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Important Battles in Indian History

Battle of the Ten Kings

Between: Vedic Kingdoms of the Bharatas against the Trtsu-Bharata Sudas

Place: Near River Ravi (ancient Parushni river), Punjab

Year: 14th century BCE

Battle of the Hydaspes

Between: Alexander against Porus

Place: Banks of the Jhelum (Hydaspes to the Greeks), Punjab (Pakistan)

Year: 326 BCE

Seleucid–Mauryan war

Between: Chandragupta Maurya against Seleucus I Nicator

Place: Northwestern India (Indus River Valley)

Year: Between 305 and 303 BCE

Battle of Pullalur

Between: Chalukya king Pulakesin II against Pallava king Mahendravarman I

Place: Pullalur or Pollilur, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu

Year: 618 – 619 CE

First Battle of Tarain

Between: Prithviraj Chauhan against Mohammed Ghori

Place: Taraori, Haryana

Year: 1191

Second Battle of Tarain

Between: Prithviraj Chauhan against Mohammed Ghori

Place: Taraori, Haryana

Year: 1192

Battle of Diu

Between: Portuguese versus the combined forces of the Sultan of Gujarat, the Zamorin of Calicut, the Mamluk Sultanate of Egypt with support from the Republic of Venice and the Ottoman Empire

Place: Arabian Sea, Port of Diu

Year: 3 February 1509

First Battle of Panipat

Between: Babar against Ibrahim Lodi

Place: Panipat, Haryana

Year: 21 April 1526

Battle of Khanwa

Result: Mughal victory

Place: Khanwa, Rajasthan

Year: March 16, 1527

Battle of Ghaghra

Between: Babur against Mahmud Lodi (Delhi Sultanate), Nusrat Shah (Bengal Sultanate)

Place: Ghaghara River, Bihar

Year: May 6, 1529

Battle of Chausa

Between: Sher Shah against Humayun

Place: Chausa, Buxar, Bihar

Year: 26 June 1539

Second Battle of Panipat

Between: Akbar against Hemu

Place: Panipat, Haryana

Year: 5 November 1556

Battle of Talikota

Between: Vijayanagara Empire (Aliya Rama Raya) against Deccan Sultanate alliance (Ahmednagar, Bijapur, Bidar and Golconda)

Place: Talikota, Karnataka

Year: 23 January 1565

Battle of Haldighati

Between: Maharana Pratap of Mewar against Akbar's forces led by Man Singh I

Place: Haldighati, Rajsamand District, Rajasthan

Year: 18 June 1576

Battle of Samugarh

Between: Dara Shikoh against Aurangzeb for the Mughal throne

Place: Samugarh, near Agra

Year: 29 May 1658

Battle of Karnal

Between: Nader Shah (Persian Empire) against Muhammad Shah (Mughal Empire)

Place: Karnal, Haryana

Year: 24 February 1739

Battle of Colachel

Between: Kingdom of Travancore against the Dutch East India Company

Place: Colachel, Travancore Kingdom (present Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu)

Year: 10 August 1741

First Carnatic War

Between: English and French forces in India

Place: Carnatic region, South India

Year: 1746 – 1748

Second Carnatic War

Between: Different claimants to the posts of the Nizam of Hyderabad, and the Nawab of the Carnatic; each claimant being supported either by the British or the French

Place: Carnatic (Southern India)

Year: 1749 – 1754

Battle of Plassey

Between: British East India Company against Siraj-ud-Daulah (Nawab of Bengal)

Place: Palashi, on the banks of Bhagirathi river near Calcutta

Year: 23 June 1757

Third Carnatic War

Between: English and French forces in India

Place: Carnatic, South India

Year: 1757 – 1763

Battle of Wandiwash (Part of the Third Carnatic War)

Between: English and French forces in India

Place: Vandavasi, Tamil Nadu

Year: 22 January 1760

Third Battle of Panipat

Between: Maratha Empire and Durrani Empire (Afghanistan)

Place: Panipat, Haryana

Year: 14 January 1761

Battle of Buxar

Between: British against Mir Qasim (administering Bengal), Shuja-ud-Daulah (Nawab of Oudh) and Shah Alam II (Mughal emperor)

Place: Buxar, Bihar

Year: October 1764

First Anglo-Mysore War

Between: British East India Company against Hyder Ali of Mysore

Place: South India

Year: 1767–1769

Second Anglo-Mysore War

Between: British East India Company against Hyder Ali of Mysore

Place: South India

Year: 1780–1784

Battle of Pollilur (Part of the Second Anglo-Mysore War)

Between: British East India Company against Hyder Ali of Mysore

Place: Pollilur, Kanchipuram

Year: 1781

Third Anglo-Mysore War

Between: British East India Company against Tipu Sultan of Mysore

Place: South India

Year: 1790 – 1792

Fourth Anglo-Mysore War

Between: British East India Company against Tipu Sultan of Mysore

Place: Chiefly South India

Year: 1799

First Anglo-Maratha War

Between: British against Marathas

Place: Pune

Year: 1775 – 1782

Battle of Porto Novo

Between: British East India Company against Hyder Ali of Mysore

Place: Parangipettai (earlier called Porto Novo), Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu

Year: 1 July 1781

Second Anglo-Maratha War

Between: British against Marathas

Place: India

Year: 1803 – 1805

Third Anglo-Maratha War

Between: British against Marathas

Place: Maharashtra and neighbouring areas

Year: 1817 – 1818

First Anglo-Sikh War

Between: British East India Company against the Sikh Empire

Place: Mudki, Punjab

Year: 1845 – 1846

Battle of Sobraon (Part of the First Anglo-Sikh War)

Between: British against the Sikh Empire

Place: Sobraon, Punjab

Year: 10 February 1846

Second Anglo-Sikh War

Between: British East India Company against the Sikh Empire

Place: Punjab

Year: 1848 – 1849

Battle of Imphal

Between: British against Imperial Japan, Provisional Govt. of Free India (Azad Hind)

Place: Imphal, Manipur

Year: 1944

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