

Lachit Borphukan

Ahom King Pratap Singha appointed Lachit Borphukan as the Commander in chief of the Ahom army under the first Barburia momai tamuli to lead upper Assam during the 17th century. Young Lachit was taught philosophy, arts and military skills as was customary in Ahom society.

Ahom King Considered him for the position of Goladhar Barua (Scarf-bearer) as a result of his dedicated work and dedication. A principal secretary would be the modern equivalent of that position. Ahom King Chakradewaj Singha gradually appointed Lachit to other major positions such as Superintendent of the stables of royal horses and Superintendent of the Royal household guards.

In response to Lachit's attentiveness King Chakradewaj Singha promoted him to the rank of Borphukan. As one of the five patna mantras (councilors) in the Ahom system of governance, Borphukan had both executive and judicial powers.

It was one of the world's largest empires at the time and ruled a large part of India during the said period. In the post, it was considered impossible and irrational to think such a strong army could be defeated the opposite has been proven by heroes such as Shrikrishna, Raja Chatrasal, Bawde Babadus, and Lachit Borphukan.

Even when the mughal empire was at its zenith, the region of Assam and present day north-east was untouched by them. Since the time of Mohammad Ghorai, Ahoms successfully repelled more than seventeen invasions from their homeland. This was an anomaly that the most barbaric emperor Aurangzeb wanted to change. As a result repeated attempts were made to capture Assam.

In an attempt to take more territory in Assam, the mughals captured Gauhati during a brief period when the Ahom kingdom was facing internal discord. It was a defeat that prevented their dreams of capturing Assam from coming true.

Gauhati was the scene of the battle Sarighat, Lachit Borphukan was selected as the commander-in-chief of the Ahom kingdom because of his reputation as an expert strategist. In a battle they had almost no chance of winning, the Ahom army led by Lachit Borphukan used tactics like guerrilla warfare and terrorist choices to achieve victory. Here is how the famous battle is outlined in this extract.

Flowing streams isolated the mughals due to mudslides. There was an advantage for the Ahoms. The terrain and climate were more familiar to them. Mughals suffered heavy losses due to their extensive guerrilla warfare. Ram Singh could these operations "thieves affairs" and was very contemptuous of them. A duel was announced between him and Lachit Borphukan. The bribe was also worth three lakhs to Lachit who was expected to abandon the Guwahati defenses in exchange for the bribe. His next move was to use a ruse.

Letters addressed to Lachit were kept in the Ahom camp with arrows attached. As a result of his payment of one lakh, Lachit had been urged to evacuate guwahati as soon as possible.

Lachit borphukan's loyalty was questioned by the Ahom king at Gargaon after receiving the letter. The prime minister convinced the king that the mughal commander was playing a trick on him and he shouldn't doubt Lachit's loyalty.

However, the king insisted that Lachit engage the mughals open ground and come out of his

Lachit was forced to follow the King's order despite his objections to such a suicidal move. Taking advantage of the open area, he attacked the Mughal army from the Allaboi plains. The battle had reached its fourth phase.

The Ahom captured Mir Naresh after some initial success but then were attacked by Ram Singh and his entire cavalry unit.

The physicians asked Lachit not go out on the battlefield at a crucial stage of the battle. This was because he was very ill. As the Mughal army advanced and Lachit's health deteriorated. The morale of the Ahom army was deteriorating. In the end, Lachit realized that his health was less significant than his duty to protect his people. According to the record he said,

In the midst of an invasion against my country, and my army fighting and sacrificing its lives, how can I rest my body because I am ill? My country is in trouble. How can I think about heading home to my wife and children?

The brave Barphukan asked for seven boats loaded with bows and arrows to be brought to him because he knew fighting on land would be

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difficult for him. From the river, he prepared for war and attacked.

A hom warriors charged the mughal army inspired by Lachit's gallantry, and the mughal army was suddenly attacked from the river front. Before the advance of the army Lachit had build a line of defenses behind them, so they could retreat if forced. Confused and beleaguered the mughal army retreated after suffering massive casualties.

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