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Unsung Heroes Of The Freedom Struggle

The independence movement of India was a succession of historic events which led to the end of British rule in India. This independence was attained through the endeavors of many revolutionary freedom fighters**.** Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji, Rani Laxmi Bai and others are extremely well-known freedom fighters. But there are numerous others who contributed to India’s independence but have been forgotten. As citizens of this country, it is our responsibility to know about them.

Khudiram Bose was only eighteen when he laid down his life for India’s freedom. He was hanged for the attempt to assassinate Kingsford, the Chief Magistrate of Calcutta Presidency and the district magistrate of Muzaffarpur. But even in his last moments, he hadn’t lost heart. He had gone to the gallows with a smiling face. Thus, Bose was the ‘Boy Revolutionary’ who had ‘died with a smile’.

Matangini Hazra was an Indian revolutionary who played a vital role in the Quit India Movement and the Civil Disobedience Movement. At the age of 71, she had marshaled a procession of 6,000 supporters to take over the police station at Tamluk (of Midnapore District). As she stepped forward, the British Indian police shot her dead.

Peer Ali Khan had played a major part in organizing the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857. He was a bookseller who had led the uprising in Patna city. Peer Ali is often referred to as the ‘**Chief Rebel of the city’. He** covertly conveyed vital coded messages to the rebels. Unfortunately, he was taken in by the British after the rebel forces were defeated.

Garimella Satyanarayana, who wrote pieces to inspire Indians to join the independence movement and Begum Hazrat Mahal, who seized Lucknow during the Great Revolt of 1857 are some other revolutionaries who have been long forgotten.