



Veer Kunwar Singh Vijay Diwas

Why in News?

The [Governor](#) and [Chief Minister](#) of Bihar paid tribute to [Babu Veer Kunwar Singh](#) as part of the program organized on his **Vijay Diwas**.



Key Points

▪ About Kunwar Singh:

- Veer Kunwar Singh was born in **Jagdishpur (present-day Bhojpur district, Bihar)** in **the year 1777**. He belonged to the Ujjainiya clan of Parmar **Rajputs** of Jagdishpur
- He was the main hero of the fight against the British in Bihar. He led **the [Indian Rebellion of 1857](#)** in Bihar. He was about 80 years old when he was called to take up arms and his health was also poor.
- He was assisted by both his brother, Babu Amar Singh, and his commander, Hare Krishna Singh. Some believe this was the real reason behind Kunwar Singh's initial military success.
- He displayed excellent war skills and troubled the British army for almost a year and remained invincible till the end. He was an expert in [guerrilla warfare](#).
- He died on April 26, 1858.
- A commemorative postage stamp was issued in his honour by **the Republic of India on 23 April 1966** for his contribution to India's independence movement .
 - **Veer Kunwar Singh University**, Ara was established in the year 1992 by the Government of Bihar .
 - In the year 2017, **Veer Kunwar Singh Setu**, also known as Ara-Chhapra Bridge, was inaugurated to connect North and South Bihar.
 - In 2018, to commemorate the 160th anniversary of Kunwar Singh's death, the Bihar government moved a statue of him to Harding Park. The park was also officially named '**Veer Kunwar Singh Azadi Park**'.

Revolt of 1857

- It was the first expression of organised resistance against **the British East India Company**.
- It began as a revolt of sepoys of the British East India Company's army but gained public participation as well.
- The rebellion is known by many names: the Sepoy Mutiny (by British historians), the Indian Mutiny, the Great Rebellion (by Indian historians), the Revolt of 1857, the Indian Mutiny, and the First War of Independence (by **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**).

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