



Rani Velu Nachiyar

Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Maharani

EARLY LIFE

January 1730

- Nachiyar was trained in war match weapons usage, martial arts like Valari, Silambam (fighting using stick), horse riding and archery.
- She was a scholar in many languages and she had proficiency with languages like French, English and Urdu

REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

- When her husband, Muthuvaduganathaperiya Udaiya Thevar, was killed by British soldiers and the son of the Nawab of Arcot, she was drawn into battle. She escaped with her daughter.
- When Velu Nachiyar found the place where the British stored their ammunition, she arranged a suicide attack successfully.
- Nachiyar was one of the few rulers who regained her kingdom, and ruled it for ten more years.

LAST PHASE OF LIFE

December 1796

- She granted powers to the Marudu brothers to administer the country in 1780. Velu Nachiyar died a few years later, on 25 December 1796

SUMMARY

Queen of Sivaganga estate in Tamil Nadu. She was the first queen to fight against the British colonial power in India.

She is known by Tamils as Veeramangai