

## HIS/129: Later Mughals & British India (1707-1857)

### 1. Brief Description:

The course deals with the period of decline of the Mughal Empire. The causes of the downfall and the resultant institutional breakdown have been discussed. However, it also focuses on the new regional and foreign powers which were expanding their influence. The Muslim revivalist and resistance movements have also been highlighted in this course.

### 2. Aims & Objectives:

After completing this course, the students will be able:

- Comprehend the dynamics and complexities of Mughal downfall
- Understand the ways and means of colonial and regional powers to establish their rule
- Analyze the causes of failure of revivalist and resistance movements

### 3. Contents:

#### ❖ Sources:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Khafi Khan              | <u>Muntakhib-ul-Lubab</u> |
| • Muqarrab Khan           | <u>Bahadur Shah Nama</u>  |
| • Muhammad Qasim Ibrat    | <u>Ibrat Nama</u>         |
| • Muhammad Ali Panipati   | <u>Tarikh-I-Muzaffari</u> |
| • Khair-ud-Din Allahabadi | <u>Ibrat Nama</u>         |
| • Ghulam Husain Tabatabai | <u>Siyarul Mutakhirin</u> |

#### ❖ Imperial Politics of the Mughals 1707-1857

#### ❖ Theories of Mughal Downfall

- Degeneration of Muslim Character
- Factional Feuds of Mughal Nobility
- Crisis of Mansabdari System
- Great Firms and Financial Upheaval
- British Technological Superiority

#### ❖ Growth of Independent and Semi-Independent States Deccan—Bengal—Oudh—Punjab—Rohilkhand

#### ❖ East India Company and Establishment of Colonial Rule

Clive—Hastings—Cornwallis—Wellesley—Dalhousie

#### ❖ Revivalist and Resistance Movements

- Shah Wali Ullah and his family.
- Syed Ahmed Shaheed and the Jihad Movement.
- Haji Shariat Ullah, Titu Mir and Fariazi Movement.
- Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan.
- War of Independence 1857.

#### ❖ Intellectual and Literary Developments

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