

The Foundation of the Swaraj

Chapter 5: The Foundation of the Swaraj · Topic 1

Key Concept

Shivaji Maharaj began his campaign for Swaraj by capturing forts and establishing control over the Maval region in his youth.

He built a strong army, including skilled infantry and cavalry, using guerrilla warfare tactics suited to the mountainous terrain.

Shivaji established an efficient administrative system, appointing capable officials and creating a structured governance model.

The foundation laid by Shivaji Maharaj set the basis for an independent Maratha kingdom free from foreign domination.

Quick Revision Notes

- Shivaji began Swaraj campaign in youth.
- Captured forts, controlled Maval region.
- Built strong army: infantry, cavalry.
- Used guerrilla warfare in mountain terrain.
- Established efficient administrative system.
- Appointed capable officials.
- Created structured governance model.
- This laid basis for independent Maratha kingdom.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research Shivaji's early conquests in the Maval region.
- 2 Discuss why guerrilla warfare suited the terrain.
- 3 Research Shivaji's administrative system.
- 4 Discuss the meaning of Swaraj.
- 5 Draw a timeline of Shivaji's early campaigns.
- 6 Discuss why Shivaji's foundation was significant.