

Bhagath Singh

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Considered to be one of the most influential revolutionaries of the Indian independence movement, Bhagat Singh gave his life for this cause. Shaheed Diwas is observed on 23 March to **mark the occasion when freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar were hanged to death by the British in 1931** (for assassinating police officer John Saunders).

Contributions of Bhagath Singh

- In 1926, Bhagat Singh **founded the 'Naujawan Bharat Sabha (Youth Society of India) and joined the Hindustan Republican Association** (later known as Hindustan Socialist Republican Association), where he met several prominent revolutionaries.
- Bhagat Singh's **objection to faith and God** seemed to be both philosophical as well as springing from the severe religious unrest that he observed around him which marred regular life in 1920s India.
- By this time, Bhagat Singh had become a person of interest to the police, and in May 1927, he was arrested for allegedly being involved in a bombing the previous October. He was released several weeks later and **began to write for various revolutionary newspapers.**
- To avenge Lala Lajpat Rai's death, Bhagat Singh and two others plotted to kill the police superintendent, but **instead shot and killed police officer John P. Saunders.**
- In April 1929, Bhagat Singh and an associate **bombed the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi to protest implementation of the Public Safety Bill.** The bombs they carried allegedly were not intended to kill but to scare. The bombers planned to get arrested and stand trial so they could further promote their cause.
- He offered no defense during the trial but disrupted the

proceedings and was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

- Bhagat Singh was deeply **influenced by the experiment of 'scientific socialism'** in the Soviet Union. He is perhaps one of the few leaders of India's independence struggle who framed the **dialectic between the concepts of 'imperialism' and 'revolution'** through the slogans of "Down with Imperialism" and "Long Live Revolution".