



Smt. Uda Devi

Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Warrior

THE TRIGGER TO 1857 REVOLT

- On seeing the rising anger of the Indian people with the British administration, Uda Devi reached out to the queen of that district, Begum Hazrat Mahal to enlist for war
- In order to prepare for the battle that was headed their way, the Begum helped her form a women's battalion under her command.

THE FIGHT AND MARTYRDOM

- When the British attacked Awadh, both Uda Devi and her husband were part of the armed resistance
- After her husband died, also in the 1857 war, Uda Devi vowed to avenge his death. She saw the British army approaching and climbed a banyan tree – from there she killed 32 soldiers before being shot dead
- A British officer noted that many of the casualties had bullet wounds indicating steep, downward trajectory. Suspecting a hidden sniper, he ordered his officers to fire at the trees and dislodged Uda Devi who fell to the ground dead.
- The people of Pilibhit come together on November 16 every year to commemorate the anniversary of Uda Devi's martyrdom.

SUMMARY

Devi today is remembered as the Dalit warriors or "Dalit Veeranganas" of the 1857 Indian Rebellion

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