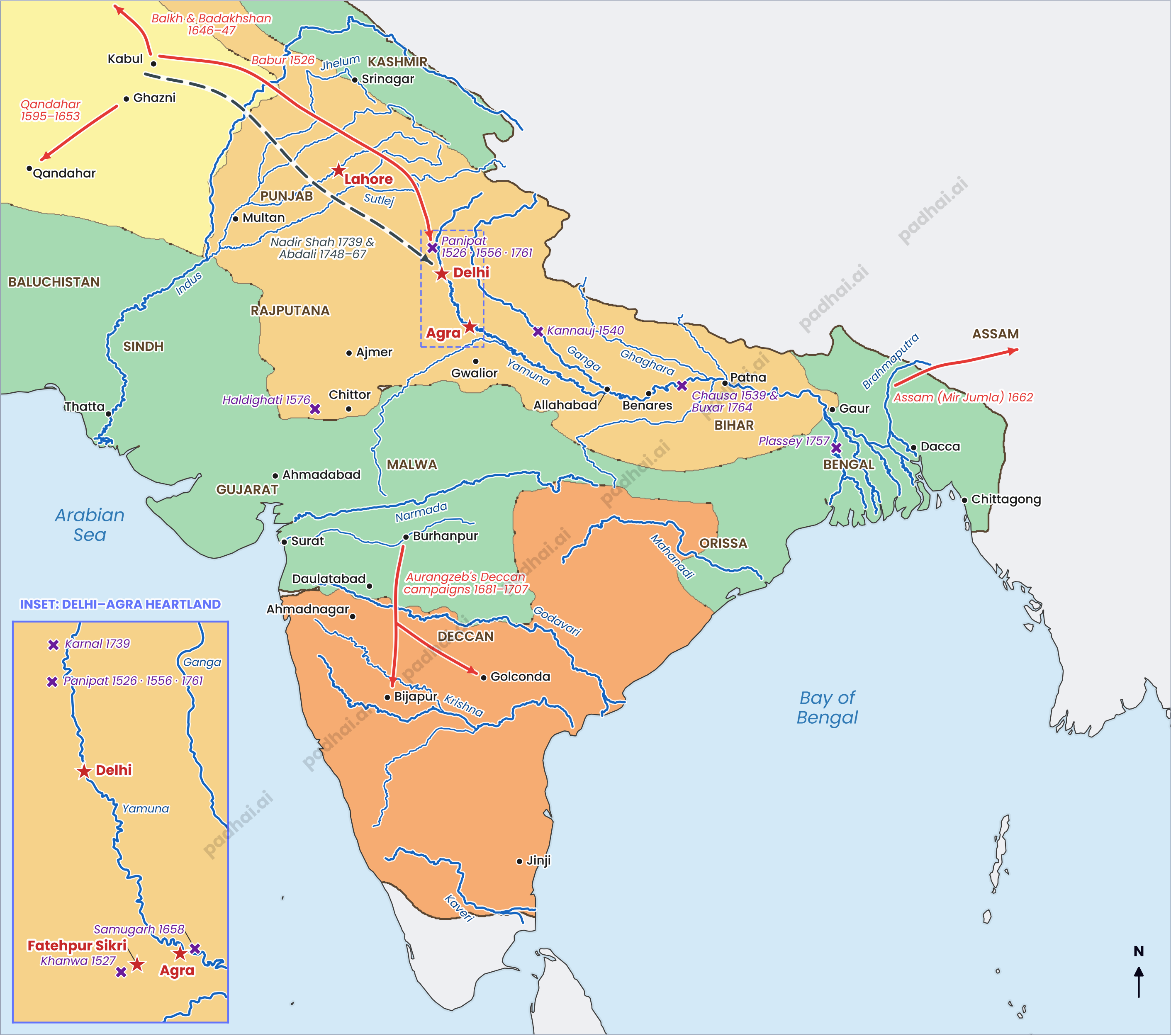


MUGHAL EMPIRE: RISE AND DECLINE (1526–1857)

Expansion under Babur, Akbar and Aurangzeb • campaign routes • key battles • decline



TIMELINE: RISE TO FALL

1526	Babur wins 1st Panipat; empire founded
1540–55	Sher Shah ousts Humayun (Sur rule)
1556	Akbar: 2nd Battle of Panipat
1605	Akbar dies; Kabul to Bengal held
1658	Aurangzeb crowned after Samugarh
1686–87	Bijapur and Golconda annexed
1707	Aurangzeb dies; peak ~4 mn sq km
1739	Nadir Shah wins Karnal, sacks Delhi
1757–64	Plassey & Buxar: British rise
1803	British take Delhi; emperor pensioned
1857–58	Zafar exiled after Revolt; empire ends

LEGEND

	Mughal Empire in 1530 (Babur)		Important city
	Babur's Afghan kingdom (Kabul)		Battle site (with year)
	Added by 1605 (Akbar)		Mughal campaign route
	Added by 1707 (Aurangzeb)		Invasion route (decline)
	Beyond Mughal control		River
	Mughal capital		



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