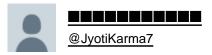
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Did you know that Rani Velu Nachiyar was the first Indian queen to wage war with the East India Company (EIC) in India?? She is known by Tamils as Veeramangai ("brave woman")

## #InternationalWomensDay



Born in 1730, in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu, lin the family of Raja Chellamuthu Vijayaragunatha Sethupathy of the Ramnad kingdom and his wife, Rani Sakandhimuthal, as their only child. Post marriage Rani was Queen of Sivaganga estate in South India

Nachiyar was well trained self defence, martial arts, horse riding, and archery. She wasn't just valourous, She was a scholar too and mastered French, English and Urdu #Inspiration

When her husband, Muthuvaduganathaperiya Udaiya Thevar, was killed in a battle with EIC soldiers, she was drawn into the conflict. She escaped the battlefield with her daughter. She formed an Army and bravely defeated the British in a brilliantly formulated coup

To commemorate her glory a postage stamp in her name was released in 2008



We are a Land of valorous women with exemplary qualities!!

This post goes to all the brave women who made us immensely proud in the #Historyofindia

#womenempowerment