



## Rani Velu Nachiyar Birth Anniversary

The **Prime Minister of India** has paid tributes to **Rani Velu Nachiyar (3rd Jan 1730 - 25th Dec 1796)** on her birth anniversary.

- Rani Velu Nachiyar, also known as **Veeramangai**, was the princess of the Ramnad Kingdom of Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu.
- She is revered as the **first queen to fight against the British colonial power** in India.
  - She was a scholar in languages like French, English, and Urdu.
- Nachiyar became queen of the **Sivaganga estate (present-day Tamil Nadu)** in 1780 after her husband Muthuvaduganathaperiya Udaiyathevar's death. She ruled until 1790.
  - She went on to produce the **first human bomb** as well as establish the **first army of trained women soldiers** in the late 1700s.

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