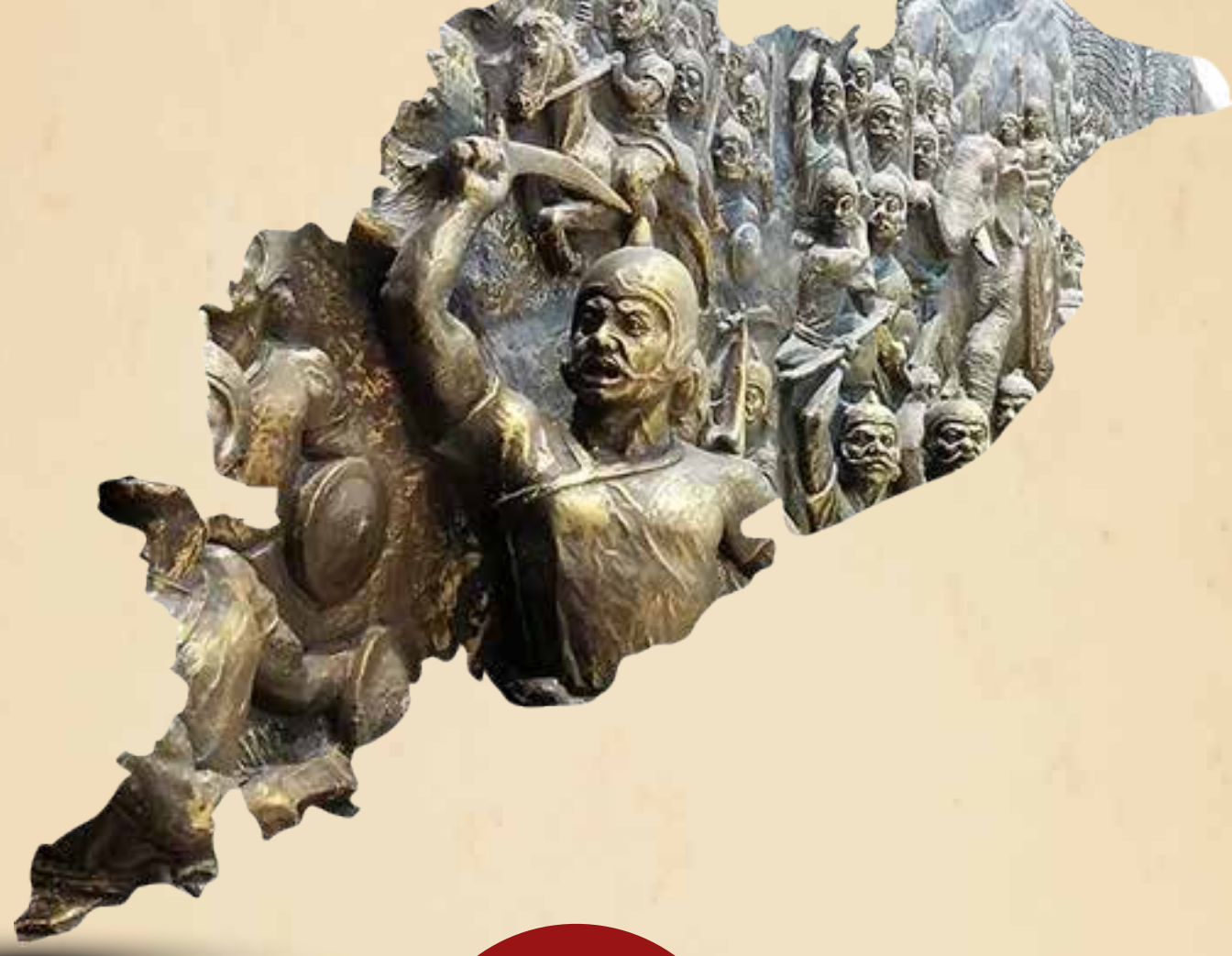


PAIKA REBELLION



Why in News

The Centre refused to accept Odisha's demand to declare Paika rebellion as the **"First War of Independence"**



About the rebellion

- The Paika Bidroha or Paika Rebellion of 1817 in the state of present state of Odisha.
- The Paikas were peasant militias of the Gajapati rulers of Odisha who offered military services to the king.
- The British East India Company dethroned the King of Khurda, Raja Mukunda Deva in 1803.
- The following year, in 1804, the king planned a rebellion against the British and roped in the Paikas for the same. But the plan was discovered by the British who confiscated his entire territory.



Key leader

It was led under the leadership of **Bakshi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar**.



Reasons for Rebellion

- The Paikas lost their estates under the new colonial establishments and new land revenue settlements came into force.
- The exploitation and oppression of the peasants and farmers triggered a rebellion against the British in 1817.
- The uprising spread across the state. However the revolt continued but was eventually overpowered by the British army.
- Bidyadhar was imprisoned in 1825 and died while still in jail four years later