

Medieval History of Bihar

Bakhtiyar Khilji

- He was one of the generals of Qutubuddin Aibak.
- He destroyed many monasteries and viharas.
- He also established the town Bakhtiyarpur.
- He died in Bihar only. His mausoleum is also built-in Bihar Sharif.
- During the rule of the Slave dynasty, most parts of Bihar were under the control of Turks. So there was continuous fighting to gain control.
- Lakhnauti and Tirhut rulers provided major resistance.
- Noohani Dynasty emerged as an important dynasty in Bihar during the rule of Tughlaqs.
- Fulchand, a ruler of the Cher Dynasty started the Jagdishpur fair.

SUR dynasty

- It was the most important dynasty of Bihar in the medieval period.
- Bihar saw a period of glory during the rule of Sher Shah Suri.
- The tomb of Sher Shah is built-in Sasaram.
- Battle of Chausa, 1539 A.D. - Sher Shah defeated Humayun and took the title of Sultan-e-Adil.
- He had a very efficient administration.
- His revenue model was later adopted by Akbar.
- He also constructed the present Grand Trunk road.
- Later Akbar annexed Bihar and Bengal and added to his empire.
- Munim Khan was made Governor of Bihar.
- Farrukhsiyar was the first Mughal ruler to be sworn in Patna.
- With the decline of the Mughals, Bihar passed into the control of the Nawabs of Bengal.
- After the Battle of Buxar, Bihar passed into the effective control of the British.

Note: Patna was rebuilt and named Azimabad by subedar Azim-ush-shan who was the grandson of the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb Azim.