

Why so many empire shaking battles were fought in Panipat?

1. Battles were not fought for city of Panipat but because this region was gateway to Delhi as anyone who wanted to capture Delhi had to come via Khyber Pass in Afghanistan.
2. For Delhi ruler, strategically it was best to stop enemy at the gates i.e. in this region having Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra & Thanesar.
3. Vast fields suitable for large armies + Suitable weather for long battles.
4. Presence of many warrior classes made military recruitment easier.
5. Agriculturally productive & close to Delhi therefore easy to have supplies for army.
6. E.g.- Mahmud of Ghazni fought in Thanesar in 1014 & setup empire from Iran to Pakistan by 1030
7. Ghori fought in Thanesar in 1191.
8. 1st BoP 1526 shook Delhi Sultanate.
9. 2nd BoP 1556 shook rule of Hemu.
10. Battle of Karnal 1739 shook Mughals.
11. 3rd BoP 1761 prevented Marathas from establishing an all-India empire.