



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

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The birth anniversary of [Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj](#) was commemorated globally on **19th February**, reflecting his enduring legacy and influence.

- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj:** Born on **19th February 1630**, at **Shivneri Fort, Pune** was a visionary leader from the **Bhonsle clan** and the founder of the **Maratha Empire**, known for resisting the **Mughal Empire** and striving for **self-rule**.
 - **Major Battles:** Battle of Pratapgad, Battle of Pavan Khind, Sacking of Surat, Battle of Purandar, Battle of Sinhagad, and Battle of Sangamner.
 - The [Wagh nakh](#), was used by Shivaji to kill Afzal Khan in the **1659 Battle of Pratapgad**.
 - **Titles:** Chhatrapati, Shakakarta, Kshatriya Kulavantas, and Haindava Dharmodhhaarak.
 - **Administration:** Centralized administration with the **Ashtapradhan (Council of Eight Ministers)**, abolished the **Jagirdari System**, implemented the [Ryotwari System](#), and built a **strong naval force** for coastal defense.
 - Shivaji is renowned for his innovative **guerrilla warfare tactics**, which influenced subsequent rulers and shaped the [Maratha Military Landscapes](#).
- **Other Prominent Maratha Kings:** After **Shivaji, Sambhaji (1681-1689), Rajaram (1689-1700), and Shahu (1707-1749)** fought against the Mughals. Later, the **Peshwa administration** began with **Balaji Vishwanath (1713-1720)**, who strengthened Maratha governance.
 - **Peshwa Madhavrao I (1761-1772)** revived Maratha power after the [Third Battle of Panipat \(1761\)](#).



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Shivaji Maharaj**
(19 February 1630 - 3 April 1680)

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