

History of Deora Rajputs

Deora (occasionally Devda) is name of a branch of the Chauchan clan of Rajputs in India. Rao Deoraj, a direct patrilineal descendant of Prithviraj Chauhan and was the progenitor of the Deora Clan. In ages past, the rulers of Sirohi, Chandravati belonged to Deora clan.

Characteristics of Deora Rajputs

Deora are characterized as the “Magnificently Stubborn Deora”. Deora are also characterized that “they will die for Self Respect”, Self Respect is most important even if head may be detached’ in other words. Deora are also characterized as a brave clan of Chauchan.

Origin of Deora Rajputs

The Chauchans ruled Delhi, Ajmer and surrounding areas during the era of Prithviraj Chauhan. Due to persecution at the hands of Muslim invaders, they later dispersed to many places across northern India. One group of Chauchans moved southwards to the area around the border between the present day Indian states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. The town of Jalore and Chandravati (the latter situated on the river Banas) became the centres of the Chauchan clan at an early date. A semi legendary figure named Rao Deoraj, about whom little is known, was born into Chauchan family of this region. All members of Deora clan patrilineage from him.

Rao Rarmal, a descendant of Rao Deoraj, founded the settlement of old Sirohi in 1347 AD. He was the progenitor of Lakhawat, Dungalawat, Tejawat and Bajawat branches of Deora clan. In 1405 AD, Rao Rarmal’s son Rao Sobhaji founded a town, Shivpuri, on the eastern slope of the Siranwa hills which is called ‘Khuba’.

Rao Sobhaji son Rao Sahasmal abandoned this settlement and built the fort of Sirohi on the Western slope of the same hills and made that his capital. Later all the area under the rule of Deora clan came to form the state of Sirohi.

Kuldevi of Royal Family of Sirohi Deora’s Rajputs

Sarneshwar Ji Temple – Sarneshwar temple is dedicated to Lord Shiv and it is Kuldevi of Deora clan of Chauchan.