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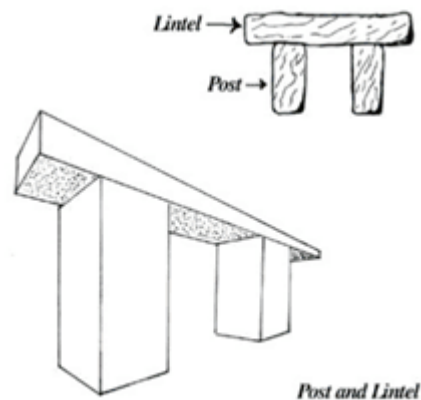
Medieval Architecture



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- Also known as Indo Islamic Architecture.
- **Indo Islamic architecture** encompasses a wide range of styles from various backgrounds that helped shape the architecture of the Indian subcontinent from the

advent of Islam in the Indian subcontinent around the 7th century.



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- It has left influences on modern Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi architecture.
- Both secular and religious buildings are influenced by Indo Islamic architecture which exhibit Indian, Islamic, Persian, Central Asian, Arabic and Ottoman Turkish influences, many of which themselves were influenced by Indian architecture through the spread of Indian culture before the advent of Islam.
- Replaced the Indian trabeate style with arcuate style.

Trabeate style	Arcuate style
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lintel • Shikhar • No use of minar • Material-sand stone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lintel replaced by arch • Dome • Concept of minar • Material-brick, lime and mortar-used for making dome

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- Turks and Afghans Muslims having inherited a wealth of varied designs from Sassanian and Byzantine empires and being naturally endowed with good taste for buildings.
- Ornamental decoration, open space for prayer toward mecca (qibla) , light and open, lesser decoration in prayer hall, purdah hall system for females coming for prayer, tower/minaret to call prayer (azaan) , The Muslims, like the Romans, were also responsible for making extensive use of concrete and lime mortar as an important factor of construction and incidentally used lime as plaster and a base for decoration, which was incised into it and held enamel work on tiles.



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