

## 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Borphukan

In the history of Assam Lachit Borphukan is a symbol of unvincible personality. The courage and valour of the Assamese nation cannot be imagined without Lachit Borphukan. His strong, selfless and visionary leadership ushered in a landmark change in Assamese society. For the modern generation his personality, bravery and struggle is the inspiration. Lachit Borphukan's nationalism and patriotism will always flow in Assamese blood till Assamese nation survives.

Lachit Borphukan was born on November 24, 1622 in Charaideo, Assam. His father's name was Momai Tamuli Barbarua and mother's name was Nageshwari Aideo. He belongs to a famous family named Lukhura Khan from Lan-fima family of about 600 years of history of the mighty nation of Ahom's. As taken birth in the royal family, he had to master both military and civil education.

His father was the first Barbaruah of the Ahom's and founder of Paik practice instead Lachit Borphukan did not hold any important positions in the Ahom court.

But on the contrary because of his own teachings and courage from being appointed as the 'Hanstidhara Tamuli' first to being appointed as the 'Commander-in-chief' (General) and 'Borphukan' of the state of Ahom, this long period reflects the concentration, hard work, duty of Lachit Borphukan.

During the reign of Swargadeew Jayadhwaj Singha in 1662 AD the army of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb invaded Assam and included the state of Ahom as a Tax based state. Lachit Borphukan took over as a general and focused on organizing the country's soldiers and tried to remove Mughals from Assam.

The two incidents that make Lachit Borphukan a remarkable hero of the Assamese society and the entire nation are one the order to behead his uncle as he neglected his duty. Lachit Borphukan said that "Uncle is not bigger than the country" and the other one is the battle of Saraighat where the large army led by the Mughal general Ram Singh completely lost in the battle

of Saraighat".

The Saraighat was led by Lachit Borphukan is written in golden letters in the history of Assam. He introduced the 'Guerrilla warfare' methods for the first time. The hero who died in 1672 was buried at Holongapar in Jorhat and his birth anniversary is celebrated as Lachit Diwas in Assam.

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