

# Khudiram Bose

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## A brief history of Khudiram Bose

- **Birth:** Bose was born in 1889 at a small village in Midnapore district.
- From his adolescent years he was drawn towards revolutionary activities, being **inspired by a series of public lectures given by Sri Aurobindo and sister Nivedita**, when the duo visited Midnapore in the early 1900s
- Apparently, he joined **Anushilan Samiti**, and came into contact with the network of Barindra Kumar Ghosh of Calcutta.
- He became a volunteer at the age of 15, and was arrested for distributing pamphlets against the British rule in India.
- Within a year, he had learnt how to make bombs and would plant them in front of police stations.

## Muzaffarpur Conspiracy Case

- There were multiple attempts to assassinate Kingsford. Initially the plan was to throw the bomb in the court. However, after much deliberation it was decided to avoid the court since a lot of civilians might get injured.
- Thereafter, on April 30, 1908, Bose threw a bomb on a carriage which he suspected was carrying Kingsford. But it turned out that it was carrying the wife and daughter of a barrister named Pringle Kennedy, who lost their lives, as Kingsford escaped.
- By midnight the entire town was aware of the incident and the Calcutta police was summoned to catch the duo.
- Bose was arrested from a railway station called Waini where he had reached next morning after having walked 25 miles. Chaki on the other hand, killed himself before he

could get arrested.

- Khudiram was arrested and trialed for the murder of the two women, ultimately being sentenced to death.
- On May 21, 1908, the historic trial of Bose began presided by Judge Corndoff, Nathuni Prasad and Janak Prasad in the Jury. Bose's lawyer Narendra Kumar argued that he was too young to be able to make bombs. However, the judges had evidence of more revolutionary activities planned.
- **For his role in the Muzaffarpur Conspiracy Case**, along with Prafulla Chaki, he was sentenced to death on July 13, 1908 and subsequently executed, making him one of the youngest martyrs of the Indian Independence Movement.