

# WARREN HASTINGS

The Builder of the Administrative System

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- ◉ Warren Hastings was the first Governor of the Presidency of Fort William(Bengal).
- ◉ His tenure in office was from 1784-85.
- ◉ He laid the foundation of modern Indian administrative system.
- ◉ His reforms were multi-dimensional.

# REFORMS OF WARREN HASTINGS

- Administrative reforms-
  1. Removal of Deputy Subedars.
  2. Appointment of English Collectors.
  3. Establishment of Board of Revenue at Calcutta.
  4. Shifting of treasury from Murshidabad to Calcutta.
  5. Reorganisation of Nawabs' affairs by the company.
  6. Stoppage of tribute to Shah Alam.
- Reduction of Pension to the Nawab of Bengal.

- Revenue reforms-

1. Appointment of British Land Revenue officers.
2. Appointment of Board of Revenue.
3. 5 year land revenue settlement.
4. Appointment Rai Rayan.

- Commercial Reforms-

1. Abolition of the 'Dustak'.
2. Abolition of large number of custom posts.
3. Despatch of Commercial Missions to other countries.

## SOME OTHER REFORMS-

- ❖ Curbed thieves, dacoits and suppressed Sanyasi revolt.
- ❖ Police of Calcutta was improved.
- ❖ He abolished tax on marriages.

## CONCLUSION-

In 1787, he was accused of corruption and was impeached and after a long trial was acquitted in 1795.