

Summary

This lecture provides an overview of design principles and elements of Mughal gardens in India. It begins with a brief look at the establishment of Mughal empire in India and the arrival Persian style Char-bagh Garden form in India. Then, the features of Char Bagh are presented. Next, the development of Mughal gardens and adaptation of garden form and elements to changes in climate and terrain in India are discussed. Subsequently, Important garden elements, such as Water Course, Chabutra, Chini-kanas, Chadar, Fountains and Vegetation are described. Then, types of Mughal gardens, based on the context and function, along with an example are discussed. The types of Mughal gardens and examples are given below: Tomb garden (Humayun's tomb Garden and Tajmahal gardens), Pleasure garden (Shalimar Bagh, Kashmir) and Courtyard gardens (Red Fort, Delhi). It concludes with a comparative analysis of Japanese, Italian Renaissance and Mughal gardens.