



# Shri. Tantia Tope

Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Army General

## EARLY LIFE

1814-1850

- Only son of Pandurang Rao Tope, a noble in the court of Peshwa Baji Rao II and Rukhmabai.
- Becomes friend and right hand of Nana Sahib, known for his guerilla tactics which scare the British.

## FIRST WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

1857

- In May 1857 won the battle against the troops of the East India Company at Kanpur.
- He was the General of Indian forces in the Siege of Kanpur.
- On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Plassey, attacked the British Forces in Kanpur and made the surrender on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1857.
- Defeated General Ash Windham on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1857.
- Joining hands with Rani Lakshmi Bai took control of Gwalior Fort.

## MARTYRDOM

1858 - 1859

- Known for his guerrilla tactics and had fought over 150 battles against the British.
- Betrayed by his trusted friend Man Singh.
- Executed by the British at Shivpuri on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1859.



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1814 – 1859

## SUMMARY

Rebel Indian Leader, credited with initiating the First war of Independence. Tantia Tope's life revolved around the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 which shook the foundation of British Rule in Indian Subcontinent.