



# Rani Avantibai

## Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Maharani

### BRITISH INTERFERENCE

- When 'Vikramaditya Singh' (Raja) became incapable of handling the affairs of the State due to ill health, the British declared him as unfit to be a ruler.
- They also did not accept her sons Aman Singh and Sher Singh as heirs to the throne as they were minors.
- Avantibai Lodhi rose to the occasion and took charge of the administration, but was not recognized as the legitimate ruler by the British.

### THE UPRISING OF 1857 AND MARTRYDOM

- When the revolt of 1857 broke out, Rani Avantibai raised an army of four thousand and led it herself
- Rani resorted to guerilla warfare to fend off the British army.
- But her courage and fighting spirit was not enough to match their mighty military machine with all its brutal strength.
- Surrounded and faced with the prospect of defeat 'Rani Avantibai Lodhi' thought it better to sacrifice her life rather than to surrender.
- She killed herself with her own sword and became a martyr.

### SUMMARY

She was a Lodhi queen in the area now in Madhya Pradesh.

She took over the reins of the kingdom when the king fell into ill-health.

She is remembered for her valiant fight against the British during the 1857 uprising for Independence.