

Legacy of Ala-Ud-Din Khilji's Military Policies in Later Sultanate and Mughal Administration

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Abstract: *The military policies of Alauddin Khilji (1296–1316 CE) played a transformative role in shaping the administrative and military framework of medieval India. This study examines the enduring legacy of his reforms—such as the establishment of a large standing army, branding system (Dagh), descriptive rolls (Chehra), and strict centralization—and their influence on subsequent rulers of the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire. The paper highlights how these policies laid the foundation for efficient military organization, fiscal discipline, and centralized governance. It concludes that Khilji's innovations had a lasting impact on later administrative systems, particularly in shaping the military-bureaucratic structure of the Mughal state.*

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