

# AN ESSAY ON LACHIT BORPHUKAN

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## LACHIT BORPHUKAN

Lachit Borphukan hailed from the Lukhutakum clan, which was one of the oldest of the Aham clans and was the son of Momaitamuli Borkotma. His father rose from the very humble position of a household servant to the position of an army general and became the most trusted and one of the most trusted and important members of the royal cabinet. As his father was such a noble person he had the advantage of a good upbringing and was duly trained in the martial arts. As his father was such a noble person he had the advantage of a good upbringing and was duly trained in the martial arts. As a young man, he is said to have fought against Mr. Jui's forces in and around Jangam.

Lachit had worked in various capacities as officer in-charge of the royal stables and the royal palanquins before being finally appointed as chief of the army as the new

Commander in chief, Lachit devoted himself fully to the task of raising and training up a strong army. The task was accomplished with great speed. The new general lost no time in driving out the alien forces under Ayeal Feroze Khan from lower Assam. Feroze Khan and many others were taken captive and Jyewabati was free. That was in the year 1667. Aurangzeb the powerful Moghul emperor of Delhi was no mean adversary. He appointed Ram Singha, the famous Rajput general, on Jan. 6, 1663, to lead an expedition against Assam and according to Ram Singha reached Assam in Feb. 1669 with a huge force which include 18,000 cavalry soldiers and Turkish horses and even a strong squad of hounds. Lachit marked very hard for the challenge. He was an uncompromising taskmaster and is said to chopped off his uncle's head

for the negligence of duty with famous words, My uncle is not greater than my country. Soon later on the battle began and Ram Singha had accepted his defeat and left Assam on 8 April 1671. Lachit died soon after probably because of excessive physical and mental strain.