



Shivaji Maharaj's Wagh Nakh Returns to Maharashtra

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Recently, the [wagh nakh](#), a wartime weapon used by [Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj](#), has been transported to Mumbai from London's Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum.

- The tiger claws have been loaned to Maharashtra by the **Victoria and Albert Museum for three years** and will be exhibited in museums across the state, as per a Government Resolution.
- The 'Wagh Nakh' or tiger claws is a **mediaeval dagger used in the Indian subcontinent**, with **curved blades affixed to a glove or bar** for personal defence or stealth attacks. It is capable of slicing through skin and flesh with ease.
 - The wagh nakh was used by **Shivaji Maharaj to kill [Afzal Khan](#), the general in the Bijapur Adil Shahi empire.**
- Shivaji was born on 19th February 1630 in Pune District, Maharashtra. He fought important battles like the **Battle of Pratapgad, Battle of Pavan Khind, Sacking of Surat, Battle of Purandar, Battle of Sinhagad**, and Battle of Sangamner.
 - He took on titles like **Chhatrapati, Shakakarta, Kshatriya Kulavantas, and Haindava Dharmodhhaarak.**
 - Shivaji established a centralised administration with a **council of eight ministers (Ashtapradhan)** and divided his kingdom into four provinces.
 - He abolished the [Jagirdari System](#) and implemented the **Ryotwari System for revenue administration.** He died in Raigad in 1680.



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