

Unit -II

The Mughal Empire



Tajmahal

Learning Objectives

- ❖ To trace the foundation and establishment of Mughal Empire in India.
- ❖ To acquaint ourselves with the career and achievements of six great Mughal kings.
- ❖ To understand the administrative and religious policies of the Mughal rulers.
- ❖ To gain knowledge about the cultural contributions of Mughals.



1526-1530



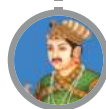
BABUR

1530-1540
& 1555-1556



HUMAYUN

1556-1605



AKBAR

1605-1627



JAHANGIR

1627-1658



SHAH JAHAN

1658-1707



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Introduction

A new empire began in India with the arrival of the Mughal king Babur. Except for the brief reign of Sher Shah of Sur dynasty, the Mughal rule lasted from A.D.(CE) 1526 to 1707. These were the years when the fame of the Great Mughals of India spread all over Asia and Europe. After six Great Mughal Emperors, the empire began to disintegrate.

Babur (1526–1530)

Ancestry and His Early Career

Zahir-ud-din Muhammad Babur, popularly known as Babur, was the founder of the Mughal Empire in India. The term 'Mughal' can be traced to Babur's ancestors. Babur was the great grandson of Timur (on his father's side). On his mother's side, his grandfather was Yunus Khan of Tashkent, who was known as the Great