



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Death Anniversary 2025

Why in News?

On 3rd April 2025, [Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's death anniversary](#) is observed, to honour the **legacy of the iconic 17th-century Maratha warrior king** and founder of the Maratha Empire.



Key Points

- **Observance of His Death Anniversary:**
 - Maharashtra and other regions honour his legacy through **cultural events, processions, and tributes.**
 - The day is marked by **processions, speeches, and public gatherings** to pay homage.
- **Significance of the Day:**
 - Serves as a reminder of **Shivaji Maharaj's enduring influence on Indian culture and governance.**
 - Encourages reflection on his vision for self-rule and [good governance.](#)
- **Birth:**

- He was **born on 19th February, 1630** at **Shivneri Fort in District Pune** in the present-day state of Maharashtra.
- He was **born to Shahaji Bhonsle**, a Maratha general who held the jagirs of Pune and Supe under the Bijapur Sultanate and **Jijabai**, a pious woman whose religious qualities had a profound influence on him.
- **Early Life:**
 - He displayed his military zeal for the first time **in 1645** when as a teenager, he successfully **got control of the Torna Fort** which was under Bijapur.
 - He also acquired the **Kondana Fort**. Both these forts were under Adil Shah of Bijapur.
- **Major Battles:** Battle of Pratapgad, Battle of Pavan Khind, Sacking of Surat, Battle of Purandar, Battle of Sinhagad, and Battle of Sangamner.
 - The Wagh nakh, was used by Shivaji to kill Afzal Khan in the 1659 Battle of Pratapgad.
- **Titles:** Chhatrapati, Shakakarta, Kshatriya Kulavantas, and Haindava Dharmodhhaarak.
- **Administration:** Centralized administration with the **Ashtapradhan (Council of Eight Ministers)**, abolished **the Jagirdari System**, implemented **the Ryotwari System**, and built a strong naval force for coastal defense.
 - Shivaji is renowned for his innovative **guerrilla warfare tactics**, which influenced subsequent rulers and shaped the **Maratha Military Landscapes**.
- **Death:**
 - He **died on 3rd April 1680**.

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