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## Struggles of Ahmad Shah Durrani against Marathas and the Third Battle of Panipat

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### Abstract

*To understand a phenomenal event like struggles of Ahmad Shah Durrani against Marathas and Third Battle of Panipat, it is imperative to examine various and varying perceptions about it. The third battle of Panipat ranks as one of the significant events of 18th century and for more than two hundred and fifty years has fascinated countless generation. More precisely, this study explores objectives of Ahmad Shah Durrani's struggles against Marathas, which was to finish threats from Marathas to Durrani and Delhi Empires. Rallying his Afghan tribes and allies, he defeated Marathas and pushed them towards the east of India. Within few years, he re-occupied Lahore, Multan, Sindh, Kashmir and the Sarkar of Sirhind and again ruled over his conquered territories in India. This research is comprehensive in nature which is going to answer critical historical questions when it comes the efforts of Ahmad Shah Durani against Marathas in India. This study further highlights various perceptions and viewpoints regarding Durani and his rule in India.*

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