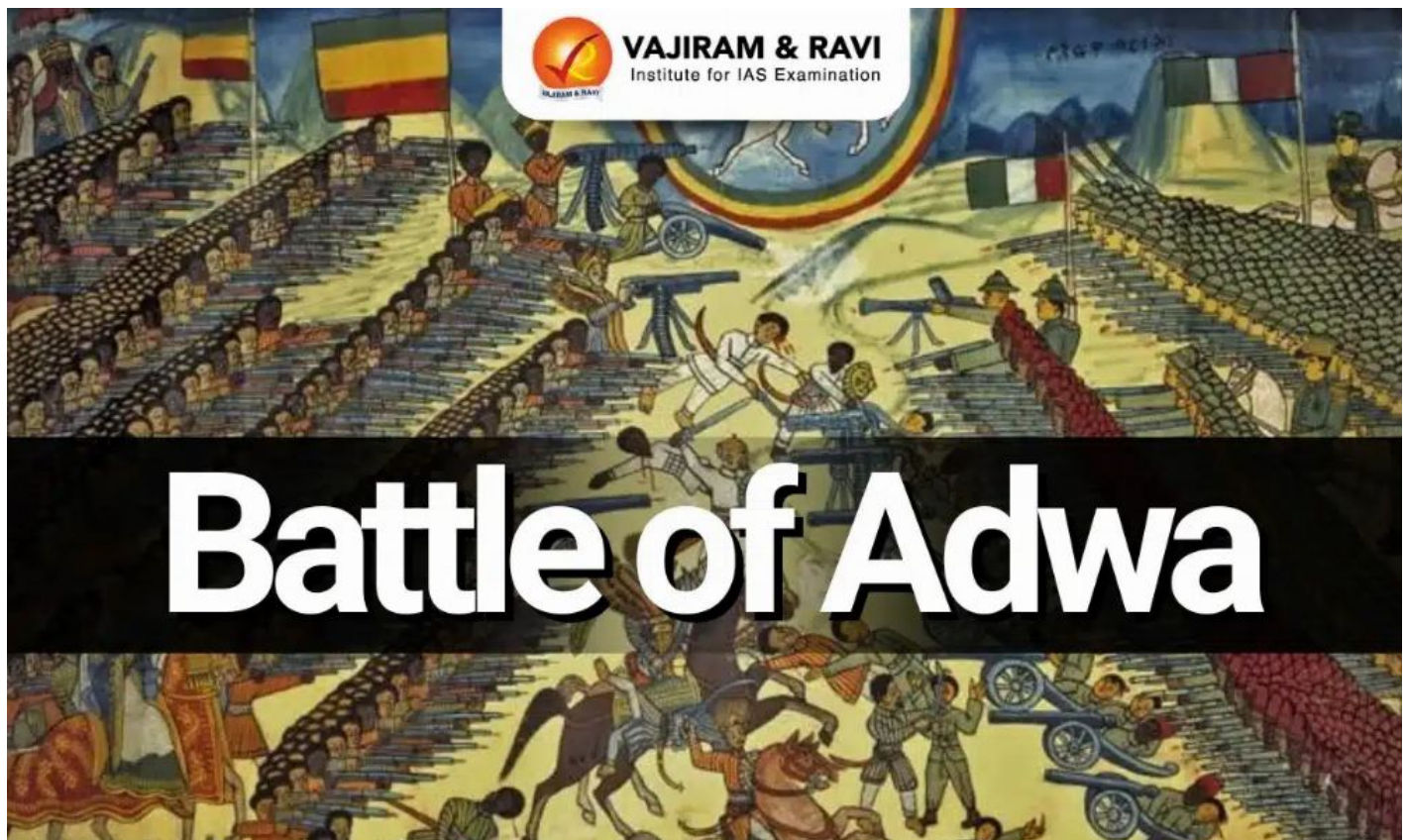


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The Indian Prime Minister recently laid a wreath at the Adwa Victory Monument in Addis Ababa, paying tribute to Ethiopia's historic victory in the 1896 Battle of Adwa.

About Battle of Adwa

- It was **fought by the Ethiopian Empire**, which was **then known as Abyssinia**, and **Italy** on **March 1, 1896, near Adwa, Ethiopia**, as the **concluding battle** of the **First Italo-Ethiopian War (1895-1896)**.
- The conflict **stemmed from Italy's ambitions to establish an empire in Africa**, which was part of the broader "scramble for Africa" among European powers.
- This battle saw the **Ethiopian Empire, led by Emperor Menelik II, successfully defeat** an invading **Italian force**.
- The Ethiopian army, numbering around 100,000, faced off against approximately 17,000 Italian troops, resulting in a **decisive victory for the Ethiopians** and **securing their sovereignty**.

- The victory had further significance for being the **first crushing defeat of a European power by African forces during the colonial era.**
- **Ethiopian victory secured independence until Italian dictator Benito Mussolini again attempted to conquer the nation** when he invaded it in **1935, initiating** what would be known as the **Second Italo-Ethiopian War.**
 - **Ethiopia initially resisted the Italians alone** except with the help of anti-fascist volunteers from the United States and other nations.
 - **By 1940, however, when Italy declared war on Great Britain, its forces joined the Ethiopians in forcing them out of Ethiopia in 1941.**

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