

The Expansion of the Maratha Power

Chapter 10: The Expansion of the Maratha Power · Topic 1

Key Concept

After Shivaji's death, his successors, including his son Sambhaji and later Peshwas, continued expanding Maratha territory and influence.

The Peshwas, who served as prime ministers, became powerful rulers themselves, extending Maratha control across much of India.

Maratha power reached its peak in the 18th century, controlling vast territories and challenging other major powers, including the Mughals.

This expansion established the Marathas as one of the most significant political and military powers in 18th century India.

Quick Revision Notes

- After Shivaji, successors continued expansion.
- Son Sambhaji, later Peshwas continued this.
- Peshwas: prime ministers, became powerful rulers.
- They extended Maratha control across India.
- Maratha power peaked in 18th century.
- They controlled vast territories.
- They challenged other powers, including Mughals.
- Marathas became a major 18th century power.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research Sambhaji's role after Shivaji.
- 2 Research the role of the Peshwas.
- 3 Discuss the peak of Maratha power in the 18th century.
- 4 Draw a map showing Maratha territorial expansion.
- 5 Discuss the significance of Maratha power in Indian history.
- 6 Explain the role of Peshwas in your own words.