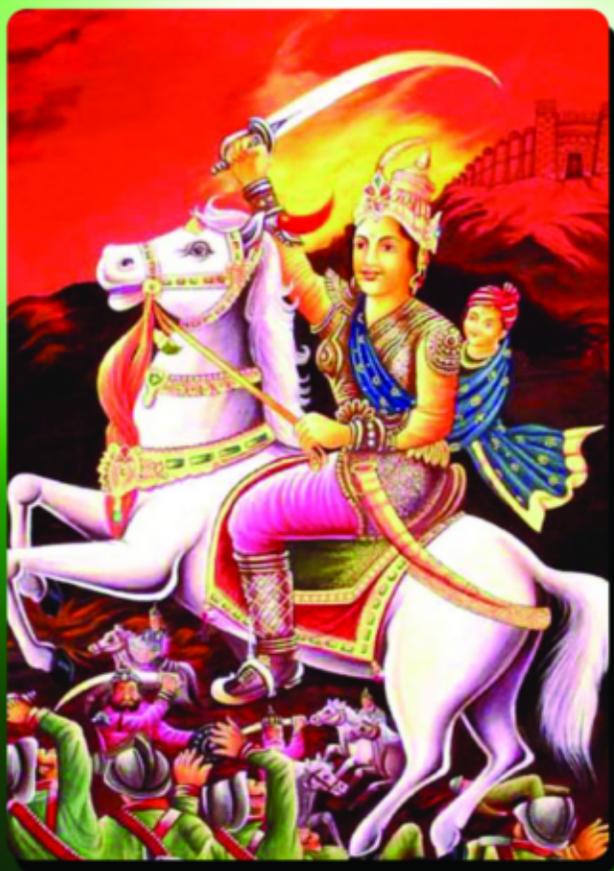


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## Introduction

Our country became independent by the sacrifices of many great people. Famous leaders like Mahatma Gandhi carried on the struggle for freedom. Finally



*A cut-throat warrior  
of the British,  
Rani Jhansi Laxmi Bai*

the British had to grant freedom to our country and leave it. Even before these leaders, many heroes fought for our freedom. Of those struggles, the First War of Independence of 1857, stands out prominently.

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During the First War of Independence, many patriotic heroes sacrificed their lives. Of them, Lakshmi Bai, the Queen of Jhansi is the most prominent one. Her life makes us all proud and inspires us.

### **Historical Background**

Before appreciating the great sacrifice made by Lakshmi Bai, we should know the conditions in our country at that time. By the time Lakshmi Bai entered the battle for freedom, the East India Company of England had settled down in India on business for about a hundred years. Their main aim was to get hold of our abundant natural resources and to profit by utilising them. At first they bowed before the ruler of country. They presented precious gifts to them and begged for permission to carry on trade in our country. They praised the kings and tickled their pride. They obtained lands from them and constructed godowns to store their goods.

They took advantage of the fights between the various rulers. They promised both financial and military help to one or the other side and thus started interfering in the affairs of the rulers.

Many people came to our country, settled down here and had merged into our social stream and became Indian citizens. But the British were an exception to this. Without merging into our social and cultural life, they became our rulers for the first



time in the history of our country. A king or a Queen residing in a country far off at five thousand miles ruled our country. Their administrative set up thoroughly changed the Indian society. With it they developed a desire for setting up their own rule and by it their violence against the Indians went on increasing.

**End of Preview.**

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