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Shuja-ud-Din Muhammad Khan

- He married Zainab un-nisa Begum and Azmat un-nisa Begum, the daughters of **Murshid Quli Khan**.
- After the death of his father-in-law on 30 June 1727, he ascended to the throne of the Nawab.
- Sarfaraz Kahn abidicated in favour of his father. By August 1727, Shuja-ud-Din was firmly established and recognised as the second Nawab of Bengal.

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- after Shuja-us-Din's death in 1739, Sarfaraz Khan again ascended to the *Masnadas* the Nawab of Bengal (Bengal, Bihar and Orissa).
- Sarfaraz was stark unlucky to have an opponent like Alivardi who besides being an excellent leader.
- Alibardi khan knew Sarfaraz's weaknesses.
- Sarfaraz Khan was defeated and killed in the Battle of Giria on the banks of the river Bhagirathi.

- The primary cause for this debacle was that Sarfaraz never saw what was coming in the form of Alivardi Khan and did not take precautionary measures in time.
- Besides, Alivardi did not give him much time to settle down.
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- Sarfaraz Khan's reign was for a little over 13 months.