

History of Rajasthan

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History of Marwar

Rao Maldeo

(1532 to 1562 AD)

- After the victory in Battle of Giri Summel, Sher Shah's general Khawas Khan took possession of Jodhpur and occupied the territory of Marwar from Ajmer to Mount Abu, in 1544.
- Maldeo took shelter at Siwana (Barmer); siwana is also called as shelter place of Rathores. Later Maldev reoccupied his lost territories in 1545.
- In 1556 many Rajput chiefs including Rana Udai Singh and Rao Surjan Hada of Bundi helped Haji Khan, a Pashtun of the Sur dynasty to attack Marwar.

- However the Rana later insisted on Haji Khan to handover his concubine Rangrai in return for his help against the Rao of Marwar.
- Haji Khan refused and fled to Rao Maldev, who gladly embraced his assistance against Mewar.

Battle of Harmara

- A battle **was then fought in Harmada (1557)** between Rao Maldev and Haji Khan against Rana Udai Singh and his allies from Merta, Bundi and Amber.
- Merta was recaptured by Maldev after this war.
- Later on in 1562 Mughal captured the Merta and Jaitaran in 1562 from Maldev.

- Rao Maldev was forced to send gifts and jewels with his son Udai Singh as a hostage to Akbar in 1561 to ensure the survival of his kingdom
- Maldev built –Fort of Pokaran, Malkot fort (Merta), and other forts at Sojat, Saran & Riyan etc.
- **Titles of Rao Maldev:-**
 1. Hindu Badshah
 2. Hashmat wala Raja

- **Court scholars of Maldeo** :-

1. **Isardas**- he wrote - Hala Jhalaa Ri Kundaliya (Sur Satsai), Deviyani & Hariras
2. **Ashanand**- he wrote - Bagha Bharmali Ra Duha, Umade Bhatiyani Ra Kavita.

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