



MP Cabinet Honors Tribal Queen

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet held a meeting in **Singrapur, Damoh** district, on **5th October, 2024**, to honor the **500th birth anniversary of 16th-century tribal queen [Rani Durgavati](#)**.

Key Points

- **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana:**
 - The Cabinet approved additional financial assistance of up to Rs. 3,900 per hectare for millet farmers under the **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana**.
 - This is in addition to the minimum purchase price, with the State already providing Rs. 1,000 per quintal through [direct benefit transfer \(DBT\)](#).
- **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden:**
 - A committee was approved to develop a **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden** in Jabalpur at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
 - The project will develop a **24-acre area on Madan Mahal hill** and involve several state ministers from [Panchayat](#), [Public Works](#), [Tribal Affairs](#), and [Culture & Tourism](#).
- **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board:**
 - The Cabinet approved the formation of the **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board** for the **social, educational, and [economic empowerment](#)** of the Jain community.
 - The Board will alternate leadership every two years between members of the [Shwetambar and Digambar sects](#).
- **Short-Term Crop Loans for Farmers:**
 - The government decided to continue providing **short-term crop loans at 0% interest** through cooperative banks for the year **2024-25**.

Rani Durgavati

- **Rani Durgavati, born in 1524 in [Mahoba's Chandela dynasty](#)** (present-day Uttar Pradesh, near the border with Madhya Pradesh), was a symbol of India's self-determination.
 - **Chandelas were known for building the famous Khajuraho temples in the 11th century.**
- She married Dalpat Shah, the son of **Gond King Sangram Shah, and ruled the kingdom of Garha-Katanga after the death of her husband in 1550** with great vigor and courage.
 - The Kingdom of **Garha-Katanga included the regions of Narmada Valley** and parts of Northern Madhya Pradesh.
 - Gond tribe is a prominent tribe in central India known for their rich cultural heritage and resilience.
- As per the government's documentation, the queen and her generals managed the affairs of the kingdom for 16 years.



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