

Lachit Barphukan

An essay on Lachit Barphukan's life history.

⇒ Lachit Barphukan was one of the most valient fighters of Indian history. He was born on 24 Nouember at Charaideo, Assam. His father, Memai Bar baruah, was a top ranking officer under (Assam's) Ahom King (Chakradhwaj).

The Ahom King appointed Lachit as the Barphukan of Guwahati in 1667. Aurangzeb sent a very powerful army under Ramsingha. Before the battle of Saraighat it became necessary to construct a rampart within a night. So he instructed to build (construct) a rampart with his maternal uncle in charge of the work. He found that his uncle and men were asleep leaving the work unfinished Lachit at once drew his sword and beheaded his uncle saying - "My uncle is not greater than my country."

During the battle of Saraighat Lachit got himself carried to his battle-boat

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→ due to high fever at that time, but he inspired such courage among his soldiers that Ramsingha's forces were routed in no time. Ram Singha had to accept defeat and was forced to leave Assam on 5th April 1671. Lachit died soon after probably because of excessive physical and mental strains. He will be ever remembered for his heroism, patriotism and devoted service to the cause of the nation.

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