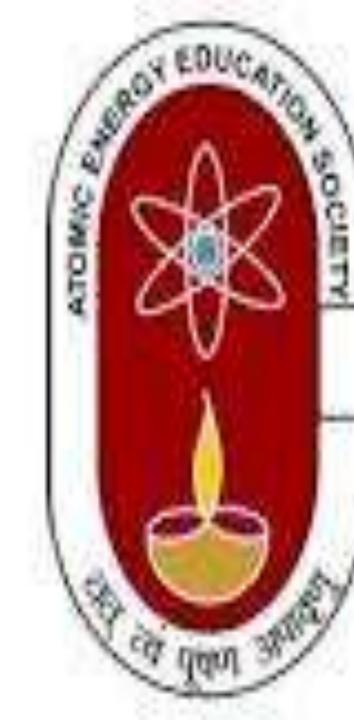
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Chapter II

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WARFARE FOR WEALTH TRIPARTITE STRUGGLE

- Kanauj, a city in the Ganga valley was an important city of the time.
- For centuries, rulers belonging to the Gurjara-Pratihara, Rashtrakuta and Pala dynasties fought for control over Kanauj, called as the "tripartite struggle".
- Because there were three parties in this long –drawn conflict.

Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni

- Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni from Afghanistan raided the subcontinent almost every year and targeted wealthy temples, including Somnath in Gujarat.
- He ruled from 997 to 1030 AD.
- Most of the wealth Mahmud carried away was used to create a splendid capital city of Ghazni.

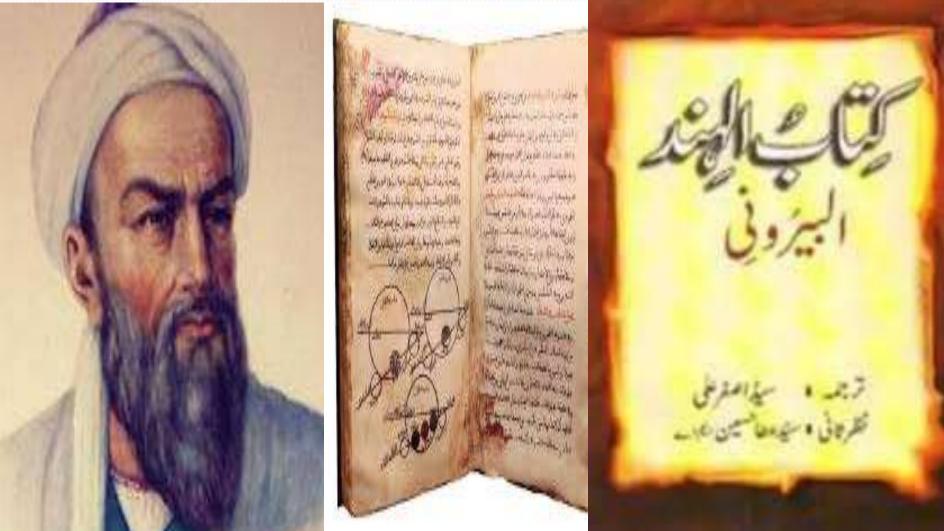
IMAGE OF SULTAN MAHMUD AND HIS TOMB



AL-BIRUNI AND KITAB-AL-HIND

- Sultan Mahmud was interested in finding more about the people he conquered.
- He entrusted a scholar named Al-Biruni to write an account of the subcontinent.
- The Arabic work, known as the Kitab-al-Hind, remains an important source for historians.

IMAGE OF AL-BIRUNI AND KITAB-AL-HIND



Chahamanas or the Chauhans

- The Chahamanas or the Chauhans, who ruled around Delhi and Ajmer, attempted to expand their control to the west and the east.
- They were opposed by the Chalukyas of Gujarat and the Gahadavalas of western Uttar Pradesh.
- The best Chahamana ruler was PrithviRaja III who deafeated an Afghan ruler named Sultan Muhammad Ghori in 1191 but lost to him in 1192.

IMAGE OF PRITHVIRAJA CHAUHAN



IMAGE OF MUHAMMAD GHORI

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- Cholas were subordinates of the Pallava kings of Kanchipuram.
- Vijayalaya, of the Chola family from Uraiyur, captured the Kaveri delta from Muttaraiyar in the middle of the ninth century.
- The successors of Vijayalaya conquered neighbouring regions such as the Pandyan and the Pallava territories to the south and north.
- • The most powerful Chola ruler was Rajaraja I.

IMAGE OF RAJENDRA CHOLA

