

Literature of Rajasthan

Colonel James Todd

- Lieutenant-Colonel **James Tod** (20 March 1782 – 18 November 1835) was an English-born officer of the British East India Company and an oriental scholar.
- He first time came in Udaipur in the year 1806 , he was made political agent of south- western Rajputana in the year 1818
- Tod studied and collected many papers on the history of Rajput states with the help of his master Gyanchandra

- Later on Tod published" **Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan**" from London in 1829 based on materials collected during his travels
- This book describes the genealogy of rulers of Rajputana, Cotemporary Samanti system and history of Mewar.
- **Rajasthan word** for the first time was used for the geography of Rajputana in this book

- He compared the war of Haldighati with the war of thermopylae
- Tod's posthumously published his book (1839 AD), "Travels in Central and Western Rajput States of Rajasthan"
- He is rightly regarded as "father(Pitamah) of Rajasthan history" for his work on history of Rajasthan.
- He also called as Ghode wale baba (as he travelled on horse while compiling papers on history of Rajasthan



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