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Let's learn about another Warrior Queen of Bharat.

THE LEGEND OF NAAK KAATI RANI:QUEEN KARNAVATI OF #GARHWAL

The story of Queen #Karnavati is another gem burried deep in the history which couldn't find its place in the modern #History textbooks.

UNTOLD STORY

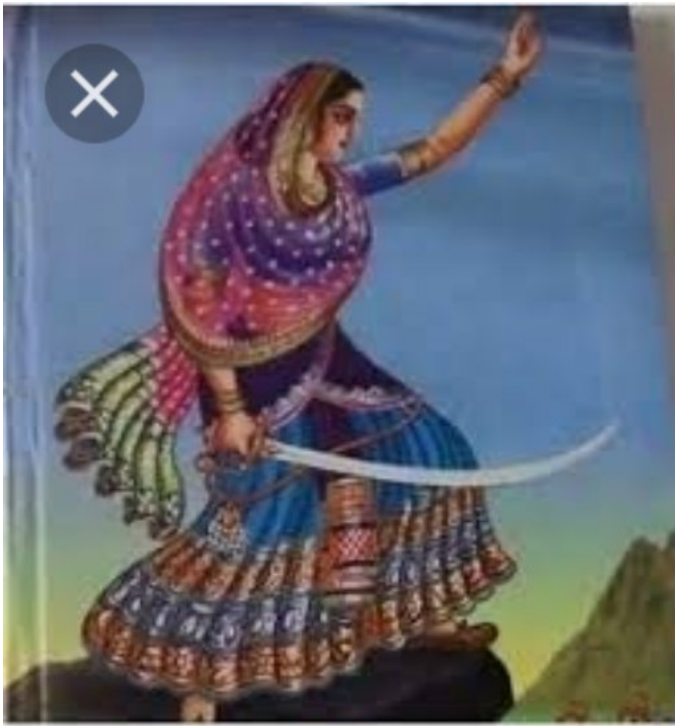


Garhwal Queen Karnavati defeated Mughal Army of Shah Jahan in 1640. She Cut The noses of the surviving army. Since then she came to be known as Naak Kati Rani. Due to her mercilessness, Mughals never dared to attack her kingdom Garhwal again!

Have you read about this brave Hindu queen of Bharat Mata in History books?

LET THIS REACH EVERYONE

The Islamic #Mughal invaders who conquered and ravaged many parts of #India, committing atrocities on local populations have somehow been romanticized and idolized in #IndianHistory books, courtesy if the Leftist- Marxist Education system that modern India has.



रानी कर्णावती परमार वंश के 46वे राजा महिपतिशाह की पत्नी व 47वें राजा पृथ्वीपतिशाह की राजमाता थी। वर्ष 1634 से वर्ष 1642 तक रानी कर्णावती ने युवराज पृथ्वीपतिशाह के संरक्षिका के तौर पर राज्य संभाला। वर्ष 1635 में मुगल फौजदार नवाजत खाँ की सैनिक टुकड़ी को हराकर दण्ड स्वरूप उनके नाक कटवा दिये थे।
ये चित्र रानी कर्णावती की प्रतिकात्मक चित्र है।

Although they conquered and ruled large regions of north-India ,there were numerous kingdoms that they could never win. Here is the story of one such Kingdom of Garhwal and how the “Naak Kaati Rani” protected it.



Alike Mewar of Rajasthan, Garhwal kingdom in presentday #Uttarakhand is one of those kingdoms that resisted invaders & kept their sovereignty through military valour. Here's the forgotten story of Garwali Rani who fought, defeated & humiliated Mughals by literally cutting off their noses



कर्णावती- रानी (निधन: सत्रहवीं शताब्दी का मध्य): गढ़वाल के राजा महीपति शाह (निधन: जुलाई, 1631) की रानी। गढ़वाल में इतिहास प्रसिद्ध वीरांगना-शिरोमणि, अदम्य साहसी और नीति कुशल रानी। राजा महीपति शाह की मृत्यु के समय उनके पुत्र युवराज पृथ्वीपति शाह की आयु मात्र 7 वर्ष थी। युवराज के बालिग होने तक रानी

King Mahipati Shah of Garhwal was a battle loving ruler who did believe in stiff opposition to any invasion. When Shah Jahan, the Mughal Emperor was crowned on 14th February 1628 at Agra, rulers from all over subcontinent visited his coronation, but King Mahipati denied invitation.



This enraged the new emperor. He had heard the tales of Gold mines in the Kingdom of #Garhwal and this solidified his resolve to invade the hill kingdom.

While the threat of the battle grew bigger and bigger, the King fell ill and died from a battle injury in 1631.

UNTOLD HISTORY RANI KARNAVATI OF GARHWAL



ALSO KNOWN AS नाक काटी राणी

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It was followed by coronation of his 7 yr old son as the new King, who was advised by his mother, Rani #Karnavati, who effectively ruled the kingdom on his behalf. Smelling weakness at demise of King, Mughals thought it would be an easy victory but they were soon to be proven wrong.



Shah Jahan sent his General Najabat Khan, along with 30000 men to capture Srinagar(the Capital of Garhwal Kingdom, now in #Uttarakhand).The Army marched towards the hills.



warrior Garhwali Rajput queen Karnavati, the nak kati rani

Rani Karnavati let them enter her Kingdom but when they were crossing river Ganga on Lakshman Jhula(present day Rishikesh),she held them,cutting them off from both ends. Their food &supplies were cut. With supplies running low &morale going weak,Mughals stared into certain death.



General Najabat Khan then sent a peace treaty message to Rani which the Queen declined. Instead, she attacked them heavily and after defeating them let them go but only after cutting of their noses. This was a symbolic message sent to the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan.



Cutting off the noses of Mughals meant that she had chosen to spare their lives. Also, in Indian common language, getting nose cut or "Naak Katana" is metaphorical way of saying someone has been humiliated. This incident earned the great Garhwali Queen the name of "Naak Kaati Rani"



This enraged the Mughal King more and he sent another Army which met the same fate. This cemented the bravery and military might of the Independent Hill Kingdom of Garhwal. Witnessing less action after that, Garhwal Kingdom remained an independent Kingdom right until 1947.



Monuments erected by Garhwali Rani Karnavati still exist in Dehradun. She also started the construction of Rajpur Canal, oldest of the Doon canals, which starts from Rispana river & brings its waters to Dehradun. This river is a tributary of Song river that drains the Doon valley.

