Mangal Pandey

Why in News?

Remembering legendary freedom fighter **Mangal Pandey** on his death anniversary.

- He is considered the pioneer of the '[Indian Rebellion of 1857'.](#)

Key Points

- He was born on **19th July, 1827, in a town near Faizabad**, what is now eastern Uttar Pradesh.
- He joined the **34th Bengal Native Infantry** of the **British East India Company.**
  - He revolted against the East India Company for introducing cartridges that were **greased with animal fat** as it hurt the religious sentiments of the soldiers.
  - Eventually, this movement of rebels reached other parts of India and which led to **a mass revolt against the government.**
  - The movement of protest and rebellion came to be known as the **Sepoy Mutiny of 1857**, also known as the **First War of Independence.**
- On **29th March, 1857**, Pandey and his fellow sepoys rose up in rebellion against the British officers and even attempted to shoot them. As a result of this, he was **executed on 8th April, 1857,** in Barrackpore.
- **In October 1984**, as a tribute to his efforts, the Government of India issued a **postage stamp with his image.**

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