

Battles involving of Maratha Empire

The Maratha empire faced many attacks and had to defend its territories against the large and strong Mughal army. This led to a war that continued for 27 years in the Deccan region. In this region, they were able to defend their territories and subsequently gained the upper hand over major Mughal penetrations to the region in the sustained conflict. After the conclusive defeat of Marathas, major territories were overtaken by the Mughal Empire in the Indian subcontinent. With the Anglo-Maratha War, the eventual fall of the Maratha Empire took place.

Battles	Brief information
Battle of Pratapgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fought on 10 November 1659• Fort of Pratapgad near the town of Satara, Maharashtra,• The Marathas defeated the Adilshahi forces.• First significant military victory of Marathas against a major regional power.• It led to the eventual establishment of the Maratha Empire.
Battle of Kolhapur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A land battle, took place on 28 December 1659• Held between the Maratha king Shivaji and the Adilshahi forces.• Note: The battle is known for brilliant movement of flanks by Shivaji similar to tactics of Babur against Rana Sanga.
Battle of Pāvankhind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• took place on 13 July 1660• held at a mountain pass in the vicinity of fort Vishalgad, near the city of Kolhapur• Held between the Maratha Warrior Baji Prabhu Deshpande and Siddi Masud of Adilshah Sultanate.• destruction of the Maratha forces, victory for the Bijapur Sultanate.• Note: Despite this Shivaji Maharaj managed to escape the siege.
Battle of Umerkhind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• took place on 3 February 1661• Place: mountain range of Sahyadri near the city of Pen, Maharashtra• The battle was fought between the Maratha under Shivaji Maharaj and Kartalab Khan of the Mughal Empire• Marathas decisively defeated the Mughal forces.• Note: This battle was a great example of guerrilla warfare.
Battle of Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• took place on 5 January 1664• port city of Surat between Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Inayat Khan, a Mughal captain• Marathas defeated the Mughal force, and sacked the city of Surat for six days

Battle of Sinhagad	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• took place during the night on 4 February 1670• Held at the fort of Sinhagad (then known as Kondhana) between subedar Tanaji Malusare, commander of the Maratha Empire• Both Tanhaji and Udaybhan were killed in the battle• But the overwhelming Maratha forces managed to capture the fort after the reinforcements penetrated the gateway of the fort from another route.
Battle of Salher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fought between the Maratha Empire and the Mughal Empire in February 1672 CE• fought near the fort of Salher in the Nashik district• decisive victory for the Maratha Empire.• the first battle in which the Mughal Empire lost on an open field• Mughal empire started to decline after this battle and the battle of Dindori fought one year earlier.
Battle of Vikramgad	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• took place in the year 1672 near Vikramgad, Palghar district, Maharashtra• Held between the Maratha Empire and the Mughal Empire.• Marathas were led by prince Sambhaji and Moropant and the Mughals were led by Khijr Khan• Marathas won a decisive victory and it consolidated their territorial gains in Kolwan.
Battle of Bhupalgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• occurred between the Mughal and Maratha empires in 1679.• resulted in the defeat of the Marathas• the fort of Bhupalgarh was captured by Mughals
Battle of Sangamner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fought between the Mughal Empire and Maratha Empire in 1679.• last battle in which the Maratha king Shivaji fought• The Marathas engaged in battle with the Mughals for three days until Maratha General, Sidhoji Nimbalkar was killed alongside 2,000 Maratha soldiers.• The Maratha force was largely decimated defending their king, however Shivaji managed to retreat with 500 men