

Marathas - The Protectors of the Nation

Chapter 11: Marathas - The Protectors of the Nation · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Marathas actively resisted Mughal expansion and later challenged other foreign powers seeking control over India.

Maratha military campaigns helped limit the expansion of various invading forces, protecting significant parts of Indian territory.

The Maratha confederacy, while sometimes divided, generally worked to maintain Indian political influence against external domination.

The Marathas' role in this period is remembered as significant in the broader narrative of resistance to foreign control in Indian history.

Quick Revision Notes

- Marathas resisted Mughal expansion.
- They challenged other foreign powers too.
- Military campaigns limited invading forces.
- This protected significant Indian territory.
- Maratha confederacy sometimes divided.
- It generally maintained Indian influence.
- This resisted external domination.
- Marathas are remembered for this resistance role.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research a Maratha military campaign against foreign powers.
- 2 Discuss the Maratha confederacy's structure.
- 3 Discuss why unity mattered for resisting domination.
- 4 Research a Maratha leader's contribution to this resistance.
- 5 Discuss the significance of this period in Indian history.
- 6 Explain the Marathas' protective role in your own words.