

Mahendra Singh Mewar from Mewar Royal Family Passes Away

Why in News?

Recently, Former Member of Parliament and member of the erstwhile **Mewar royal family Mahendra Singh Mewar** passed away in Udaipur. He was a **descendant of** <u>Maharana Pratap</u>.

Key Points

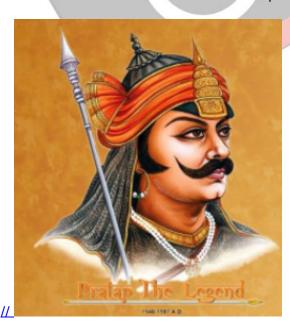
- Maharana Pratap:
 - Rana Pratap Singh, also known as Maharana Pratap, was born on 9th May 1540 in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan.
 - · He was the 13th King of Mewar and was the eldest son of Udai Singh II.
 - Maharana Udai Singh II ruled the kingdom of Mewar, with his capital at Chittor.
 - Udai Singh II was also a founder of the city of Udaipur (Rajasthan).
- Battle of Haldighati:
 - The <u>Battle of Haldighati</u> was fought in 1576 between Rana Pratap Singh of Mewar and Raja Man Singh of Amber who was the general of the Mughal emperor Akbar.
 - Maharana Pratap fought a brave war but was defeated by Mughal forces.
 - It is said that Maharana Pratap's loyal horse named Chetak, gave up his life as the Maharana was leaving the battlefield.

Reconquest:

- After 1579, the Mughal pressure relaxed over Mewar and Pratap recovered Western Mewar including Kumbhalgarh, Udaipur and Gogunda.
- During this period, he also built a **new capital, Chavand,** near modern Dungarpur.

Death:

He died on 19th January 1597. He was succeeded by his son Amar Singh, who submitted in 1614 to Emperor Jahangir, son of Akbar.



Pratap Gaurav Kendra

- It is a tourist spot at Tiger Hill in Udaipur city, Rajasthan.
- It aims at **providing information about Maharana Pratap** and the historical heritage of the area **with the help of modern technology.**

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