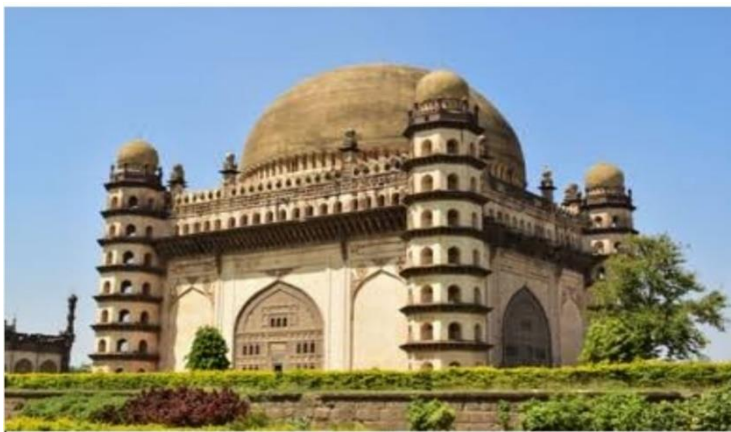


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### Source - A

The Vijayanagara Empire, founded in 1336 by Harihara I and his brother Bukka Raya I, emerged as a dominant power in South India. Its capital, Vijayanagara (present-day Hampi), became a thriving center of trade, culture, and architecture. The empire reached its zenith under the rule of Krishna Deva Raya in the 16th century, witnessing a flourishing of arts, literature, and architecture. However, the empire faced constant threats from the Bahmani Sultanate, a kingdom established in 1347 in the Deccan Plateau. The Bahmani Sultanate, with its capital at Gulbarga and later Bidar, was characterized by its religious tolerance and vibrant cultural exchange. The rivalry between the Vijayanagara Empire and the Bahmani Sultanate often led to conflicts, as both vied for control over the lucrative trade routes and fertile lands of the Deccan region.

### Source - B



### Source - C

