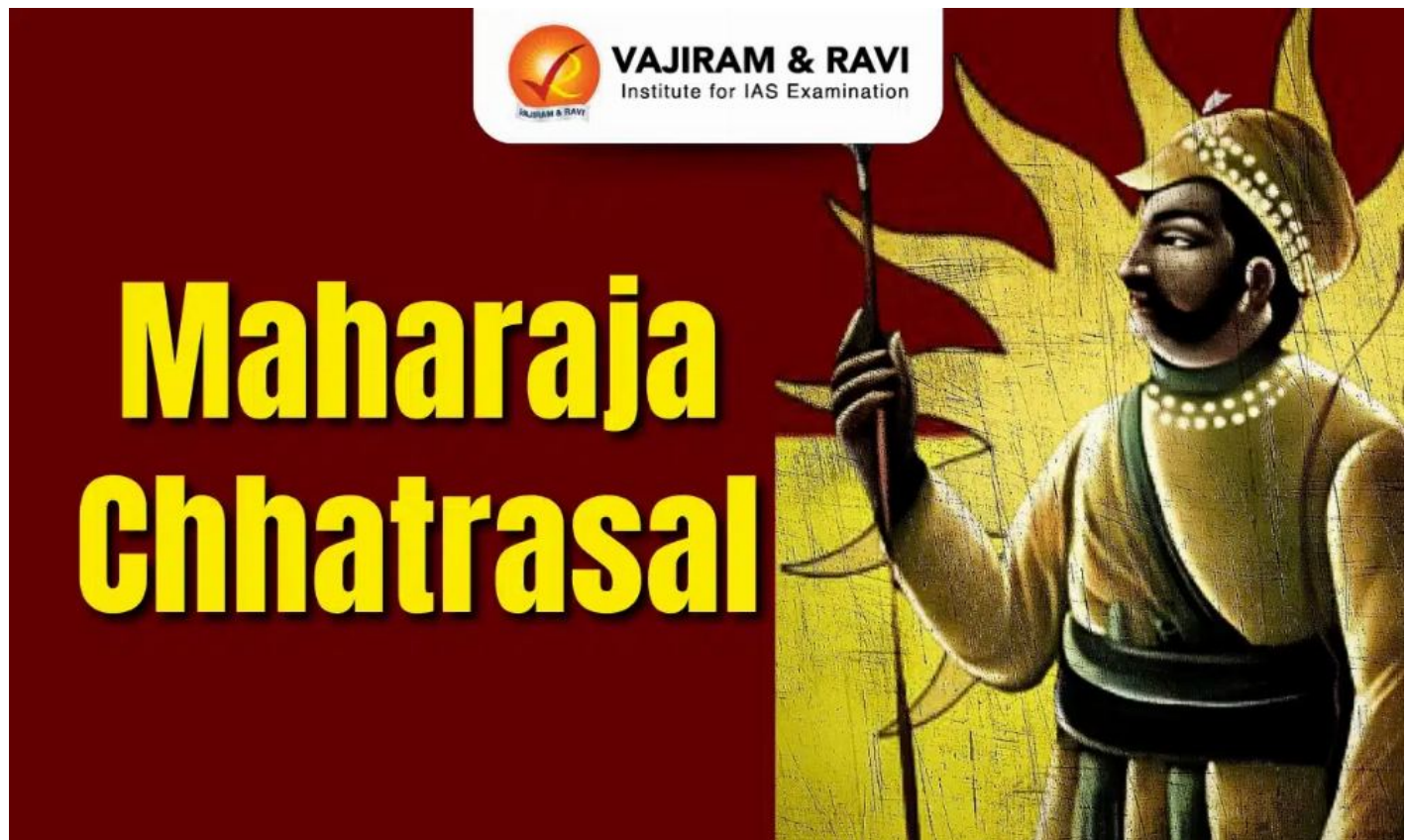


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Underway at the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum at Shyamal Hills in Bhopal, the second day of Mahua Festival carried a theme steeped in local legend: the life of Maharaja Chhatrasal.

About Maharaja Chhatrasal

- Maharaja Chhatrasal (4 May **1649** – 19 December **1731**) was a **medieval Indian warrior** who **fought against the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb** and **established his own kingdom in Bundelkhand**.
- He belonged to the **Bundela clan of Rajputs**, born under Mughal supremacy but died as an independent king of an independent kingdom.
- **His father** had **raised the banner for freedom** a generation earlier but was **killed in battle with the Mughals** after killing the favourite of the emperor, Abu Fazl.
- Maharaja Chhatrasal **started a revolt at the age of 22** and **formed a kingdom** of his own at the age of 26 **against Mughal dominance**.

- During the first ten years of his revolt, he **conquered** a large tract of **land between Chitrakoot and Panna on the east and Gwalior on the west.**
- His victory march continued as far as Malwa, Punjab, Rajasthan, **establishing the Bundela kingdom.**
- **Some of the Mughal generals who were defeated by him** were **Rohilla Khan, Kalik, Munawwar Khan**, Sadruddin, Sheikh Anwar, Sayyid Latif, Bahlol Khan and Abdus Ahmed.
- **Alliance with the Marathas:**
 - In **1729**, Chhatrasal **sought help from Peshwa Baji Rao I against the Mughal commander Muhammad Khan Bangash.**
 - **Baji Rao I defeated Bangash** and helped Chhatrasal retain his kingdom.
 - In gratitude, **Chhatrasal granted a portion of his territory to the Marathas**, strengthening Maratha influence in central India.
 - Chhatrasal **also gave his daughter Mastani as a bride to Baji Rao I.**
- He was not only a great warrior but an **able administrator too**; his governance ensured his kingdom would always have a full treasury.
- Highly respected for his sense of honour and love for his people, he was **given the title of 'Maharaja' by Sant Prannath.**

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