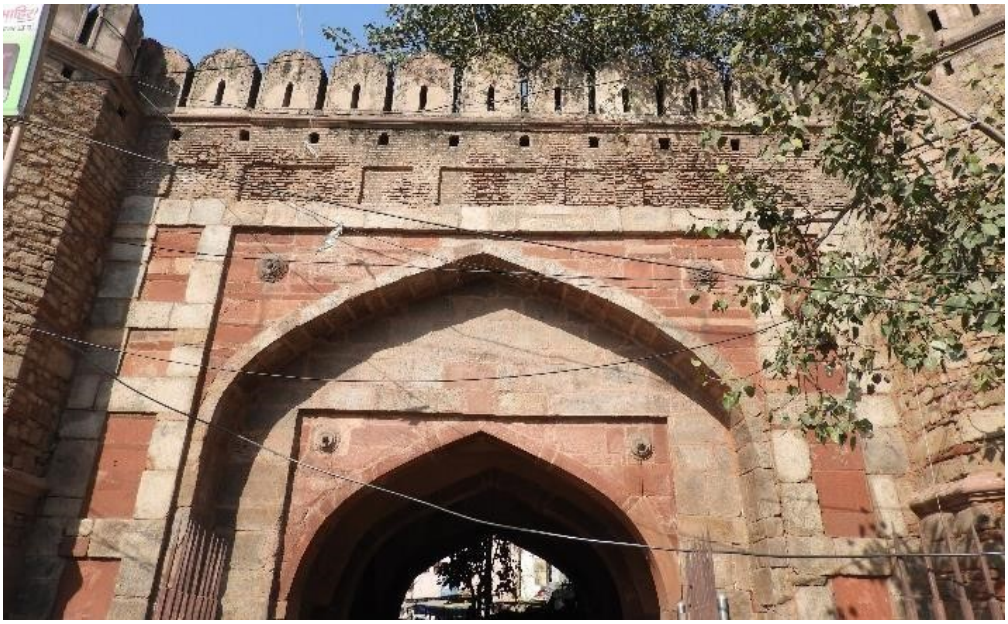
Turkman Gate

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Why in News?

The Turkman Gate area in Old Delhi has come into focus after violence erupted during an anti-encroachment demolition drive carried out by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

- Turkman Gate was ***one of the 14 gates of Shahjahanabad***,
- **Shahjahanabad built by -** Mughal emperor Shahjahan when he shifted his capital from *Agra to Delhi in 1683 CE.*
- Shahjahanabad was a planned imperial capital that incorporated older settlements, shrines and road networks.
- The gate is called Turkman gate because it lies near the tomb of ***Shah Turkman bayabani***, a saint of Mughal era.
- **Architectural style** - The gateway is ***rectangular in plan.***
- It is two bays deep, with a flat roof on the first bay while a domed roof on the second bay.
- The southernmost opening is flanked by *semi octagonal double storey bastions* on its either side.
- The gate has 3 arched openings, with those at the outer ends having double arches.
- There are no remains of the city wall at present.



- **Shah Commission (1977) Report –** It examined excesses during the National Emergency (1975–77).
- It reported the illegal ***demolitions, such as those at Turkman Gate***, though its findings did not result in significant prosecutions.

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