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The Maharashtra government recently reclaimed the iconic sword of legendary Maratha warrior Raghuji Bhosale I.

About Raghuji Bhosale I

- Raghuji Bhosale I (1695–February 14, 1755) was the **founder of the Bhosale family of Nagpur** and an **important commander in the Maratha army during** the reign of **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj**.
- **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj** had **bestowed the title of 'Senasahibsubha' on Raghujiraje** for his bravery and war strategy.
- Raghujiraje Bhosale I **led military campaigns against the Nawab of Bengal in 1745 and 1755** and **expanded the Maratha empire to Bengal and Odisha**.
- Along with this, he **established his dominance over** the regions of **Chanda, Chhattisgarh, and Sambalpur** during his reign.
- He also **defeated the Nawabs of Cuddapah and Kurnool** and **established his military and political dominance in South India**.

- Raghujiराजे Bhosale is also considered the **most courageous Maratha warrior of the 18th century**.

Who were Nagpur Bhonsles?

- Like the Peshwe, Holkar, Gaikwad, and Scindia families, the Nagpur Bhonsle family also played a **significant role in expanding the Maratha Empire**.
- The Nagpur branch of the Bhonsle dynasty was **founded by Raghoji Bhonsle I** in the early 18th century.
- He expanded Maratha influence in central and eastern India, including parts of present-day Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha.
- The family was **one of the royal or Kshatriya clans of the Marathas**, and **considered** itself as the **descendant of Udaipur's Sisodia Rajputs**.
- The Bhonsles of Nagpur were **known as Hinganikar** as one of their ancestors — who was probably a contemporary of Maloji, the grandfather of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj — rehabilitated the village Beradi near Hingani in the present district of Pune.
- The Nagpur Bhosales **ruled over a mineral-rich region** abundant in iron and copper, which were skillfully used to craft both everyday items and formidable weapons.
- The quality and artistry of the **weaponry crafted by the Bhosales** are **renowned for their exceptional craftsmanship**.

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