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Maharana Pratap & Other Great Rulers of India - GK Notes

India is proud to be the land of many brave rulers who ruled different regions of the Indian subcontinent and the list of such rulers is endless. Every year a lot of questions based on Rulers of India are widely asked in the General Awareness section of various exams like SSC CGL, SSC CPO, LIC AO, SSC CHSL & other exams. To help you prepare and score well we are providing you with a list of Prominent Rulers of India. This article comprises **Battles, Significant Work, Period of Rule and Territory of Maharana Pratap & Other Great Rulers of India**, which you are bound to be asked in various Government Exams.

Let's begin with the most prominent Ruler in the Indian History - Maharana Pratap.

Maharana Pratap

- Maharana Pratap is a synonym to Rajput Valor and Perseverance.
- He was born on **9th May 1540** in **Kumbhalgarh Fort, Rajasthan, India**.
- He is well known in History for the Battle of Haldighat which he lost to Akbar but did not surrender and continued his combats till the end of his life. **He was a standalone fighter against Mughal aggression and never bent down to any temptation.**
- At a time when all the Rajput states were making ally with Akbar, Mewar remained independent and this made Akbar furious.
- Pratap had a difficult time resisting the Mughals as he had no capital. Akbar attacked Mewar in Rajasthan and captured the fort of Chittor.





- Pratap faced extreme hardship living the life of a fugitive but never gave up his struggle for freedom.
- With the help of his trusted men like Bhamashah he fought back and Won The Battle of Dewar and recovered most of his territories but failed to recapture Chittor.
- He **died** on **19th January 1597** in **Chavand** as a true hero for his people.

Go through this article carefully to know about Other Prominent Rulers of India in detail.

List of Rulers of India

It requires more than absolute brilliance and courage to be remembered as one of the prominent rulers of India till now. To acknowledge them as well as learn about them for your SSC and other Bank exams, go through the list of Rulers of India provided below.

Name of Rulers	Period of Rule	Territory
Chandragupta Maurya	300-324 BC	Magadha
Akbar	1542-1605	Kalanaur
Ashoka	232-263 BCE	Pataliputra
Porus	315-340 BC	Between Jhelum & Chenab
Shivaji Bhosale	1627-1680	Maharashtra
Prithviraj Chauhan	1178-1192 CE	Sapadalaksha
Maharaja Ranjit Singh	1801-1839	Northwest Indian
Samudragupta	336-380 CE	West Bengal
Maharana Pratap	1326-1884	Mewar
Raja Raja Chola	985-1014 ECE	Southern India
Alauddin Khilji	1296-1316	Delhi Sultanate
Rana Sanga	1508-1528	Mewar





Rajendra Chola 1	947-1014	Lamuri
Harshvardhana	606-647 CE	Thanesar
Bimbisara	492-544 BCE	Magadha
Pulakeshin	610-642	Deccan
Bindusara	273-297 BCE	Deccan upto Mysore
Tipu Sultan	1782-1799	Mysore
Krishnadevaraya	1471-1529	Vijayanagar
Muhammad bin Tughluq	1324-1351	Delhi
Sher Shah Suri	1540-1545	North India & Delhi
Hemachandra Vikramaditya	1556	Delhi

The Rulers of India - Important Facts

1. Chandragupta Maurya

- He was the **first Historical Emperor of India** & the **Founder of Maurya Dynasty**.
- He is said to be the illegitimate son of the last king of Magadha.
- With the help of Chanakya, he conspired to take possession of the Magadhan Rule.
- **His reign lasted for 24 years.**
- **Famous Monuments - Palace of Chandragupta Maurya at Pataliputra.**

2. Jalal-ud-Din Muhammad Akbar

- The **second Mughal Emperor** born to Humayun and succeeded his father at a very young age.
- The Greatest Mughal Emperor to have ruled over India more than half a century and was tolerant towards all the religions.



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- Repealed the law to collect tax from Hindu pilgrims.
- **Founded the Din-e-Illahi which was based on the basic principles of the Hinduism, Islam and Parsi.**
- Defeated Hemu in the Second battle of Panipat.
- **Famous Monuments - Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri.**

3. Ashoka

- **Son of the Mauryan Emperor Bindusara**, also known as Samraat Chakravartin.
- He is responsible for the global spread of Buddhism.
- The emblem of modern India is derived from the Lion Capital of Ashoka.
- Ashoka took the initiation protecting minority interests in India.
- He understood the impact of war for the first time in the Battle of Kalinga.
- **Famous Monuments - Sanchi Stupa & Nalanda Mahavihara.**

4. Porus

- King Porus was a **king of Pauravas**.
- In the Battle of the Jhelum, Alexander was greatly impressed by the bravery of Porus and he reinstated him as a kingdom.
- Alexander also granted him dominance over areas to the southeast till the river Beas.

5. Shivaji Bhosale

- Founder and the **greatest king of the Maratha Empire**.
- He is said to be the Father of Indian Navy.
- Created an independent Maratha kingdom and made Raigad its capital.
- Was crowned as *Chhatrapati* for leading the struggle against the Mughal Empire.



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- Known for pioneering the Guerrilla warfare methods.
- **Famous Monuments - Sindhudurg and Pratapgad Fort.**

6. Prithviraj Chauhan

- King of the **Hindu Chauhan dynasty.**
- Remembered for defeating Muhammad Ghori in the First Battle of Tarain in 1191.
- He killed a tiger with his bare hands in his childhood.
- His elopement with Sanyogita is a popular romantic tale in India.
- **Famous Monuments - Hansi Fort & Rai Pithora's Fort.**

7. Maharaja Ranjit Singh

- **Founder of the Sikh Empire in Punjab.**
- He was the First Sikh Emperor.
- Known as the Maharaja of Punjab.
- He was one eyed yet his skills were extra ordinary.
- Maharaja Ranjit Singh rescued Shah Shuja and he was given the Koh-i-Noor Diamond.
- **Famous Monuments - Ram Bagh Palace & Gurudwaras.**

8. Samudragupta

- The **successor of Chandragupta I.**
- The greatest king of Gupta dynasty.
- He was generous and a lover of art.
- Is remembered for his tolerance and patronage for other religions.
- **Famous Coins - He issued seven different types of coins.**





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9. King Raja Raja Chola

- It is said that the Second Golden Age of Tamil Nadu started during his reign.
- He had built one of the most glorious empires of South Asia.
- Built the Thanjai Big Temple.
- **Famous Monuments - Airavatesvara Temple.**

10. Alauddin Khilji

- The **second sultan of the Khalji dynasty of Delhi.**
- He was appointed as the governor of Kara, near Allahabad city.
- He led many conquests in his reign including the plundering of Gujarat in 1297 AD.
- **Famous Monuments - Alai-Darwaza, Siri & Jamait Khanm.**

11. Rana Sanga

- His **actual name is Maharana Sangram Singh.**
- He is considered to be the last valiant ruler of Rajputana.
- He is remembered for his determination and love for his country.
- Moreover, his undefinable courage that helped him always retain his territory during wars.

12. Rajendra Chola 1

- During his reign, the kingdom was called the Golden Age of Cholas.
- The dynasty flourished in all aspects, particularly in art and literature.
- Built a vast artificial lake.



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13. Harshvardhana

- He was North India's most celebrated ruler.
- A distinguished and creative patron of religions and the arts.
- He supported the Nalanda University with financial grants.
- Praising his justice and generosity the Chinese traveler Xuanzang wrote a very favorable account of him.

14. Bimbisara

- King of Magadha who **belonged to the Haryanka dynasty.**
- He used marriage alliances to expand the Magadha Empire.
- Became a disciple of the Buddha.
- Famous for building the city of Rajgir.

15. Pulakeshin II

- The greatest King of Chalukya Dynasty.
- He was powerful as well as a benevolent administrator in Southern India.
- He was powerful enough to protect his southern empire from the aggressive designs of King Harshavardhan.
- **Built many temples of Hindu God Shiva.**

16. Bindusara

- He was the son of Chandragupta Maurya.
- All the states between the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea came under him except Kalinga.
- He had 16 wives and 8 sons.





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17. Tipu Sultan

- Known as **Tiger of Mysore**.
- Named Sultan Fateh Ali Khan Shahab but often called Tipu after the local saint Tipu Mastan Aulia.
- Credited as the pioneer of Rocket Technology in India.
- He wrote a military manual called Fathul Mujahidin.
- Had an obsession for horticulture and gardening.
- **Famous Monuments - Forts of Tipu Sultan like Nandi Hills Fort & Manjarabad Fort.**

18. Krishnadevaraya

- The Vijayanagar Kingdom rose to its highest peak of glory during his reign.
- He won all the wars he fought and expanded his kingdom.
- He encouraged foreign trade.
- **Tenali Ramakrishna was a prominent member of his court.**

19. Muhammad bin Tughluq

- The most remarkable and interesting **ruler of the Tughlaq dynasty**.
- He was well versed in several languages.
- Many hospitals in Delhi were formed during his reign.
- **Famous Monuments - Tughlaq Tombs.**

20. Sher Shah Suri

- The founder of Sur Empire.
- Referred as the Ustad I Badshahan.
- His original name is Farid.
- The first one to introduce Rupaiya and Paisa at the place of Tanka.



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- The most powerful ruler of Medieval India.
- **Famous Monuments - Rohtasgarh Fort, Sher Shah Suri Masjid & Grand Trunk Road.**

21. Hemachandra Vikramaditya

- Hemachandra Bhargava or Hemu was the Chief of Army and Prime Minister during the regime of Adil Shah Suri.
- He fought 22 battles without any setback.
- On the 22nd victory, he crowned himself as the Emperor of Delhi.
- His reign was short but remarkable.

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