

Economic Policies Supporting Military Expansion in the Reign of Alauddin Khilji

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Abstract: *The reign of Alauddin Khilji (1296–1316 CE) marks a significant phase in medieval Indian history, characterized by strong military expansion supported by innovative economic policies. This study examines how Khilji's economic reforms, including market control, revenue restructuring, and centralized administration, played a crucial role in sustaining a large standing army. The research highlights the interdependence between economic stability and military strength, demonstrating that Khilji's policies were strategically designed to finance continuous warfare, defend against Mongol invasions, and consolidate political authority. The study concludes that economic governance was central to military success and long-term state formation in the Delhi Sultanate.*

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