

Qutb Shahi tomb complex

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About Qutb Shahi tomb complex:

- It was built by the **Qutb Shahi dynasty** that ruled the region from **1518 A.D. to 1687 A.D.**
- This complex is located in – Ibrahim bagh **in Hyderabad.**
- It consists of 30 **tombs, mosques and a mortuary** bath. The tombs belong to the rulers of the Qutb Shahi Dynasty.
- It is a 500-year-old cluster of grand mausoleums, idgah, graves, funerary mosques, a hammam (bath), and baolis (stepwells).
- **Architecture style:**
 - It collectively constitutes an outstanding example of an **Indo-Muslim dynastic** necropolis.
 - These tombs are present in a large group on a raised platform. They resemble Persian, Pathan and Hindu architectural styles that make use of **grey granite**, with **stucco ornamentation** and is a one-of-its-kind place in the world where the whole dynasty is buried at a single spot.
 - They lie amidst beautifully landscaped gardens with intricately carved stonework.

Key facts about Qutb Shahi dynasty

- They are Muslim rulers of the **kingdom of Golconda** in the **southeastern Deccan of India**, one of the five successor states of the Bahmanī kingdom.
 - The founder was **Qulī Quṭb Shah**, a Turkish governor of the Bahmanī eastern region.
 - **Time period:** 1518–1687
 - Quṭb Shah declared his independence in 1518 and moved his capital to Golconda.
 - Toward the end of the century, Muḥammad Qulī Quṭb Shah built a new capital at Hyderabad, a few miles away.
 - The kingdom stretched from the **Godavari river** in the north, sharing a border with Tamil Nadu to the south, Bijapur to the west, and **the Bay of Bengal** to the east.
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Q1: Who are Bahmani Sultans?

The Bahmani Kingdom rose to power after the Turkish Governor Ala-ud-din Hassan Bahman Shan established an independent empire by revolting against the Sultan of Delhi Sultanate, Muhammad Bin Tughlaq in 1347. They are the first independent Islamic kingdom in South India that rose to power.

Source: From Golconda dynasty's necropolis to heritage park: The restoration of Qutb Shahi tombs

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