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# Bhima Koregaon Battle

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The **victory pillar (also known as Ransthamb)** in **Bhima-Koregaon village (Pune district of Maharashtra)** is to celebrate the 202nd anniversary of the **Bhima-Koregaon battle of 1818** on January 1, 2020.

In 2018, incidents of violence were registered during the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Bhima-Koregaon battle.

## Historical Background:

A battle was fought in Bhima Koregaon **between the Peshwa forces and the British** on January 1, 1818.

The British army, which comprised mainly of Dalit soldiers, fought the upper caste-dominated Peshwa army. The British troops defeated the Peshwa army.

**Peshwa Bajirao II** had insulted the Mahar community and terminated them from the service of his army. This caused them to side with the English against the Peshwa's numerically superior army.

The **defeat of Peshwa army** was considered to be a **victory against caste-based discrimination and oppression**.

It was **one of the last battles of the Third Anglo-Maratha War**, which ended the Peshwa domination.

Babasaheb Ambedkar's visit to the site on January 1, 1927, revitalised the memory of the battle for the Dalit community, making it a rallying point and an assertion of pride.

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