

Explanation of some important terms

1. **Coparcenary Inheritance:** The term refers to a practice of inheritance where property was divided amongst all inheritors(usually sons). Among the Mughal emperors of India, it was Babur who followed this practice.However the usual practice in India that was widely prevalent in reference to political succession was the rule of primogeniture where usually the eldest son used to become the inheritor of the throne.
2. **Jagir/Jagirdars:** The term refers to a piece of land given as revenue assignment to a high ranking *mansabdar* in lieu of cash salary by the Mughal rulers. The holders of *jagirs* were known as *jagirdars*. Only the *jagirdars* had the right to collect revenues through his officials. The *jagirdars* did not necessarily stay in their *jagirs* and they could serve or be posted elsewhere in the empire. *Jagirs* were transferrable also.
3. **Sawar:** Under the Delhi sultans and the Mughals the term referred to a horseman enlisted for fighting. Under the mansabdari sysytem the term also referred to a rank on the basis of the number of horsemen which a mansabdar had to maintain.
4. **Sulh-i kul:** The expression literally means 'absolute peace' or 'universal peace'.The ideal of sulh-i kul originated during the reign of the mughal emperor Akbar. Abul Fazl, the author of *Ain-i Akbari*, described it as the cornerstone of enlightened rule. According to it all religions and schools of thought had freedom of expression but on the condition that they would not fight amongst themselves or undermine the authority of the state. Akbar tried to implement this ideal by abolishing tax on pilgrimage, jizya, offering grants for building and maintenance of places of worship, and giving positions and awards to the officers of the state purely on the basis of their service and loyalty to the king and not on the basis of their religious affiliations.

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