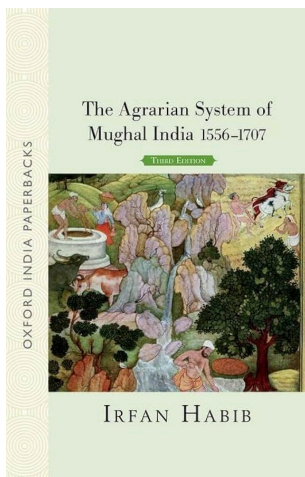


### **Hannibal: Pride of Carthage by David Anthony Durham**

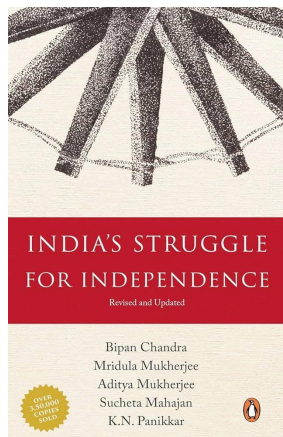
"Hannibal: Pride of Carthage" explores the journey of Hannibal Barca during the Second Punic War. It discusses the complexity of his character, military genius, and the Carthaginian-Roman conflict. The novel concludes that despite Hannibal's extraordinary strategic prowess, his efforts were ultimately undermined by logistical challenges and Carthage's political constraints and the inability to count on decisive Carthaginian support. A reflection on the narrative reveals how personal ambition, loyalty, and the consequences of imperial aspirations shaped Hannibal's fate. Durham's rich historical detail and nuanced storytelling offer a vivid sense of Hannibal's enduring legacy and the fragility of human endeavour.



### **The Agrarian System of Mughal India by Irfan Habib**

Irfan Habib's "The Agrarian System of Mughal India" examines the structure of agrarian society and economy in Mughal India focusing on collection of revenue, land tenure, and the role of peasants. Habib concludes that the Mughal Empire's economic policies and land revenue systems were key to maintaining its power but also caused strain on the peasantry. This suggests that while the system fostered immense wealth and grandeur, it sowed seeds

of exploitation and regional disparities, which went onto cause strife within the empire.



### **India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra and Others**

"India's Struggle for Independence" by Bipan Chandra et al. provides a comprehensive account of India's freedom movement, from the 1857 Revolt to 1947. The book concludes that India's independence was the result of a multifaceted, inclusive struggle involving various ideologies, regions, and social classes. It reflects on the role of mass movements, the influence of leaders like Gandhi and Nehru, and the impact of communal tensions. The detailed narrative showcases the perseverance and diversity of India's fight for self-rule, emphasizing the power of collective action in achieving independence.