

Formation of the State of Maharashtra

Chapter 14: Formation of the State of Maharashtra · Topic 1

Key Concept

After independence, states were reorganised based on language, but Maharashtra and Gujarat were initially combined into Bombay State.

The Samyukta Maharashtra Movement demanded a separate state for Marathi-speaking people, including Mumbai as its capital.

This movement involved significant public participation, protests, and sacrifices by many people advocating for linguistic state formation.

On May 1, 1960, Maharashtra was finally formed as a separate state, fulfilling the long-standing demand of the movement.

Quick Revision Notes

- After independence, states reorganised by language.
- Maharashtra, Gujarat initially combined: Bombay State.
- Samyukta Maharashtra Movement demanded separate state.
- This included Mumbai as capital demand.
- Movement involved public participation, protests.
- Many made sacrifices for this cause.
- May 1, 1960: Maharashtra formed as separate state.
- This fulfilled the movement's demand.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement.
- 2 Discuss why language was used to reorganise states.
- 3 Research the significance of May 1, 1960.
- 4 Discuss the sacrifices made during this movement.
- 5 Discuss why Mumbai was significant to the movement.
- 6 Explain the formation of Maharashtra in your own words.