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480th Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap

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Why in News

Recently, the Prime Minister and Vice President of India paid tributes to **Maharana Pratap** on his **480th birth anniversary**.

Maharana Pratap



- **Description:**

- Rana Pratap Singh also known as Maharana Pratap was born on May 9th 1540 in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan.
- He was the **13th King of Mewar** and was the **eldest son** of **Udai Singh II**
 - Maharana Udai Singh II ruled the **kingdom of Mewar**, with his **capital at Chittor**.
 - Udai Singh II was also a **founder of the city of Udaipur** (Rajasthan).

- **Battle of Haldighati:**

- The **Battle of Haldighati** was fought in **1576** between **Rana Pratap Singh of Mewar and Raja Man Singh of Amber** who was the **general of the Mughal emperor Akbar**.
- Maharana Pratap fought a brave war, but was **defeated by Mughal forces**.
- It is said that Maharana Pratap's loyal horse named **Chetak**, gave up his life as the Maharana was leaving the battlefield.

- **Reconquest:**

- After 1579, the Mughal pressure relaxed over Mewar and Pratap recovered Western Mewar including Kumbhalgarh, Udaipur and Gogunda.
- During this period, he also built a **new capital, Chavand, near modern Dungarpur**.

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