

Veer Kunwar Singh

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In news—The birth anniversary of the 1857 uprising hero and freedom fighter Veer Kunwar Singh was celebrated at Jagdishpur in Bihar as a grand event as part of the Centre's Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav programme to celebrate 75 years of Independence.

A brief note on Veer Kunwar Singh-

- **Kunwar Singh, also known as Babu Kunwar Singh or Kuer Singh, was the king of Jagdishpur and prominent leader during the first war of independence in 1857.**
- He was born on 13 November 1777 to Maharaja Shahabzada Singh and Maharani Panchratan Devi.
- **He belonged to a family of the Ujjainiya clan of the Parmar Rajputs of Jagdispur, currently a part of Bhojpur district, Bihar, India.**
- **At the age of 80, he led a selected band of armed soldiers against the troops under the command of the British East India Company.**
- He was the chief organiser of the fight against the British in Bihar.
- He was **assisted by both his brother, Babu Amar Singh and his commander-in-chief, Hare Krishna Singh.**
- He was an expert in the art of guerilla warfare.
- Two days later he occupied Arrah, the district headquarters.
- **However, Major Vincent Eyre relieved the town, defeated Singh's force and destroyed Jagdishpur.**
- To honour his contribution to India's freedom movement, the **Republic of India issued a commemorative stamp on 23 April 1966.**
- The Government of Bihar established the **Veer Kunwar Singh University, Arrah, in 1992.**
- **In 2018, to celebrate the 160th anniversary of Kunwar**

Singh's death, the government of Bihar relocated a statue of him to Hardinge Park and the park was also officially renamed as 'Veer Kunwar Singh Azadi Park'.