

# Rash Behari Bose

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**In news** : 66th death anniversary of Rash Behari Bose was observed on 21st January 2021

## **A brief note his life history**

- He was an Indian revolutionary leader against the British Raj
- **Birth:** He was born in 1886, in Subaldaha, Bardhaman district of West Bengal on 25 May 1886
- Bose wanted to join the Army but was rejected by the British. He subsequently joined government service as a clerk before embarking on a journey as a freedom fighter
- Bose married Toshiko Soma of the Soma family, who gave him shelter during his hiding days in Japan
- He worked in their Nakamura bakery to create the Indian curry. The curry is popularly known as Nakamura curry.
- Bose, who was eventually granted Japanese citizenship, passed away on 21 January 1945 at the age of 58 in Japan
- The Japanese Government honoured him with the Order of the Rising Sun (2nd grade).

## **His role in India's freedom struggle**

### **Early activities**

- He was interested in revolutionary activities from early on in his life, he left Bengal to shun the Alipore bomb case trials of (1908).
- At Dehradun he worked as a head clerk at the Forest Research Institute.
- There, through Amarendra Chatterjee of the Jugantar led by Jatin Mukherjee (Bagha Jatin), he secretly got involved with the revolutionaries of Bengal and he came across eminent revolutionary members of the Arya Samaj

in the United Provinces (currently Uttar Pradesh) and the Punjab

### **Delhi Conspiracy Case-1912:**

- Bose played a key role in the Delhi Conspiracy Case (attempted assassination on the British Viceroy, Lord Hardinge), the Banaras Conspiracy Case and the Ghadr Conspiracy at Lahore

### **Bomb thrown at Lord Hardinge:**

- On December 23, 1912 a bomb was thrown at Lord Hardinge during a ceremonial procession of transferring the capital from Calcutta to New Delhi.
- Bose was the mastermind behind the attack.
- After the assassination attempt of Lord Hardinge and the failed Ghadar mutiny in 1915, Rash Behari was forced to go into hiding.

### **Indian Independence League**

- Bose played a pivotal role in establishing the Indian Independence League. After Bose went into hiding in Japan, he **established the Indian Independence League in 1942.**
- Bose later handed over the command to Subhash Chandra Bose, Later it became to be known as the Indian National Army or the Azad Hind Fauj.