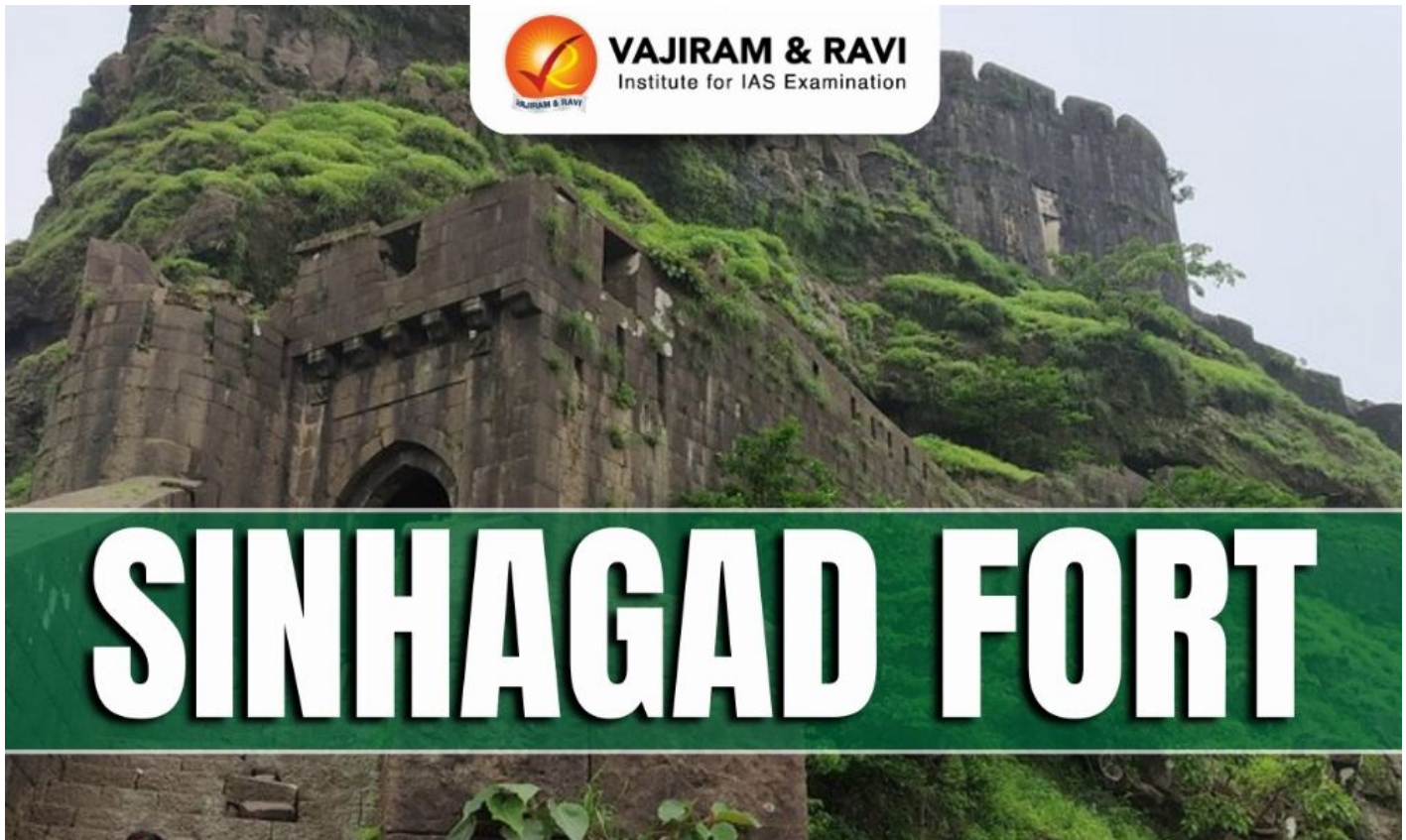


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Sinhagad Fort Latest News

At least 25 people were injured after a swarm of bees attacked visitors at Sinhagad Fort recently.

About Sinhagad Fort

- Sinhagad, **earlier known as 'Kondhana'**, is a fortress located **near Pune, Maharashtra**.
- It perched on an **isolated cliff** of the **Bhuleswar range of Sahyadri Mountains**, 1,312 m above sea level.
- According to history, the fort was **built 2,000 years ago** and it is said that the **name Kondana** was **derived from sage Kaundinya**.
- **Early inscriptions and carvings** suggest it served as a **spiritual retreat and strategic outpost for ancient dynasties**.
- **Mohammed bin Tughalak captured** the fort **from the Koli tribal chieftain, Nag Naik** in **1340 CE**.
- **In 1496 CE, Malik Ahmad, the founder of the Nizam Shahi dynasty took control** of the fort.
- Nearly **200 years later**, the **Maratha leader Shahaji Bhonsale captured** the fort.

- In **1647 CE**, **Shivaji held** the stronghold.
- In **1665 CE**, as per the **Treaty of Purandar**, **Shivaji handed over Sinhagad to the Mughals** and **again captured** it in **1670 CE**, under the direction of **Tanaji Malusare** who was **Shivaji's favorite general**.
- It has witnessed epic battles, including the legendary **Battle of Sinhagad in 1670**, where valor, sacrifice, and strategy led to an unforgettable **victory for the Marathas over the Mughal Army**.
- While recouping the fort during **Battle of Sinhagad**, **Malusare lost his life** for which **Shivaji Maharaj honoured the fort with the name Sinhagad Fort or Lion's Fort**.
- **Aurangzeb laid siege** to Sinhagad in 1701-03 CE, but **could not hold it for long**.
- Finally the **British seized** the fort from the Marathas in **1818 AD**. The fort was later used as a retreat for many European residents of Pune.

Sinhagad Fort Architecture

- It is a marvel of **Maratha architecture** and engineering.
- The fort features **two main entrances**—the **Pune Darwaza, facing Pune**, and the **Kalyan Darwaza**, opening **towards the Konkan region**—both showcasing intricate stonework and strategic placement for enhanced security.
- It has an **advanced water storage system**, which includes ancient rainwater harvesting techniques and natural reservoirs that ensure a continuous water supply.
- The fort has **several bastions, ramparts, walls, and gates** that enclose its premises.
- The fort also houses a temple dedicated to Goddess Kali, a brewery, some military sheds and the **tombs of Rajaram Chhatrapati (Shivaji's youngest son) and Tanaji Malusare**.

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