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Lachit Barphukan

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Why is in news? New Delhi: 3 day-long celebrations of 400th birth anniversary of great Ahom general Lachit Barphukan to begin tomorrow

The Lachit Borphukan (24 November 1622 – 25 April 1672) was a **commander** and Borphukan (Phu-Kon-Lung) in the **Ahom kingdom**, located in present-day Assam, India.

He was known for his leadership in the **1671 Battle of Saraighat** that thwarted a drawn-out **attempt by Mughal forces** under the command of Ramsingh I to take over Ahom Kingdom under the expansion policy of Aurangzeb, he died about a year later due to illness.

The Battle of Saraighat was a **naval battle** fought in 1671 between the Mughal Empire (led by the Kachwaha king, Raja Ramsingh I), and the Ahom Kingdom (led by Lachit Borphukan) **on the Brahmaputra river** at Saraighat, now in Guwahati, Assam, India.

On **24 November each year Lachit Divas (Lachit Day)** is celebrated statewide in Assam to commemorate the heroism of Lachit Borphukan and the victory of the Assamese army at the Battle of Saraighat.

The Lachit Divas is celebrated to **promote the ideals of Lachit Borphukan** the legendary general of Assam's history.

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