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PM Modi's message on 350th year of The Coronation ceremony - Shiv Rajyabhishek of Shivaji Maharaj

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Why is in news? English rendering of PM Modi's message on 350th year of The Coronation ceremony - 'Shiv Rajyabhishek' of Shivaji Maharaj

- He was born on **19th February, 1630 at Shivneri Fort in District Pune** in the present-day state of Maharashtra.
- He was born to **Shahaji Bhonsle**, a Maratha general who held the jagirs of Pune and Supe under the Bijapur Sultanate and Jijabai, a pious woman whose religious qualities had a profound influence on him.
- He **displayed his military zeal for the first time in 1645** when as a teenager, he successfully **got control of the Torna Fort** which was under Bijapur.
- He also acquired the **Kondana Fort**. Both these forts were under Adil Shah of Bijapur.
- **Battle of Pratapgarh in 1659:** Shivaji's forces vanquished the Bijapur Sultanate's army
- Aurangzeb sent **Raja Jai Singh of Amber**, who besieged Purander fort - **Treaty of Purander, 1665**.
- Shivaji surrendered 23 / 35 forts to Mughals and said to be loyal to Mughal empire
- It was agreed that Shivaji would meet Aurangzeb at Agra. Shivaji also agreed to send his son Sambhaji as well.
- At Agra in **1666**, when Shivaji went to meet the Mughal emperor, the Maratha warrior felt he was insulted by Aurangzeb and stormed out of the court. **He was arrested and kept prisoner**. The clever escape of Shivaji and his son from imprisonment in disguise out of Agra is a legendary tale even today.
- In **1674, Shivaji recaptured all his lost territory & crowned himself at Raigarh** assuming the title of **Chhatrapati, Shakakarta, Kshatriya Kulavantas and Haindava Dharmodhhaarak**.
- He was died on 3 April 1680 at Raigad.
- Shivaji was considered a master of the guerrilla warfare, **Kanhoji Angre**, his admiral, is called the '**Father of Indian Navy**'.

Some of the important battles:

- **Battle of Pratapgad, 1659:** Fought at the fort of Pratapgad near the town of Satara, Maharashtra, between the forces of the Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the Adilshahi general Afzal Khan.
- **Battle of Pavan Khind, 1660:** Fought at a mountain pass in the vicinity of fort Vishalgad, near the city of Kolhapur, Maharashtra, between the Maratha Sardar Baji PrabhDeshpande and Siddi Masud of Adilshahi.
- **Sacking of Surat, 1664:** Fought near the city of Surat, Gujarat, between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Inayat Khan, a Mughal captain.
- **Battle of Sinhagad, 1670:** Fought on the fort of Sinhagad near the city of Pune, Maharashtra between Tanaji Malusare, a commander of Maratha ruler Shivaji Maharaj and Udaybhan Rathod, fortkeeper under Jai Singh I who was a Mughal Army Chief.
- **Battle of Kalyan, 1682-83:** Bahadur Khan of the Mughal Empire defeated the Maratha army and took over Kalyan.
- **Battle of Sangamner, 1679:** Fought between the Mughal Empire and Maratha Empire. This was the last battle in which the Maratha King Shivaji fought.

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