



## RANI CHENNAMMA: PERSONALITY IN NEWS

**NEWS:** Department of Posts issues a Commemorative Stamp to mark 200 Years of Kittur Vijayotsava

### Rani Chennamma :

- **Birth:** 1778, in present-day Belagavi district, Karnataka.
- **Role:** Queen of Kittur and early freedom fighter.
- **Family:** Adopted Shivalingappa as heir after her husband and son's death.
- **Doctrine of Lapse:** British refused to recognize Shivalingappa as heir, leading to conflict.



### Kittur Revolt

- **Year:** 1824
- **Region:** Karnataka
- **Parties Involved:** Rani Chennamma vs. British East India Company
- **Cause:** Resistance against British Doctrine of Lapse.
- **Outcome:** Rani was defeated in the 3rd battle and imprisoned at Bailhongal Fort, where she died in 1829.
- **Significance:** Among the earliest woman-led anti-colonial struggles.

### Commemoration

- **Kittur Utsava:** Held annually in Karnataka to commemorate her initial victory.
- **Statue:** Unveiled in 2007 at the Indian Parliament Complex.