.
- Their principal settlement was at Serampore near Calcutta.
- Danish factories were sold to British government in 1845.
- Danes are better known for their missionary activities than for commerce.

#### **Carnatic Wars**

First Carnatic	• Extension of the Anglo-French War in Europe which was caused by the Austrian War of Succession.				
War	English navy under Barnet seized French ships to provoke France.				
(1740-48)	o Admiral La Bourdonnais, French governor of Mauritius retaliated by seizing Madras in 1746				
	with the help of the fleet from Mauritius.				
	ended in 1748 with Treaty of Aix-La Chapelle				
	Madras handed back to English, & French got territories in North America.				
	• Remembered for the Battle of St. Thome (in Madras) fought b/w the French forces and the forces				
	of Anwar-ud-din, the Nawab of Carnatic, to whom the English appealed for help.				
Second Carnatic	Dupleix, the French governor → sought to increase his power and French political influence in				
War (1749-54)	southern India				
	Hyderabad→After the death of Nizam-ul-Mulk→civil war b/w Nasir Jang, (son) and Muzaffar Jang				
	(grandson)				
	Nasir Jung Claimed the				
	Throne of				
	Musafar Jung Hyderabad				
	Carnatic→ Anwar-ud-din Khan vs Chanda Sahib.				
	Anwaruddin Khan Claimed the				
	Chandha Sahib Throne of Carnatic				
	Chandra Samb				
French supported Muzaffar Jang and Chanda Sahib while English sided Nasir Jang and A					
din.					
	Defeated and killed Anwar-ud-din				
	Dupleix + Chandha Sahib Battle of Ambur khan and made the Chandha Sahib				
	+ Musafar Jung 1749 the Nawab of Carnatic.				



Failed to provide effective assistance to Muhammad Ali at Trichinopoly, Robert Clive put forward the proposal for a diversionary attack on the governor of Madras, Saunders. Robert Clive attacked and captured Arcot. Mysore, Tanjore and the Maratha Chief, Morari Rao, came to aid of Trichinopoly, & of Clive & Stringer Lawrence. French faced heavy financial losses due to Dupleix's policy; recalled him in 1754. Godeheu succeeded Dupleix adopted a policy of negotiations with English and concluded a treaty with them. War ended with the Treaty of Pondicherry in 1754 Carnatic Third In Europe, when Austria wanted to recover Silesia in 1756, the Seven Years War (1756-63) started. War (1758-63) In 1758, the French army under Count de Lally captured the English forts of St. David and Vizianagaram in India in 1758. Battle of Wandiwash- decisive battle of Third Carnatic War → English (victorious) in 1760 at Wandiwash (or Vandavasi) in Tamil Nadu. Count de Lally headed **General Eyer Coote Battle of Wandiwash** French forces which headed British forces lost the Battle Treaty of Peace of Paris (1763): french allowed to use their settlements for commercial purposes only and banned fortification

English became the supreme European power in the Indian subcontinent, since the Dutch had

#### Causes of English Success against French

- English company was a private enterprise and had less governmental control which created a sense of enthusiasm and self-confidence among the people.
- Whereas the French company was a State concert and was controlled and regulated by the French government and was hemmed in by government policies.
- The English navy was **superior** to the French navy.
- **English held Calcutta, Bombay and Madras** whereas French had only Pondicherry.
- French company was short of funds whereas the British had sound financial conditions which helped them significantly in the wars against their rivals.

#### Reasons for English Success against Other **European Power**

Structure	•	<b>English EIC</b> controlled by a board of	
and Nature		directors elected annually.	
of the	•	France and Portuguese	
Trading		companies: State owned and	
Company		feudalistic.	
	•	Monarch had >60% share in the	
		French company and its directors	
		were <b>nominated by</b> the monarch	
		from the shareholders.	
	•	Shareholders took very little	
		interest in promoting prosperity of	
		the company.	
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already been defeated in the Battle of	Bidara in 1759.	
uccess against French was a private enterprise and had		• b/w 1725 & 1765 company was managed as a department of State.
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th company was a State concert d and regulated by the French was hemmed in by government	3n	<ul> <li>Victory against Spanish Armada and against French at Trafalgar had put Royal Navy at peak of European naval forces.</li> </ul>
ta, Bombay and Madras whereas ndicherry.  vas short of funds whereas the	h the	<ul> <li>In India too, the British defeated the Portuguese and the French due to strong and fast movement of the naval ships.</li> </ul>
inancial conditions which helped the wars against their rivals.  sh Success against Other	Industrial Revolution	<ul> <li>In England resulted with the innovation of new machines like the spinning Jenny, steam engine, and the power loom →greatly</li> </ul>
glish EIC controlled by a board of ectors elected annually.		improved production in the fields of textile, metallurgy, steam power and agriculture.
nnce and Portuguese mpanies: State owned and udalistic.	Military Skill and Discipline	<ul> <li>The British had a disciplined &amp; well trained army.</li> <li>Technological developments</li> </ul>
ench company and its directors are nominated by the monarch	Stable Government	<ul> <li>equipped the military well.</li> <li>Britain had a stable government with efficient monarchs.</li> </ul>
m the shareholders.  areholders took very little erest in promoting prosperity of e company.	Government	<ul> <li>France witnessed violent revolution in 1789 and Napoleon's defeat in 1815 weakened France's government position.</li> </ul>



	•	Dutch EIC, affected by <b>bankruptcy</b>			
		in 1800 coupled with revolution in			
		1830.			
Lesser Zeal	•	Britain was less zealous about			
for Religion		religion and less interested in			
		spreading Christianity.			

Use of Debt	•	World's first central bank, Bank of			
Market		England was established to sell			
		government debt to the money markets.			
	•	Britain was enabled to spend much more on its military than its rivals.			



# **CHAPTER**

## Decline of the Mughal Empire



- Aurangzeb's reign (1658-1707) marked the beginning of the end of Mughal rule in India.
- Reason:
  - Aurangzeb's misguided policies
  - Weak successors and reduced stability of the
  - Neglect of northwestern borders
  - O Nadir Shah, the Persian emperor, attacked India in 1738-39, conquered Lahore and defeated the Mughal army at Karnal on February 13, 1739.

#### **Foreign invasions**

#### Nadir Shah's Invasion (1739)

**Emperor of Iran/Persia** 

#### Causes behind the invasion

- 1736, Muhammad Shah Rangeela broke all diplomatic ties with Persian court.
- Nadir envoy was detained by Rangeela, which probably infuriated him.
- Rangeela gave shelter to some Afghan nobles who had escaped from Nadir Shah when he had invaded Afghanistan.
- Nizam-ul-Mulk and Saadat Khan sent special messages to Nadir Shah inviting him to invade India.

#### Course of Nadir Shah's Invasion

- He captured Jalalabad, Peshawar, and proceeded towards Lahore.
- Zakariya Khan, the governor of Lahore, surrendered without much of a fight.
- Nadir struck a gold coin and read khutba in his name.
- Nadir and Muhammad Shah fought at Karnal on c.1739 CE.

#### **Outcome of the Invasion**

- Muhammad Shah was defeated and agreed to pay an indemnity of Rs. 25 crore
- Trans-Indus provinces including Sindh, western Punjab, and Kabul were ceded to Nadir.
- Nadir Shah's took away the famous Kohinoor Diamond.

#### Ahmad Shah Abdali (or Ahmad Shah Durrani)

Successor of Nadir Shah and invaded India several times b/w 1748 and 1767.

- In 1757, captured Delhi and placed an Afghan caretaker to watch over Mughal emperor.
- Abdali had recognised Alamgir II as the Mughal emperor and the Rohilla chief, Najib-ud-Daula, as Mir Bakhshi of the empire, 'supreme agent' of Abdali.
- In 1758, Najib-ud-Daula was expelled from Delhi by the Maratha chief, Raghunath Rao, who also captured Punjab.
- In 1759, Ahmad Shah Abdali returned to India to take revenge on the Marathas.
- In 1761, Abdali defeated the Marathas in the Third Battle of Panipat.
- The last of Abdali's invasions came in 1767.

#### Third Battle of Panipat, 1761

- Fought b/w: Marathas under Sadashiv Rao Bhau vs Afghan forces under Ahmed Shah Abdali + two Indian Muslim allies (Rohilla Afghans of the Doab, and Shuja-ud-Daula, the Nawab of Awadh)
- Military: French cavalry support Maratha against heavy cavalry and mounted artillery (zamburak and jezail) of Afghans
- Financial Support to Afghans provided by Shuja-
- Afghans cut off the supplies of Marathas and weakened them
- **Result:** Marathas lost

#### **Later Mughal**

Bahadur Shah I

#### (1709-March Adopted a pacific policy with the 1712) Marathas, the Rajputs and the Jats. Granted sardeshmukhi to maratha, but failed to grant them chauth. Followed a policy of compromise towards the nobles, granting them appropriate territories and postings. Never abolished the jizya Jahandar Shah Jahandar Shah abolished Jaziya.

eldest son of Aurangzeb

#### (March 1712 to • Feb 1713)

- Zulfikar Khan was appointed prime
- minister and introduced the izara system to improve the financial condition of the empire.



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Farrukhsiyar	•	With the help of Sayyid brothers—		. 0	•	Gr
(1713-1719)		Abdulla Khan and Hussain Ali (k/a		(1754-1758)	•	Ва
		<b>'King Makers'</b> ), Farrukhsiyar				fo
		became the emperor.			•	M
	•	Followed a <b>policy of religious</b>				М
		tolerance by abolishing Jizya and		Shahjehan III	•	Ak
		pilgrimage tax.		(1758-1759)	•	Pla
	•	Banda Bahadur, the Sikh leader,				17
		was executed.			•	Не
	•	Friction b/w Farrukh Siyar and				ch
		Sayyid brothers +		Ali Gauhar /	•	In
		Maratha= killed Farrukh Siyar.		Shah Alam II		"S
Rafi-ud-Darajat	•	Placed by Saiyyad brothers in place		(1759-1806)		Pa
(February 28 to		of Farrukh Siyar.		(1739-1800)		Sh
June 4 1719)	•	Died of consumption (tuberculosis)				Hi
		within four months.			•	th
	•	During his reign <b>Nikusiyar</b>				
		(grandson of Aurangzeb) revolted				an He
		and set himself as Emperor at Agra			•	(1
		with the help of <b>Mitrasen</b> .				-
	•	He ruled for the shortest period				ar
		among the Mughals.				Be
Rafi-ud-Daula		Sayyid brothers placed Rafi-ud-				Na Br
	•					Fo
(June to Sept 1719)		<b>Daula (Shah Jahan II)</b> on the throne. He was an <b>opium addict.</b>			•	Al
1/19)		Λ Λ				
		Shortest reign; died very quickly suffered from tuberculosis.	77	N I A		0
	ļ.,	suffered from tuberculosis.		$\langle \rangle V \setminus $	J	
Muhammad	•	Given the title of 'Rangeela' due to				
Shah (1719-48)		his luxurious life-style.	المم	Akbar II (1806-	•	In
	•	He + Nizam-ul-Mulk Chin Qilich	apr	37)	/(	ur
		<b>Khan</b> , killed the Sayyid Brothers.			•	Ga
	•	In 1724, Nizam-ul-Mulk became				Ra
		wazir and founded Hyderabad.			•	In
	•	In 1739, Nadir Shah defeated the				M
		Mughals in the Battle of Karnal and		Bahadur Shah II	•	La
		later imprisoned Muhammad		(1837-1857)		he
		Shah.			•	Ur
	•	Autonomous states emerged			•	Pa
		under his reign:				de
		O Nizam-ul-Mulk – Deccan				18
		O Saadat Khan – Awadh			•	In
		<ul> <li>Murshid Quli Khan – Bengal,</li> </ul>				ca
		Bihar, and Orissa.				18
Ahmad Shah	•	incompetent ruler left state affairs				Qı
(1748-1754)		to <b>Udham Bai ('Queen Mother')</b>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
	•	Invaded Delhi and Punjab along		Causes of Dec	lin	e o
		with Multan was ceded to him.		Intolerant po	lici	es c
	•	His Wazir, <b>Imad-ul-Mulk</b> ,		• The religio		
		imprisoned him at Salimgarh.		contributed		
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Alamgir II (1754-1758)	<ul> <li>Grandson of Jahandar Shah.</li> <li>Battle of Plassey (c.1757 CE) was fought during his tenure.</li> <li>Murdered by his Wazir Imad-ul-Mulk.</li> </ul>
Shahjehan III (1758-1759)	<ul> <li>Aka Muhi-ul-millat</li> <li>Placed on the throne in December 1759 with the help of Imad-ul-Mulk.</li> <li>He was later deposed by Maratha chiefs.</li> </ul>
Ali Gauhar / Shah Alam II (1759-1806)	<ul> <li>In Persian his kingdom was called "Sultanat-e-Shah Alam, Az Dilli ta Palam", meaning, "The kingdom of Shah Alam is from Delhi to Palam".</li> <li>His reign saw two decisive battles—the Third Battle of Panipat (1761) and the Battle of Buxar (1764).</li> <li>He fought the Battle of Buxar (1764) along with the combined armies of Mir Qasim, the Nawab of Bengal, and Shuja-ud- Daula, the Nawab of Awadh, against the British EIC.</li> <li>Forced to sign the Treaty of Allahabad (August 1765 CE).</li> <li>He was taken under the EIC's protection &amp; resided at Allahabad.</li> </ul>
Akbar II (1806- 37)	<ul> <li>Introduction of the Hindu–Muslim unity festival Phool Walon Ki Sair.</li> <li>Gave the title of Raja to Rammohan Rai.</li> <li>In 1835, coins bearing the names of Mughal emperors were stopped</li> </ul>
Bahadur Shah II (1837-1857)	<ul> <li>Last Mughal Emperor and nominal head of India.</li> <li>Urdu poet pen name 'Zafar'</li> <li>Participated in revolt of 1857 &amp; deported to Rangoon &amp; died in 1862.</li> <li>In legal terms, the Mughal Empire came to an end on November 1, 1858 with the declaration of Queen Victoria.</li> </ul>

#### of Mughal Empire

#### of Aurangzeb

d Deccan policies of Aurangzeb empire's decline.



- His hard-headed attitude towards the Marathas, Rajputs, and the Jats turned away the loyal warriors, and he went on making more enemies without having strong alliances.
- His religious policy alienated the Hindus

#### **Weak Successors**

- None of Aurangzeb's successors could give any stability to the empire.
- Absolutely inefficient and puppets in the hands of powerful nobles.
- Wars of succession plagued Delhi from 1707 to 1719 CE too weakened the empire.

#### **Nobility Crises**

- Mutual rivalry, jealousy and contest for power among the various groups reduced prestige of emperor, but also contributed to the decline of the empire.
- Nobels weakened the military by amassing income from the jagirs for themselves and cutting down the number of troops.

# Ineffective Mughal Army, Neglect of Naval Power, and invasions

- Mughal army became inefficient and demotivated after losing many important battles.
- Neglect of naval power by the Mughals also cost them dearly.
- External invasions of Nadir Shah and Ahmad Shah Abdali took a heavy toll on imperial treasury and laid open inefficiencies of the military and political administration.

#### **Depleting Economic Resources**

- Increased number of amirs and their ranks or mansabs left little land to be distributed
- Aurangzeb tried to solve the problem of acute shortage of jagirs or bejagiri by showing enhanced income from the jagirs on record. But amirs tried to recover the recorded income from their jagirs by pressurising the peasantry.

- So both the amirs and the peasantry were antagonised which resulted into wars, the reduction in khalisa land, all of which burdened the state.
- Expenditure of the state exceeded its income.
- The once flourishing trade did not enrich the empire's coffers even as the inroads by European traders grew along coastal India.
- These economic and administrative problems only multiplied following the death of Aurangzeb.

#### **Weak Administration Machinery**

- Government of the Mughals was a personal despotism and so its success depended on the character of the reigning ruler.
- The later Mughals were worthless and neglected the administration.
- The degeneration of the rulers led to the degeneration of the nobility, with factious quarrels and intrigues costing the empire heavily.
- The empire had become too vast and unwieldy to be efficiently governed under weak rulers, especially under the existing conditions of transport and communication.

#### Shifting Allegiance of Zamindars

- Two classes shared the power during the medieval period, the zamindars and the nobles.
- Zamindars, hereditary owners of land, k/a rais, rajas, thakurs, khuts or deshmukhs.
  - helped in collection of revenue and in local administration
- Mughals had tried to curb the power of zamindars and maintain direct contact with peasants, but could not succeed.
  - zamindars helped the nobility to carve out independent kingdoms for themselves.

#### **Rise of Regional Aspirations**

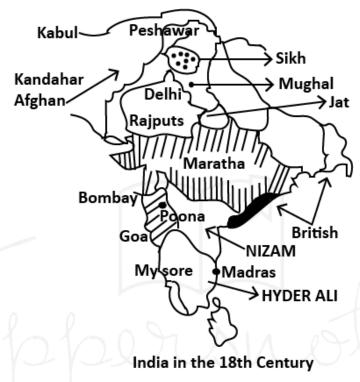
- Aurangzeb's reign it witnessed powerful regional groups like the Jats, Sikhs and Marathas defying the authority in their bid to create kingdoms of their own.
- Continuous struggle against the empire for political ascendancy weakened the empire considerably.

# 3 CHAPTER

## Emergence of New States



 States that arose in India during the phase of Mughal decline and the following century (b/w c.1700 and **1850 CE)** varied greatly in terms of their essential character, state resources, and their life span.



MAP : India in the 18th Century

Bengal

- Each of the contenders in the regions, in proportion to their strength, looked for and seized opportunities to establish their dominance over the others in the neighbourhood.
- Thus the regional states of this period can be divided into three categories

#### **Successor States**

- Mughal provinces that turned into states after breaking away from the empire.
- Though they did not challenge the sovereignty of the Mughal ruler, the establishment of virtually independent and hereditary authority by their governors.
- Some of the prominent states in this category were Awadh, Bengal, and Hyderabad.
- The founder of the Awadh state was Saadat Khan, whereas the founder of Bengal was Murshid Quli Khan and the founder of Hyderabad state was Nizamul-Mulk Asaf Jah.

# In 1727, he was succeeded by his son Shujaud- din. In 1740, Shujaud-din's successor Sarfaraz Khan, killed by Alivardi Khan Alivardi Khan assumed power and made himself independent of the Mughal emperor by giving yearly tribute. From c.1756 to 1757 CE, the successor of Alivardi Khan, Siraj-uddaulah fought against the English EIC over the trading rights. Siraj-ud-daulah's defeat at the Battle of Plassey in c.1757 CE paved

Founder: Murshid Kuli Khan.

the way for the subjugation of

Bengal as well as India by the British.



Awadh	•	Founder: <b>Saadat Khan</b> (k/a Burhan-			
		ul-Mulk).			
	•	Maintained a well-paid, armed and			
		well-trained army.			
	•	His successors, Safdar Jung and Asaf			
		ud Daulah gave a long-term			
		administrative stability to the			
		Awadh province.			
	•	Faizabad and Lucknow emerged as			
		centres of cultural excellence in the			
		spheres of arts, literature, and			
		crafts.			
	•	Regional architecture reflected in			
		Imambargahs and other buildings.			
	•	Evolution of dance form Kathak was			
		outcome of the cultural synthesis.			
Hyderabad	•	Founder: Kilich Khan (k/a Nizam-ul-			
		Mulk).			
	•	Disgusted with the Mughal emperor			
		who had appointed Mubariz Khan			
		as a full-fledged viceroy of the			
		Deccan, decided to fight Mubariz			
		Khan.			
	•	Defeated and killed Mubariz Khan in			
		the Battle of Shakar-Kheda (1724).			
	•	In 1725, he became the viceroy and			
		conferred the <b>title of Asaf-Jah</b> and			
		assumed the control of Deccan.			

#### **Warrior States**

Established by rebels against Mughal Empire, Ex:
 Maratha, the Sikh and the Jat states.

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Marathas	•	Maratha Soldiers expert in <b>guerilla tactics</b> .
	•	Held important positions in the
		administrative and military systems of
		Deccan Sultanates of Bijapur and
		Ahmadnagar.
	•	Bhakti movement in Maharashtra
		under the influence of spiritual leaders
		like <b>Tukaram, Ramdas, Vaman Pandit,</b>
		and Eknath fostered social unity.
	•	Political unity was conferred by Shahji
		Bhonsle and his son Shivaji.
	•	Began their northward expansion and
		uprooted the Mughal authority from
		Malwa and Gujarat and established
		their rule.
	•	Lost the Third Battle of Panipat (1761)
		against Ahmed Shah Abdali.

	•	quickly recovered from defeat and
		offered a great challenge to English EIC
The Sikhs	•	Guru Gobind Singh transformed the
		Sikhs into a militant sect
	•	organised into 12 misls or
		confederacies
	•	Strong kingdom of Punjab established
		by <b>Maharaja Ranjit Singh</b> .
	•	Culmination of Sikh rebellions against
		Mughal rule.
	•	Applied <b>principles of statecraft</b>
		intelligently and used great trading
		city to his economic advantage.
	•	Brought under control area extending
		from Sutlej to the Jhelum, conquered
		Lahore in 1799 and Amritsar in 1802.
	•	By Treaty of Amritsar with British,
		acknowledged British control over cis-
		Sutlej territories.
	•	English forced him to sign Tripartite
		Treaty in 1838 with Shah Shuja and
		agreed to provide passage to the
		British troops through Punjab.
	•	Ranjit Singh died in 1839, His
		successors could not keep the state
		intact and the British took control over
ALA		it.
The Jats	•	Agriculturist and pastoral caste
		inhabiting the Delhi-Mathura region.
1 + 100	•	Began to revolt against the Mughal
		state from the time of Jahangir.
	•	Revolted against the <b>oppressive</b>
		policies of Aurangzeb.
	•	Under <b>Suraj Mal Jat</b> power reached its
		zenith.
	•	His state included <b>territories from</b>
		Ganga in the east to Chambal in the
		south and included the Subahs of
		Agra, Mathura, Meerut and Aligarh.
	•	Jat state suffered a <b>decline</b> after the
		death of Suraj Mal in 1763.

#### **Independent States**

 Enjoyed a lot of independence during the Mughal rule as watan jagirs such as the Rajput, Mysore and Travancore states.

The	•	Great support to the Mughal, in			
Rajputs		controlling the peripheral areas.			
	•	Mughal relations suffered, due to			
		Aurangzeb's interference in the			
		succession dispute of Marwar.			



	• Tried to re-establish their
	independence in the 18th century.
	Forced <b>Bahadur Shah I</b> to march
	against Ajit Singh (1708), who had
	formed an alliance with Jai Singh II
	and Durgadas Rathor.
	But the alliance was broken and the
	situation was saved for the Mughals.
	Most of the larger Rajput states were
	constantly involved in conflicts.
Mysore	Ruled by the Wodeyars.
	Various powers, interested in this
	territory, turned the area into a
	constant battlefield.
	• In the end the Mysore state was
	brought under the rule of Haider Ali

		and Tipu Sultan who ruled the state				
		but not without trouble.				
Travancore	•	Founder:	Martanda	Varma		
(Kerala)		(Travancore as capital)				
	•	He extended	the boundar	ies of his		
		state from Ka	anyakumari to	o Cochin.		
		Organised arr	ny along the	Western		
		model.				
	•	Extended patronage to the Syrian				
		Christians,	a large	trading		
		community within his domains.				
	•	He declared many goods as royal				
		monopoly items, requiring a license				
		for trade, such as pepper.				
	•	After Martanda Varma, <b>Rama Varma</b>				
		(c.1758–98 CE) succeeded				



### 4 CHAPTER

# Consolidation and Expansion of British Power in India

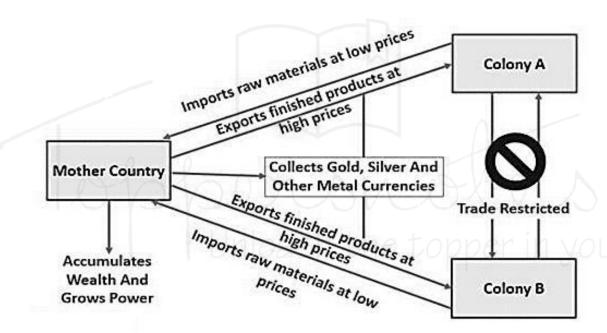


- The British EIC gradually expanded its trading activities in India after getting permission from the Mughals and the local rulers.
- During the course of Mughal rule decline, the British EIC developed a political power by the middle of the 18th century.
- The British came as traders, and realized that in order to obtain the profits from Indian trade, they had to secure political power, backed by force.

#### Mercantilism

- **Economic system of trade** from the 16th to 18th century.
- Based on the idea that a nation's wealth and power were best served by increasing exports and so involved increasing trade.
- nations frequently engaged their military might to ensure local markets and supply sources were protected

#### **How Mercantilism Works?**



#### **Orientalism**

- A concept that stresses the uniqueness of the culture and civili-zation of the Orient.
- Argued that peace would promote trade and it would be to Britain's advantage.
- Asiatic Society was established in 1784 to undertake research into the past of Indian culture and civilization.
- William Jones, Wilkins, H.T. Colebrooke, W.H. Wilson and Max Muller were well-known orientalists.
- Translations of imp. Sanskrit classics in European languages by orientalists of Asiatic Society.
- Warren Hastings, the Governor General of Bengal patronized Asiatic Society. Halhead prepared the

- 'Gentoo laws' with a view to ensure stability to the acquisitions of the British in India.
- Wellesley established Fort William College at Calcutta in 1800 to study the past of India.
- Focus of Fort William College was to impart scholarship in Indian languages to the students to enable them to become good administrators.
- The British followed the policy of learning about Indian society to the extent that knowledge enabled the administrators to be conversant with laws and customs of Indians.

"Gentoo" is an archaic term once employed by Europeans to refer to the native inhabitants of India. The Code of Gentoo Laws is a translation into English from the original Sanskrit by way of Persian.