



# Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap

## Why in News

The Prime Minister of India paid tributes to Maharana Pratap on his Jayanti.

## Key Points

### ▪ Description:

- **Rana Pratap Singh** also known as **Maharana Pratap** was born on **9<sup>th</sup> May 1540** in **Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan**.
- He was the **13<sup>th</sup> 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 Battle of Haldighati 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 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1597. He was **succeeded by his son Amar Singh**, who submitted in 1614 to Emperor Jahāngīr, son of Akbar.

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