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# Rani Velu Nachiyar

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**Why is in news?** PM pays tributes to Rani Velu Nachiyar on her birth anniversary

She was born on January 3, 1730, in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu, India,

She was the **first queen to fight against the British colonial power** in India.

She is known by Tamils as **Veeramangai**.

She was the **princess of Ramanathapuram** and the only child of Raja Chellamuthu vijayaragunatha Sethupathy and Rani Sakandhimuthal of the **Ramnad kingdom**.

She was trained in war match weapons usage, martial arts like **Valari, Silambam (fighting using the stick), horse riding and archery**.

She was a **scholar in many languages** and she had proficiency with languages like **French, English and Urdu**.

She **married the king of Sivagangai** named **Muthuvaduganathaperiya Udaiyathevar**, with whom she had a daughter.

When her husband was killed by British soldiers, she was drawn into battle in 1780.

She escaped with her daughter and waged war against the British in an alliance with Hyder Ali and other feudal lords like Marudhu brothers and Thandavarayan Pillai.

In collaboration with Hyder Ali and Gopala Nayaker, she waged a war against the British and emerged victoriously.

When Velu Nachiyar found the place where the EIC stored some their ammunition, Her **commander Kuyili** made a **suicide attack on the ammunition depot**, blowing it up. Nachiyar reinherited the kingdom of her husband, and ruled it for ten more years.

In 1790, she was succeeded by **her daughter Vellacci**. She granted powers to her daughter with the Marudu brothers to help with the administration of the kingdom.

Velu Nachiyar died a few years later, on 25 December 1796.

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