

Conflict with the Mughals

Chapter 6: Conflict with the Mughals · Topic 1

Key Concept

As Shivaji's kingdom expanded, it came into direct conflict with the Mughal Empire, which sought to control the Deccan region.

The Mughal general Shaista Khan was sent to subdue Shivaji, but Shivaji executed a daring night raid on his camp, forcing his retreat.

Shivaji was later invited to the Mughal court by Aurangzeb but was placed under house arrest, from which he made a famous, clever escape.

These conflicts showcased Shivaji's military brilliance and diplomatic skill in dealing with the much larger Mughal Empire.

Quick Revision Notes

- Shivaji's expansion conflicted with Mughal Empire.
- Mughals wanted control of Deccan region.
- Shaista Khan sent to subdue Shivaji.
- Shivaji's night raid forced Shaista Khan's retreat.
- Aurangzeb invited Shivaji, placed him under house arrest.
- Shivaji made a famous clever escape.
- These events showed his military brilliance.
- Also his diplomatic skill against a larger empire.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the night raid on Shaista Khan's camp.
- 2 Research Shivaji's escape from Agra.
- 3 Discuss why the Mughals wanted the Deccan region.
- 4 Discuss Shivaji's military strategies.
- 5 Draw a timeline of Shivaji-Mughal conflicts.
- 6 Discuss what these events reveal about Shivaji's character.