

Maharana Pratap

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- Maharana Pratap (Pratap Singh I) born on May 9th, 1540, was a great Hindu Rajput ruler of Mewar, Rajasthan.
- He hailed from the **Sisodiya clan of Rajputs**.
- He was titled as **“Mewari Rana”** and was notable for his military resistance against the expansionism of the Mughal Empire.
- He was known for his participation in the **Battle of Haldighati and Battle of Dewair**.
- The **Battle of Haldighati** was fought on 18 June **1576 between Pratap Singh and Akbar’s forces led by Man Singh I of Amer**.
- The Mughals were victorious and inflicted significant casualties among the Mewaris but failed to capture the Maharana.
- In **1582**, Pratap Singh attacked and occupied the Mughal post at Dewair (or Dewar) in the **Battle of Dewair**.
- This led to the automatic liquidation of all 36 Mughal military outposts in Mewar.
- After this defeat, Akbar stopped his military campaigns against Mewar.
- The victory of Dewair was a crowning glory for the Maharana, with James Tod describing it as the **“Marathon of Mewar”**.
- Pratap died of injuries sustained in a hunting accident at Chavand in January 1597.
- In 2007, a statue of Maharana Pratap was unveiled in the Parliament of India.