

Government, Society and Culture Under the Sultanate

Chapter 5: Government, Society and Culture Under the Sultanate · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Sultanate's government was headed by the Sultan, supported by nobles and officials who managed different provinces and collected taxes.

Society under the Sultanate included various groups, with some social mobility possible, though religious and social hierarchies still existed.

Cultural exchange flourished, blending Persian, Turkish, and Indian influences in language (leading to Urdu), architecture, and art.

This period saw the growth of new architectural styles, combining Islamic arches and domes with Indian decorative elements.

Quick Revision Notes

- The Sultan headed the government.
- Nobles and officials managed provinces and taxes.
- Society had various social groups.
- Some social mobility was possible.
- Cultural exchange blended Persian, Turkish, Indian influences.
- This led to the development of Urdu.
- New architectural styles emerged.
- These combined Islamic and Indian elements.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the role of the Sultan.
- 2 Discuss how Urdu developed.
- 3 Research an architectural feature from this period.
- 4 Explain the blending of cultures under the Sultanate.
- 5 Discuss the social structure of the time.
- 6 Find an example of Sultanate-era architecture.