

THE SAYYID DYNASTY (1414-1450)**Khizr Khan (1414-1421)**

Timur's nominee, Khizr Khan, captured Delhi and was proclaimed the new sultan and the first ruler of the Sayyid dynasty. The dynasty ruled over Delhi and its surrounding districts for about 37 years.

Mubarak Shah (1421-1434)

Mubarak Shah succeeded Khizr at the throne after successful expeditions against the Mewatis, Katihar and in the Gangetic Doab area. He was killed by the nobles in his own court.

Muhammad Shah (1434-1443)

The nobles who deposed Mubarak Shah put Muhammad Shah on the throne, but he could not survive the infighting among the nobles in the court. He was authorised to rule a meagre area of around 30 miles and the rest of the Sultanate was ruled by the nobles who were never at agreement on any political or social issue. This period marked the first signs of the fall of the Sayyid dynasty.

Alam Shah (1443-1451)

The last Sayyid king descended in favour of Bahlul Lodhi and himself retired. Thus began the Lodhi dynasty, which confined itself to Delhi and a few surrounding areas.

TABLE 2.1 Invasion by Mongolian Emperors during the Delhi Sultanate

Year	Regime of Sultan	Events
1221	Iltutmish	Genghis Khan came up on the banks of river Indus
1279	Balban	Prince Muhanmiad of Multan, Bughra Khan from Samana and Malik Mubarak of Delhi came together to defeat the Mongols
1285	Balban	Timur Lane invaded India. Prince Muhammad was killed in the battle, and was decorated with the Khan-i-Shahid title
1292	Ju'ial-Ud-din Khilji	Abdullah came to the northern part of India. About 4000 Mongols were converted to Islam and became the famous 'New Mussulman'

1296-1299	Ala-ud-din Khilji	Zafar Khan defeated the Mongols at Jalandhar and Soldi, thctr leader, was taken prison
1299	Qutlugh Khwaja	Zafar Khan was killed in battle
1304	Ala-ud-din Khilji	Alt Beg and Khwaja Tash were defeated
1329	Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq	Tazmashirin Khan was able to reach near Delhi but was defeated by Muhammad-hin-Tughlaq



The Arrival of Lodhis

The Lodhi dynasty was the first and last Afghan dynasty to rule in South Asia, with the exception of Sher Shah Suri, the only other Afghan who ruled this region. The Lodhi elders served in the court of Firuz Shah and Khizr Khan and held positions of responsibility. Buhlul Lodhi, the founder of the dynasty, was the governor of Sirhind, When the Sayyids became weak, no first occupied the province of Punjab and later captured the throne of Delhi. His coronation was held on 19 April 1451. He took the title of Sultan Abul Muzzaffar Buhlul Shah Ghazi.

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