

**HIS5B08 HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL  
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MODULE-2  
TOPIC- ASHTAPRADHAN**

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# ASHTAPRADHAN

- ❖ The administrative system
- ❖ Administration run by the king with the help of '8' ministers and their departments
- ❖ Title 'Chatrapathi' or the king of kings
- ❖ After the coronation title "Hindhudharmadharak" or the protector of Hindhu faith
- ❖ Diplomatic monarchy
- ❖ King was the final word
- ❖ The ministers---- advisors

1. 'Peshwa'-Prime Minister(public administration,protection of the welfare of the people)
2. The 'Amatya' or Majumdar-Finance minister(supervise income and expenditure)
3. The 'waqia-Navis'-minister(duty of protecting the king,supervise the daily expenses of the royal court)
4. The 'Sachiva 'or the superintendent-(incharge of royal correspondance and to examine reports on income and expenditure of the provinces or parganas of the state
5. 'Sumant'-(External affairs and diplomatic relations)

1. 'senapathi'-(selection and training of soldiers)
  2. 'Panditha Rao'-(incharge of religious and charitable institution)
  3. 'Nyayadhyaksha'-chief of the judiciary
- All ministers were bound to do military service
  - Panditha Rao and Nyayadhyaksha were exempted from military service
  - Peshwa and Senapathi-Posts were only given to Maratha Sardars
  - 3- ministers in charge of provincial administration
  - Thirty departments –under ministers

- Kingdom divided---Provinces called 'Prants'
- 'Prants' divided-----'PARGANAS'
- 'Parganas divided---'Tarifs'
- 'Tarifs' divided-----'villages'
- Village –basic unit
- Permanent army
- A separate type of protective tax called 'Chauth' and 'Sardesh mukhi'--- from the inhabitants of the neighbouring Mughal and Bijapur territories
- The people of these protected areas had to pay one-fourth (Chauth) of their actual tax to Shivaji for providing protection

‘Sardeshmukhi’-another protective tariff from people lived outside Maratha state-this was one-tenth of the actual tax