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**TOPIC: Warren Hastings (1772-86)**

### **Warren Hastings (1772-86)**

- \* He served as the last Governor of Bengal from 1772 to 1774.
- \* He was the first Governor-General of the East India Company or the first Governor-General of Fort William from 1774.
- \* His title is Lord
- \* The only Governor-General who was knowledgeable in Bengali and Persian
- \* Appointment of Collectors for the collection of taxes (1772, in Bengal)
- \* Transfer of the treasury from Calcutta to Murshidabad.
- \* Abolition of dual government (Bengal)
- \* Author of the Treaty of Benares.
- \* Designer of the Ring Fence
- \* The 'Bengal Atlas' was drawn up under the command of Major James Rennell during his reign.
- \* Wars fought during his reign:
  1. Rohilla War (1772).
  2. First Anglo-Maratha War (1775-82)
  3. Second Anglo-Mysore War (1780-84)
- \* He weakened the independent power of the Marathas.
- \* Laws passed during his reign:
  1. Regulating Act (1773)
  - 2 Pitt's India Act (1784)
- \* Institutions and newspapers established during his reign:
  - \* Publication of the first newspaper, James Hickey's Bengal Gazette (1780)
  - \* Establishment of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (1784)
  - \* Establishment of a madrasa in Calcutta (1781)
  - \* Establishment of the Supreme Court in Calcutta (1774)
  - \* Establishment of civil and criminal courts at the district level.

Note: The first Governor General to be impeached by the British Parliament in 1787 was Warren Hastings, on charges of mismanagement, corruption, the Rohilla War, and the hanging of Nanda Kumar.

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