



Memorial for Maratha Warriors

Why in News?

On 10th March 2025, **Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister** announced that the state government will build a **memorial in Haryana and Agra to honor the Maratha warriors** who fought and were martyred in [the third battle of Panipat](#).

Key Points

- **Memorial for Chhatrapati Shivaji:**
 - The Maharashtra government will **build a memorial in Agra** to commemorate [Chhatrapati Shivaji's escape from Mughal custody](#).
 - The state will coordinate with the Uttar Pradesh government to establish the memorial.
- **Memorial and Statue at Panipat:**
 - In January, the state Chief Minister announced plans to erect a **statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji at Panipat**.
 - A grand memorial will also be built at the **historic battlefield where the third battle of Panipat took place**.
- **Historic Significance of the Battle of Panipat:**
 - The **battle, fought on January 14, 1761**, saw **Afghan ruler Ahmad Shah Abdali's forces defeat the Marathas**.
 - Thousands of soldiers died on both sides, and the Afghans secured victory with the support of Mughal forces.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

- **About:**
 - 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](#).

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