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Chapter 9 Akbar the Great (Continued)

Good Morning Students!

We will continue our study on administration of Akbar by dealing with the revenue administration. Akbar's revenue minister Todar Mal introduced Todar Mal's bandobast. The system required land to be properly measured. A new device was introduced which was a rod made of bamboo reeds joined together by iron rings. After this land was divided into three categories - good, average and bad. The revenue was fixed according to the fertility of the land.

A new system called dahsala was also introduced under which the average produce and the average price over the last ten years was calculated and tax fixed on that basis. Generally one-third of the figure was King's share.

Religious policy - Akbar's policy was based on toleration and mutual coexistence. He gave equal treatment to all his subjects. He adopted some steps to show his secular spirit.

1. He abolished pilgrim and jaziya tax.
2. He abolished the practice of forcibly converting prisoners of war to Islam.
3. He encouraged and allowed Hindus to build

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temples.

4. Akbar participated in Hindu festivals such as Holi, Diwali and also translated holy books of Hindus into Persian.

As Akbar was interested in learning about different religions, he built the Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri. Here he held debates and discussions with the religious teachers of all religions. He felt that if the common ideals of all religions could be combined to form a new faith called Din-i-Ilahi. Solh-i-kuh was an important principle in it which meant universal brotherhood.

Finally we will discuss about the Rajput policy of Akbar which was basically aimed at gaining their support to consolidate his empire. Some steps were taken by Akbar in this regard.

1. Akbar defeated the Rajputs but did not humiliate them. He allowed most of them to continue ruling over their territories.
2. Akbar married into Rajput families. He gave complete freedom to his wives.
3. Akbar also gave high posts in administration to the Rajputs.

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| 1. Bairam Khan | 6. Diwan |
| 2. Hemu | 7. Sawar |
| 3. 1556 | 8. Bamboo |
| 4. 1560 | 9. Polaj |
| 5. Sikandra | 10. Fatehpur Sikri |