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Ch-4 The Mughal Empire(History)

The mughals were the descendants of two great rulers of central Asia.

From their mother's side, they were the descendants of Chinggis Khan who ruled over Mongol tribes, China etc. & from father's side, they were the successor of Timur.

The Empire was founded by Zahir-ud-din Muhammad Babur in 1526AD.

Babur(1526-30AD) :-The first emperor of Mughals who were, the ruler of Fargana-a small central Asian kingdom in 1494 AD at the age of 12. He captured Kabul, then invaded India & defeated Lodi Sultan, Ibrahim Lodi in 1526AD & this war is known as 1st battle of Panipat. Entire Delhi & Agra was brought under Babur's control. Then he defeated Rajput ruler Rana Sanga in the battle of Khanwa. He defeated Rajputs at Chanderi in 1528 AD.

Babur introduced a new warfare which showed a skilled combination of artillery & cavalry. His victories made gunpowder & artillery very popular in India. He was a scholar of Persian, Turkish & Arabic. His famous memoir Tuzuk-i-Babri or Baburnama which describes physical & natural beauty of India.

Humayun (1530-1540, 1555-56 AD) :- In 1530 AD, Babur's son Nassiruddin Mohammad Humayun inherited Babur's throne. Humayun lost his kingdom to Sher Shah, who defeated him in the Battle of Chausa(1539 AD) ,Kannauj(1540 AD).In 1555AD,after Sher Shah's death he recaptured Delhi & Agra & reestablished Mughal rule but he did not live long. He died from a fall from the first floor of library building in his fort at Delhi in 1556.

Humayun's wife built a mausoleum for him called the Humayun's tomb which is a dome of white marble.

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