



# Onake Obavva

## Why in News

The **Karnataka** government has decided to celebrate '**Onake Obavva Jayanti**' on **11<sup>th</sup> November** throughout the state from this year (2021).



## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- Onake Obavva was a **woman warrior who fought the forces of [Hyder Ali](#) single-handedly with a pestle** ('onake' in Kannada) in Chitradurga in the 18th century.
- **Hyder Ali, a ruler of the Mysore Kingdom and father of [Tipu Sultan](#) invaded the Chitradurga Fort, which was ruled by Madakari Nayaka in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.**
- **Chitradurga Fort, locally known as Elusuttina Kote, (the fort of seven circles in Kannada), is situated in Chitradurga, 200 km northwest of Bengaluru.**
  - Onake Obavva was the **wife of soldier Kahale Mudda Hanuma**, who was the guard of the fort.

### ▪ Significance of Obavva:

- Obavva is considered to be the **epitome of Kannada pride** and celebrated along with other women warriors of Karnataka state like
  - **Abbakka Rani** (first Tuluva Queen of Ullal in coastal Karnataka who fought the Portuguese).
  - **Keladi Chennamma** (the queen of the Keladi Kingdom who is known for fighting against Mughal emperor Aurangzeb), and
  - **Kittur Chennamma** (Queen of Kittur known for the 1824 revolt against the British East India Company).
- Inspired by Onake Obavva, in 2018, the Chitradurga police started '**Obavva Pade**', a squad of women police constables to protect and educate women in the district.

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