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What were the major technological changes introduced during the Sultanate period? How did those technological changes influence the Indian society?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Alai Darwaza

Early fourteenth-century gateway at the Qutb complex that shows true arch and dome work.

Iltutmish's tanka

Silver coin that became a standard of Sultanate pay and trade.

Firuz Shah Tughlaq canals

State irrigation works in the western **Ganga plain** associated with his reign.

Persian wheel (saqia)

Animal-powered wheel that lifted well water more steadily where it spread.

Iqta

Revenue assignment to cavalry elites that linked military technique to peasant surplus.

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