




## Delhi Sultanate- Balban's Theory of Kingship

### 5.1 Do you know

Description	Image	Source
Balban was probably the only Sultan of Delhi who is reported to have discussed his views about kingship with his sons Mahmud Khan and Bughra Khan as known from Ziauddin Baranis account ' <i>Tarikh-i Firuzshahi</i> '		
“By dinning into the ears of his <i>maliks</i> and <i>amirs</i> most of whom were the quondam colleagues, again and again that kingship was something divinely ordained, he wanted to wash off the stigma of being a regicide and impress upon their minds that it was Divine will that had brought him to the throne and not the poisoned cup and the assassin's dagger.” --- K.A. Nizami	 Ghiyasuddin Balban	Photo source: <a href="https://www.historydiscussion.net">https://www.historydiscussion.net</a>

### 5.2 Timeline

Timelines	Image	Description
1192 CE		Foundation of the Delhi Sultanate
1232 CE		Khwaja Jamaluddin Basra brough Balban to Delhi along with other slaves and all of them were purchased by Iltutmish
1266 CE	 Balban	The accession of Ghiyasuddin Balban provided the Delhi Sultanate with a powerful and determined ruler.
1266 – 87 CE	 Silver coins of Balban	He was a despotic ruler and reestablished the prestige of the crown.
1287 CE		Death of Ghiyasuddin Balban

### 5.3 Glossary

Starting Character	Term	Definition	Related Term
A	<i>Amirs</i>	The noble class engaged in the service of royal administration	
B	<i>Barid</i>	Intelligence officer appointed by the state to collect information	
D	Diwan-iWizarat	Finance department	
D	Diwan-iArz	Ministry of Finance	
H	<i>Hibayat</i>	The reign period of a monarch	
I	<i>Iqta</i>	Grant of revenues of a piece of land	
M	<i>Maliks</i>	Chiefs of any position of the state	
P	<i>Paibos</i>	Kissing the feet, a ceremony generally reserved for the God	
Q	<i>Qazi-i Lashkar</i>	Judge for the army	
S	<i>Shariat</i>	Muslim religious law	
T	<i>Tanka</i>	Silver coin of the Indian Turkish Sultans	
W	<i>Wasaya</i>	Precepts of orders	

### 5.4 Web links

Web links
<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghiyas_ud_din_Balban">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghiyas_ud_din_Balban</a>
<a href="http://www.cssforum.com.pk/css-optional-subjects/group-iv/history-pakistan-india/24454-balban-s-theory-kingship.html">http://www.cssforum.com.pk/css-optional-subjects/group-iv/history-pakistan-india/24454-balban-s-theory-kingship.html</a>
<a href="https://oldindiacoins.wordpress.com/2012/02/08/delhi-sultanate-coins-balban-era">https://oldindiacoins.wordpress.com/2012/02/08/delhi-sultanate-coins-balban-era</a>
<a href="http://www.academia.edu/11588740/Delhi_Sultanate_A_View_on_Theories_of_Kingship">www.academia.edu/11588740/Delhi_Sultanate_A_View_on_Theories_of_Kingship</a>
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