

# MARATHAS



## Maratha State (1674–1720) and Maratha Confederacy (1720–1818)

Shivaji: 1674–80

- Born at: Shivneri Fort in 1630
- Father: Shahji Bhonsle
- Mother: Jija Bai
- Religious Teacher: Samarth Ramdas



- Shaista Khan (Governor of Deccan) → Deputed by Aurangzeb to put down rising power of Shivaji in 1660. Shivaji lost Poona but later made a bold attack against him in 1663 and plundered Surat (1664) and later Ahmadnagar
- Raja Jai Singh of Amber → appointed by Aurangzeb to put down Shivaji (1665). Jai Singh succeeded besieging Shivaji at Purandhar
  - ↳ Treaty of Purandhar signed (1665) → Shivaji ceded some forts to Mughals and had to visit Mughal court at Agra
- 1674: Shivaji coronated at capital Raigarh and assumed the title of Haindava Dharmodharak (Protector of Hinduism)
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  - Title taken then: Chhatrapati Shivaji



• Shivaji was helped by the ashtapradhan (eight minister)

↳ No collective minister as each was directly responsible to him

Revenue sources

- Chauth was 1/4th i.e. 25% of land revenue paid to Marathas → For not being subjected to Marathas raid
- Additional levy of 10% → Sardeshmukhi (those lands of Maharashtra over which Marathas claimed hereditary rights but these were part of Mughal Empire)

Sambhaji: 1680-89

- Elder son of Shivaji from Saibai
- Defeated Rajaram, the younger son of Shivaji in the war of succession
- Provided protection and support to Akbar II, the rebellious son of Aurangzeb

↳ Son of: Shivaji and Soyarabai (2nd wife)

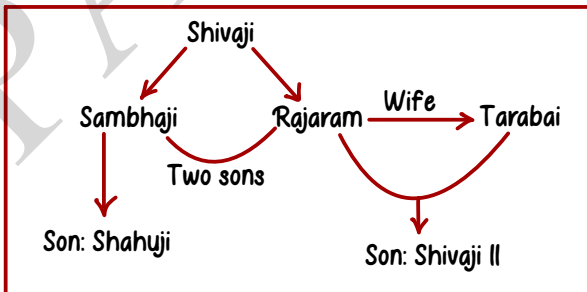
Gave Sambhaji gruesome death

Rajaram: 1689-1700

- Succeeded the throne with the help of ministers at Raigad
- Death: at Satara → Become the capital after the fall of Jinji to Mughal (1698)
- New post created: Pratinidhi → Total no. of minister now nine (Pratinidhi + Ashtapradhan)

Tarabai: 1700-07

- Wife of Rajaram
- Son: Shivaji II



Shahu: 1707-1749

- Released by Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah
- Defeated: Tarabai in the Battle of Khed



PM of Marathas ←

Balaji Viswanath: 1713-20 → The first Peshwa

- Began his career as small revenue official → Given title: Sena Karte (maker of the army) by Shahu in 1708
- 1713: became Peshwa → Made the post important and powerful and hereditary
- With the help of Syed Brothers King Maker, Farrukh Siyar ascended the throne → Muhammad Shah Rangila with help of Balaji Viswanath, killed Syed Brothers



Baji Rao I: 1720-40

- Eldest son of Balaji Viswanath → Defeated 1st Nizam of Hyderabad: Asaf Jah
- Defeated: Nizam-ul-mulk → Signed: Treaty of Doraha Sarai with him
- 1737: Raided Delhi
- During his time various Maratha Confederacies came into Prominence
- Son: Balaji Baji Rao



MARATHA CONFEDERACY

Peshwa's of Pune

Gaikwads of Baroda

Bhonsle of Nagpur

Holkars of Indore

Scindias of Gwalior

Balaji Baji Rao: 1740-61

- Also known as Nana Saheb
- During his tenure 3rd Battle of Panipat was fought

2-5 lakhs people died: one of the deadliest war in entire world



↗ Anglo meaning: English

Anglo Maratha Wars

• 1st Anglo Maratha War: 1775-1782 → Due to internal conflict

• Why?

Raghunath Rao wanted to become Peshwa

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Didn't want him to become Peshwa

Nana Fadnavis (Finance Minister)

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• War won by Marathas and led by Nana Fadnavis and Britishers lost

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- Treaty of Wadgaon signed
  - Treaty of Salbai towards the end after the 1st battle → 1782



## 2nd Anglo Maratha War

1803 → Subsidiary Alliance signed

1802: Treaty of Bassein

Ruler: Baji Rao II → Marathas lost the war

### Signed treaties:

- Treaty of Rajghat → With Holkars
- Treaty of Deogaon → With Bhonsle

## 3rd Anglo Maratha War: 1817-1818

- Often regarded as "Pindari War"
- The Pindaris were looting and laundering and were part of Maratha, after the decline of Marathas Pindaris were not getting employed hence lead them to loot the Britishers and other territories

Britishers attacked

Marathas fought against  
and it was decisive war

Baji Rao II captured and  
sent to Bithoor

### One Liners (MCQs)

- Capital of Maratha Empire after the Peshwas won over Shivaji: Poona
- Chatrapati Shivaji killed Adil Shah in Battle of Pratapgarh
- Literary scholar who was in the court of Bundela ruler Chhatrasal and also in court of Shivaji and Aurangzeb: Kavi Bhushan



- Maratha warrior who died in defence of Sinhadgad fort while fighting against Mughal army: Tanaji Malusare
- Treaty of Mandsaur was signed between the British and the Holkar chief in 1818

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