

# Rani Kamalapati

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**In news**– Recently, the Indian Prime Minister inaugurated the revamped Rani Kamalapati station.

## **About the Rani Kamalapati railway station**–

- It is **India's 'most-modern' railway station located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**
- It is **part of the West Central Railway.**
- **Previously known as Habibganj,** the railway station has been **renamed after Gond queen Rani Kamalapati.**
- The station has been **redeveloped at a cost of around Rs 450 crore in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode.**
- Designed as a green building, this railway station has all the modern world-class amenities that also take into account ease of mobility for the physically challenged.
- It has also been revamped as **a hub for integrated multi-modal transport and has been built with modern world-class features.**

## **About Rani Kamalapati**–

- She was the **widow of the 18th century Ginnorgarh's chief, Gond ruler Nizam Shah.**
- She was one of Nizam Shah's seven wives and **daughter of Chaudhari Kirpa-Ramchandra.**
- She was **well-known for her beauty and abilities and was often praised.**
- She **built the seven-storey 'Kamalapati Palace' (in 1722 Bhopal),** which presently serves as an **ASI-protected monument** and overlooks the Upper and Lower Lakes.
- This Palace is a secular architecture of the 18th century **built of Lakhauri bricks, cusped arches over crumpled pillars.**
- **She avenged her husband's death by killing Alam Shah, Nizam Shah's nephew.**

- Nizam Shah was poisoned to death by his nephew, the Raja of Chainpur-Bari, Alam Shah (also known as Chain Shah), who wanted to marry Kamlapati.
- Queen Kamlapati died of suicide by jumping into the lake in 1723.

**The Gond community is one of the largest tribal groups in India and belongs to the GondiManda subgroup of the South Central branch of the Dravidian language family.**