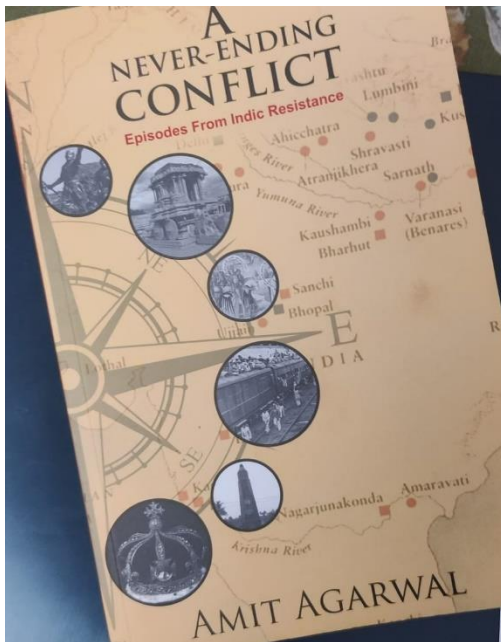


## A Never Ending Conflict



### A collection of blood-curdling tales

In its 3000 years old history, the jewel was never bought and sold. Whenever it changed hands, it brought the worst in the man to the fore leaving gory mayhem, abject violence and deep sadness in its trail and brought havoc.

The Khilafat movement was a pan-Islamist political protest campaign launched by Indian Muslims to restore the caliph of the Ottoman Caliphate. It was, however, a key step towards establishing the separate Muslim state. Resulted in the death of at least one lakh people and more than ten lakh people went missing. Its reverberations can still be heard in India.

Vijayanagar kingdom an epitome of great Hindu culture and civilization, its geography defeated it as it

was surrounded by five Islamic Sultanates. Then one day these Sultanates joined hands and the end result was indeed spine chilling and hair raising.

There has been a mighty warrior in Assam who defeated the powerful Mughals in 1671 by excellent use of the topography, wily diplomatic negotiations, military intelligence, guerrilla tactics and psychological warfare.

When Alexander invaded India in 326 BCE and stayed in Taxila, he happened to meet Hindu sages well versed in the true ancient Indian philosophy and the impact has been truly long-lasting.

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