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Chapter - 1 History

New and Old Terminologies:

- (i) Historical records exist in a variety of languages which have changed considerably over the years. The difference is not just with regard to grammar and vocabulary; the meanings of words also change over time.
- (ii) The term Hindustan was coined by Minhaj-i-Siraj, a chronicler who wrote in Persian for areas around Punjab, Haryana, and the lands between Ganga and Yamuna. He used the term in a political sense for lands that were a part of the dominions of the Delhi Sultan. The areas included shifted with the extent of the Sultanate but the term never included south India.
- (iii) In the early sixteenth century, Babur used Hindustan to describe the geography, the fauna and the culture of the inhabitants of the subcontinent. This was somewhat similar to the way the fourteenth century poet Amir Khusrau used the word “Hind”.
- (iv) In Hindi, the term ‘pardesi’ was used to describe an alien. In Persian, it was called ‘ajnabi’.
- (v) Historians today have to be careful about the terms they use because they meant different things in the past. A city-dweller, therefore, might have regarded a forest-dweller as a “foreigner”, but two peasants living in the same village were not foreigners to each other, even though they may have had different religious or caste backgrounds.

Lets revise the topic

1. languages, 2.Minhaj-i-Siraj, 3. An alien

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